

David and Solomon

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 commit a serious sin by having Uriah killed and marrying Bathsheba. He broke the Fifth, Sixth, and Ninth Commandments. The prophet Nathan told David a story about a rich man who took a poor man's only lamb in order to give a guest a meal. David realized that he had sinned and must take responsibility for his sin. As punishment, David's son with Bathsheba died.

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❖ David repented, and God forgave him for his sin. David later proved that he had learned forgiveness when he forgave his own son for rising up against him.

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❖ Psalms are prayer-songs credited to King David. They are an important example of prayer collected in the Old Testament. Psalms are prayers of praise, love, and gratitude to God. They remind us of how God keeps his promises. They express hope for the future.

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❖ David anointed his son Solomon as the next king. In a dream, he learned that God would grant him a favor. Solomon asked for an understanding heart and wisdom to rule the people. He is known as the wisest king of Israel. The gifts that God granted him were so great that no one ever equaled Solomon in wisdom and understanding.

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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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❖ God 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 inside the Holy of Holies. Its presence reminded the people that God was with them.

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