

People in the Life of David

This is a series of 21 studies of people in the life of David in First and Second Samuel. No person in the Bible, except for the Lord Jesus, is shown interacting with as many people as David did.

The Cover Page

The individuals, such as Saul and Jonathan, who were mentioned often in connection with David are shown in large print. Those who appear in the biblical text less often are shown in smaller print.

The names are grouped and color coded. For instance, priests are grouped together and shown with a pink background. Samuel, however, was also a prophet and is shown with a red background, like Gad and Nathan. Saul's family and other Benjimites are shown together on the center and lower right side of the page. Those who were helpful to David, like Jonathan and Abigail, are shown with a yellow background. Those who were evil are shown with a black background. Joab and his brothers who were relatives and both a help and a problem are shown with a green background. Those who were innocent people and / or victims, like Tamar in Second Samuel ch. 13, are shown with a white background.

The five dotted gray arrows indicate acts of murder, such as Joab killing Abner in Second Samuel ch. three. The two dotted blue arrows indicate sexual sins, such as David with Bathsheba in Second Samuel ch. 11.

The so-called "star of David" at the center is really a shield and illustrates how God protected David. For many years he was in the difficult position between Saul and the Philistines, who are shown as large arrows on his right and left.

God is not shown directly or named. However the red background of the entire diagram shows that Lord was at work in everything that happened.

Using The Material

The first two inside pages are to be read and discussed with the appropriate Bible passage. The worksheet on the third page is to be used to describe the key aspects of the Bible characters life and for making personal applications. The final (back) page is the author's answers and summary.

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