Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church Evening Worship, 2005

The Life of David

Thematic framework: The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and He exalts. ~ Hannah in I Samuel 2:7

I. Inaugurated as King by Samuel (I Samuel 16a): The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people ~ Samuel in I Samuel 13:14

II. Ascent amidst persecution (I Samuel 16b - II Samuel 6)

A. I Sam 16b B. I Sam 17 C. I Sam 18-23 D. I Sam 24-26 E. I Sam 27-29 F. I Sam 30-31 G. II Sam 1 H. II Sam 2-5 I. II Sam 6	Kingly Action The Shepherd-king serves Saul Slays Goliath in single combat Persecuted by Saul & army Spares the lives of Saul & Nabal Tricks Philist. by living with them Rescues his family from slavery Mourns over Saul=s death Unites all Israel under His rule Leads procession of Ark into Jerus.	man after God=s own Heart Aand the LORD is with him@ Who is this that he defies God? With me you shall be safe May the LORD deliver me May I not fight my lord=s enemies? Share what the LORD has given us Saul & Jonathan, beloved & lovely! I was gentle, though anointed King I will make merry before the LORD	Christ The Shepherd-king serves His Father &us Conquers Devil in single combat Persecuted by worldly authorities Spares the lives of believing sinners ATricks@ world by coming to live in it Rescues his (adopted) family Mourns over Jerusalem=s destruction Unites all the Elect under His rule Proceeds into Jerusalem, cleanses temple
III. Consummated as King by A. II Sam 7 B. II Sam 8-10	Receives covenant from God Defeats Israel=s enemies	Who am I, O LORD God? Do not fear, Mephibosheth!	Fulfills covenant as the Son of David Defeats all His and our enemies
IV. Descent amidst attainment (II Samuel 11-24)			
 A. II Sam 11-12 B. II Sam 13-14 C. II Sam 15-18 D. II Sam 19-23 E. II Sam 24 	Sins grievously in many ways Fails to discipline errant sons Flees from son Absalom=s rebellion Leads nation of sinners & heroes Sins by seeking greater power	I have sinned against the LORD Bring back young Absalom Would I had died instead, my son! The LORD is my rock & horn Let us fall into hand of the LORD	Sinless sacrifice for David=s & our sins Disciplines those whom He loves Dies in disgrace as a rebel in our place Leads church of sinners & heroes Content with all the Father gives Him

V. Succeeded as King by Solomon (II Kings 1-2): Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried and his tomb is with us to this day... (yet) he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ... ~ Peter in Acts 2:29-31

Theme repeated as redemptive framework: He has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate ~ Mary in Luke 2:52

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SUGGESTED CHIASTIC* STRUCTURE

1a. Goliath: strong faith

2a. Prospers by God=s grace

3a. Friends of David

4a. Spares Saul & Nabal

5a. Philistine episode

6a. Saul=s death

7a. Kingdom coming together

8a. Worships

9. Covenant

8b. Sins greatly

7b. Family coming apart

6b. Absalom=s death

5b. Sheba=s revolt

4b. Saul=s grandsons die

3b. Heroes of David

2b. Psalms describing God=s favor

1b. Sin of Census: lack of faith

* Chiasm = a Biblical literary method where the elements relate in an Aenvelope@ type structure with the climax in the middle. Named after the Greek letter Chi (X).

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