

David and Solomon



CHAPTER 19 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Chapter 19**.

After Saul died, David's first priority was to unite the people as one nation. He brought the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem and made it the capital of the united kingdom.

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David committed a serious sin by having Uriah killed and marrying Bathsheba. The prophet Nathan led David to realize that he had sinned and needed to take responsibility for his sin. As punishment, David's son with Bathsheba died.

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Psalms are prayer-songs credited to King David. Jesus prayed words from Psalm 22 as he was on the Cross.

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David anointed his son Solomon as the next king. In a dream, Solomon learned that God would grant him a favor. He asked for an understanding heart and wisdom to rule the people. He is known as the wisest king of Israel.

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Judaism is the name that was given to the religion of the Israelites after the Exile. This is the same religion that Jesus professed.

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Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord are Gifts of the Holy Spirit. At Confirmation, we ask God to send us these gifts through the Holy Spirit, to strengthen our relationship with him.

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Solomon is regarded as the patron of wisdom. He made his kingdom very wealthy and famous. He was also known for his military skills. He composed 3,000 proverbs, or wise sayings.

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David wanted to build a great temple to house the ark of the covenant. God, however, told David that Solomon would build him a great house. It took seven years to build the Temple. On the day of the Temple dedication, the priests placed the ark of the covenant inside.

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