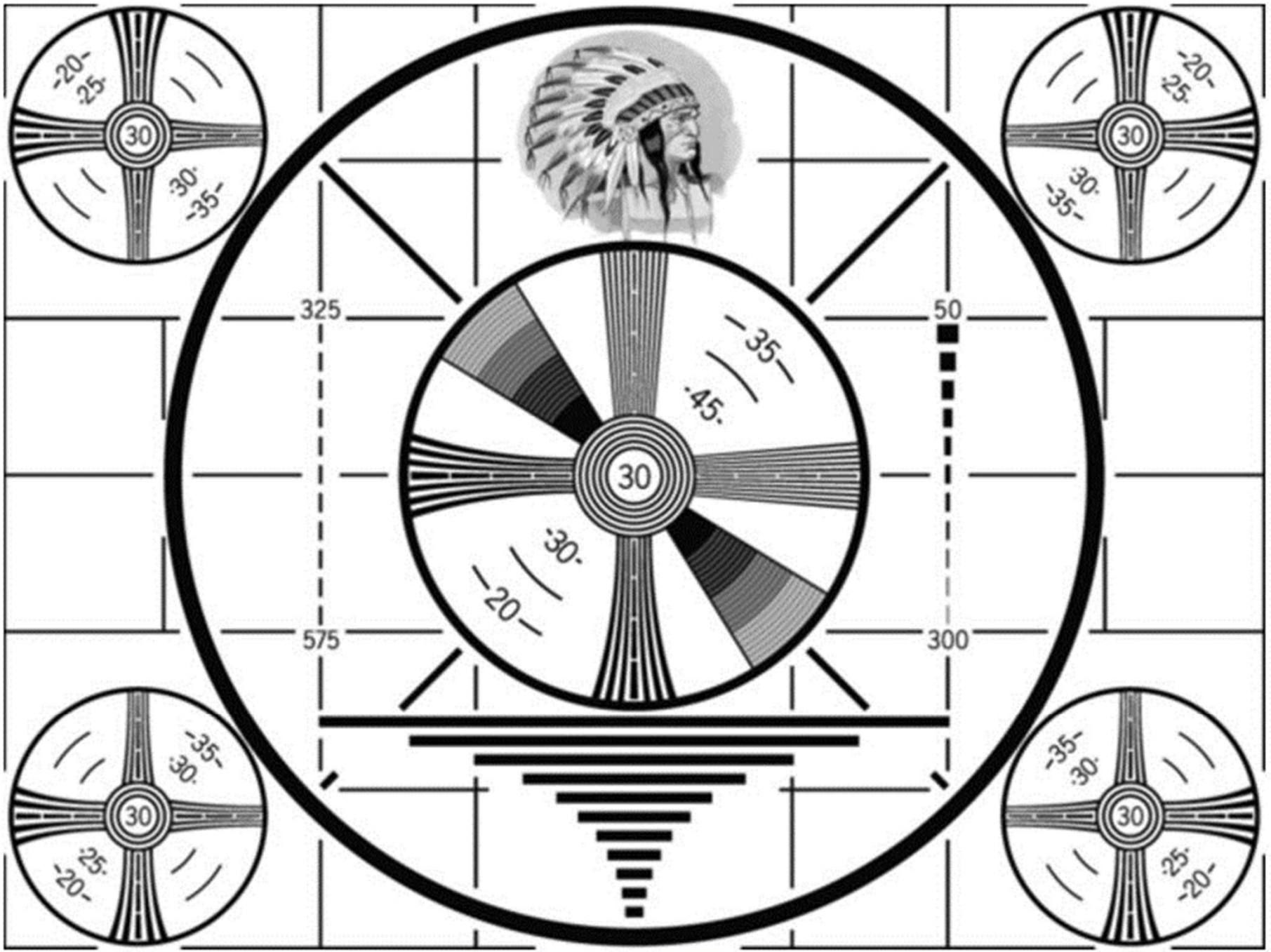
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2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 5

ESTABLISHING KING DAVID POLITICALLY

- **Note David's patience in realizing the Lord's promise**

THE LIFE OF DAVID *Proposed Chronology*		
EVENT	DATE BC	AGE
Birth	1040	
Anointed by Samuel	1029	11
In Saul's Court	1028	12
Fought Goliath	1021	19
In Saul's Army	1020	20
Flight from Saul	1016	24
In Achish's Army	1012	28
Anointed by Judah	1010	30
Anointed by Israel	1003	37
Sin Bathsheba	982	58
Rebellion by Absalom	976	64
Death	970	70

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2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 7

DAVID PLANS TO BUILD A TEMPLE

- Overview (2 Sam 7.1-3)
  - 2 Samuel 7 is not chronologically placed
  - David did have a strong desire for this
    - He soon came to have a palace of cedar
    - Bothered him that God's ark and meeting place was in a tent
    - This later became his passion to complete
  - The prophet Nathan encouraged him in this x

2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 7 *(cont'd)*

DAVID PLANS TO BUILD A TEMPLE *(cont'd)*

- **God's plan instead** *[also in 1 Chrn 17.1-15]*
- **(7.4-5) God corrected Nathan that same night**
- **(7.6-9a) God lays out His reasoning**
  - **He never asked for a house**
  - **David was selected to be a ruler over his people**
  - **(7.9b-11) God then describes the future under David** x

2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 7 *(cont'd)*

DAVID PLANS TO BUILD A TEMPLE *(cont'd)*

- **(7.12-17) Finally, God indicated further support for David**
  - **God will establish a kingdom for a descendant of David**
  - **That ruler will build a house for God**
  - **The throne of the ruler will last forever**
  - **The ruler will be like a son to God, and God a father to him**
  - **God will not take His covenant from him, as He did with Saul**
  - **David's family, his kingdom, and throne will last forever**
- **This covenant with David continues through Jesus**
  - **He is a Son of David**
  - **He is building a spiritual temple**
  - **He experienced God's discipline on the cross**
  - **His throne is established at the right hand of God** x

2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 7 *(cont'd)*

- **DAVID PLANS TO BUILD A TEMPLE** *(cont'd)*
  - **David's prayer (2 Sam 7.18-29)** *[also 1 Chrn 17.16-27]*
    - **David was overcome by God's covenant**
    - **He expressed his astonished about God's faithfulness to him**
    - **He praised God for these commitments**
      - **God's revelations set Him apart from all other so called gods**
      - **Praised God for God's support of Israel in freeing them and giving them victories**
      - **Praised God for God's permanent relationship with Israel to last forever**
    - **He concluded with asking God to carry out what He promised** x

A PAUSE TO THINK ON THIS RE. AMERICA

- **Note the following from 2 Sam 7.23 …**
  - **"…'And what one nation on the earth is like Your people Israel, whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people and to make a name for Himself, and to do a great thing for You and awesome things for Your land, before Your people whom You have redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, from nations and their gods?…' "**
- **Did God also do somewhat the same in establishing the American Constitution and government ??**
  - **"… to make a Name for Himself…"**
  - **"… to do a great thing for [Him]"**
  - **"… to do "awesome things for Your land…"** x

A PAUSE TO THINK ON THIS RE. AMERICA *(cont'd)*

- **Note well known passage from Alexis de Tocqueville, in *Democracy in America* (1840), part 2, p. 36:**
  - **"...The position of the Americans is therefore quite exceptional, and it may be believed that no other democratic people will ever be placed in a similar one."**
- **For nearly two hundred years, God used America to ...**
  - **Add to the well-being of large numbers of emigrants from a wide variety of peoples**
  - **Develop ideas, commerce, and techniques that bettered the lives of people worldwide**
  - **Serve as a leader in staving off imperialism and injustice in two world wars**
  - **Send the Gospel throughout the world, and support the development of local pastors and ministries** x

A PAUSE TO THINK ON THIS RE. AMERICA *(cont'd)*

- **And we BELIEVERS have squandered our favored position and awesome responsibilities**
  - **Allowed the Bible and prayer to be pushed out of public institutions**
  - **Accepted successful attacks on the family unit, God's core human building block**
  - **Accepted the murder of millions of innocent unborn babies**
- **We need to pray and act on the now often-quoted verse**

  2 Chr 7.14 ..

  " … <u>If</u> …My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, <u>then I will</u> hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land…." [x]

2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 8

DAVID EXPERIENCES TRIUMPHS UNDER GOD'S DIRECTION

- He 1st takes on old enemies (2 Sam 8.1-2)
  - His first conquest was over the Philistines (1 Chr 18.1)
  - His next conquest was over Moab
    - Habit of Eastern kings to subject their war prisoners to lie on the ground in subjection
- David's next move was against the Arameans
  - (8.3-4) Aram was arising at the same time as Israel under Saul & David
    - His army defeated the Zobah Arameans near the Euphrates River
    - (1 Chr 18.4) This likely gives a more accurate count of those captured x

Hamath
ARAM
ZOBAH
Damascus
BETH-
REHOB
Tyre
MAACAH
Ashtaroth
Helam
Ramoth-gilead
Tob
Mahanaim
ISRAEL
AMMON
Rabbah
Jericho
Jerusalem
Medeba

2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 8 *(cont'd)*

DAVID EXPERIENCES TRIUMPHS UNDER GOD'S DIRECTION *(cont'd)*

- **(8.5-6) The Arameans at Damascus ran to help those at Zobah**
- **(8.7-8) These victories brought much in spoils back to Jerusalem**
- **(8.9-12) Gratitude of Toi, king of Hamath**
  - **Hadadezer, king of Zobah, had been fighting with Toi**
- **David dedicated all of the riches gained to the Lord** x

2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 8 *(cont'd)*

DAVID EXPERIENCES TRIUMPHS UNDER GOD'S DIRECTION *(cont'd)*

- **David's victory against the Edomites (8.13-14)**
  - **vs 13: Is this Arameans or Edomites ?**
  - **(1 Chr 18.12) Says they were Edomites**
  - **This was likely correct because …**
    - **The Valley of Salt is near the south end of the Dead Sea, an unlikely location for a large Aramean force**
    - **The Hebrew word for "Aramean" and Edomite are nearly alike (scribal error in the Masoritic text ??)**
    - **vs 14 refers to actions taken in Edom**
  - **David put garrisons throughout Edom**
  - **This victory greatly enhanced David's reputation as a brilliant commander** x

2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 8 *(cont'd)*

DAVID ESTABLISHES A GOVERNMENT

- **Key appointees in his court (2 Sam 8.15-18)**
  - **Joab - military commander**
  - **Shared priesthood**
    - **Zadok, the priest under Saul**
    - **Ahimelech, son of David's priest Abiathar**
  - **Seraiah - secretary to pen royal declarations**
  - **Benaiah - commander of mercenaries** x

2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 9

DAVID ESTABLISHES A GOVERNMENT *(cont'd)*

- **David did not miss the opportunity to show his government had compassion**
  - **(2 Sam 9.1-5) David remembers his oath to Jonathan (1 Sam 20.14-17)**
    - **He learns from a former servant of Saul about Mephibosheth**
  - **(9.6-8) Mephibosheth comes to David with some fears**
    - **David assures him that he is honoring his covenant with Jonathan**
  - **(9.9-13) David instructs Saul's servant Ziba to serve Mephibosheth**
- **Scholars debate why include this account of Mephibosheth here ?**
  - **Since God was keeping His word to David, David was keeping his word to Jonathan**
  - **Ziba and Mephibosheth are introduced**
  - **Since David could afford to show grace, he was obviously secure in his throne x**

2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 10

DAVID'S PERSONAL TROUBLES

- **Campaigns against Aram and Ammon**
  - **(2 Sam 10.1-5) David's peaceful gesture rebuked**
    - **Nahash, king of the Ammonites, died**
    - **The princes humiliated David's ambassadors**
  - **(10.6-8) Ammon hires mercenaries**
  - **(10.9-12) Israel is caught in a trap**
    - **Joab divides his forces to meet this danger**
    - **(10.13-14) A costly win ?** x