

**“Long Live the King: Kingdom Conclusions”**  
2 Samuel 21:1-24:25

**1 Observation about the Structure of Chapters 21-24**

Sin (of Saul) - 21:1-14  
Soldiers -21:15-22  
Song - 22:1-51  
Song - 23:1-7  
Soldiers - 23:8-39  
Sin (of David) - 24:1-25

**5 Conclusions from 1-2 Samuel**

- Time never atones for sin, only blood does. (21:1-14)

- See the horror of sin.

*Perhaps our immediate impulse is to insist we must ‘get something out of’ this text. Hence we may be tempted to tell believers: You too can have a Rizpah-ministry, seeking to show kindness to those who are victims of other people’s sins. But would that not trivialize the text? Allow me a suggestion: the writer tells you this very solemn story—especially about Rizpah—because he wants to make you solemn. Just stay at Gibeah. Let the sights, sounds, and smells at Rizpah’s draining vigil sink into your faculties. It is passing sad. Here is heart-wrenching misery. And the writer would fill your senses with it. As if to say: Look what comes from covenant-breaking. (Dale Ralph Davis)*

*Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. (Matthew 13:40-42)*

- See the hope of atonement.

*You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. (1 Peter 1:18-19)*

- Praise befits the upright. (22:1-51)
  - We praise God as our Deliverer.
  - We praise God as our Rock.

*A frowning church is really missing something. But a praising church is beautiful. Think of a man wearing a great suit, with the perfect shirt for that suit, but then he puts on a killer tie that makes the whole thing pop. That's what praise to God does for a church. Whatever the "style" of the church may be, a spirit of praise puts a convincing and satisfying beauty upon it.*

*Praises to God so befit us who are not upright in ourselves but fully upright forever in Christ! (Ray Ortlund Jr.)*

- Godly leadership is a blessing from God. (23:1-7)
  - Godly leadership begins in the fear of the Lord.
  - Godly leadership results in the prosperity of His people.
- God's kindness is evident, even in our sin. (21:15-22; 23:8-39)

*The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." (Exodus 34:6-7)*

- David isn't our Savior King, Jesus is. (24:1-25)
  - So cast yourself, saved and sinner alike, upon the mercy of Christ...
  - And long live the King!