**2 Samuel**

The first King of Israel, Saul, was killed in battle with the Philistines. In 2 Samuel we read about David’s time as King.

**Chapter 2**

After Saul died, David was anointed king of Judah. Abner, Saul’s commander of the army, took Saul’s son Ish-Bosheth and made him king over Israel. David will eventually become king over a unified Israel that would include both Judah and Israel. When people talk about the kings of Israel they will mention Saul was the first king of Israel and David the second king of Israel. We don’t list Ish-Bosheth. God appointed Saul and David as the first kings of Israel.

**Chapter 6**

Verses 6-7: Although Uzzah was well meaning, he clearly violated God’s word which said no one could touch the holy things of God unless designated to do so and if you were cleansed. ***Numbers 4:15****:* *And when Aaron and his sons have finished covering the sanctuary and all the furnishings of the sanctuary, as the camp sets out, after that the sons of Kohath shall come to carry these, but they must not touch the holy things, lest they die. These are the things of the tent of meeting that the sons of Kohath are to carry.*

There are actually two things wrong in this event of transfering the ark. The one that people miss is the fact that the ark was not to be put on a cart. It was supposed to carried. ***Numbers 7:6-9****:* *So Moses took the wagons and the oxen and gave them to the Levites.****7****Two wagons and four oxen he gave to the sons of Gershon, according to their service.****8****And four wagons and eight oxen he gave to the sons of Merari, according to their service, under the direction of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.****9****But to the sons of Kohath he gave none, because they were charged with the service of the holy things that had to be carried on the shoulder.*

The Kohaths were charged with caring the ark. David built a cart but that violated God’s word. If you read through Leviticus, you know how detailed God was in giving instruction to his people. Violations often included death. Notice in verse 13, when they do move the ark in it will be carried.

**Chapter 21**

This is a difficult chapter. It is hard to hear of killing people and how God would be a part of this. First, that God would withhold rain because of the sins of Saul from years before. In addition, it is not clear why these seven were chosen. Some have speculated these seven took part in the killing of the Gibeonites. We don’t know for certain. Yet, these seven were to atone for the sins that were committed against the Gibeonites. The bible, once again, show us the seriousness of sin. Sin leads to death and all of us will die. Yet, we give thanks to God through Christ Jesus for being our atonement for our sins. ***Romans 6:23****"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

**Chapter 23:** Skim verses 8-39.