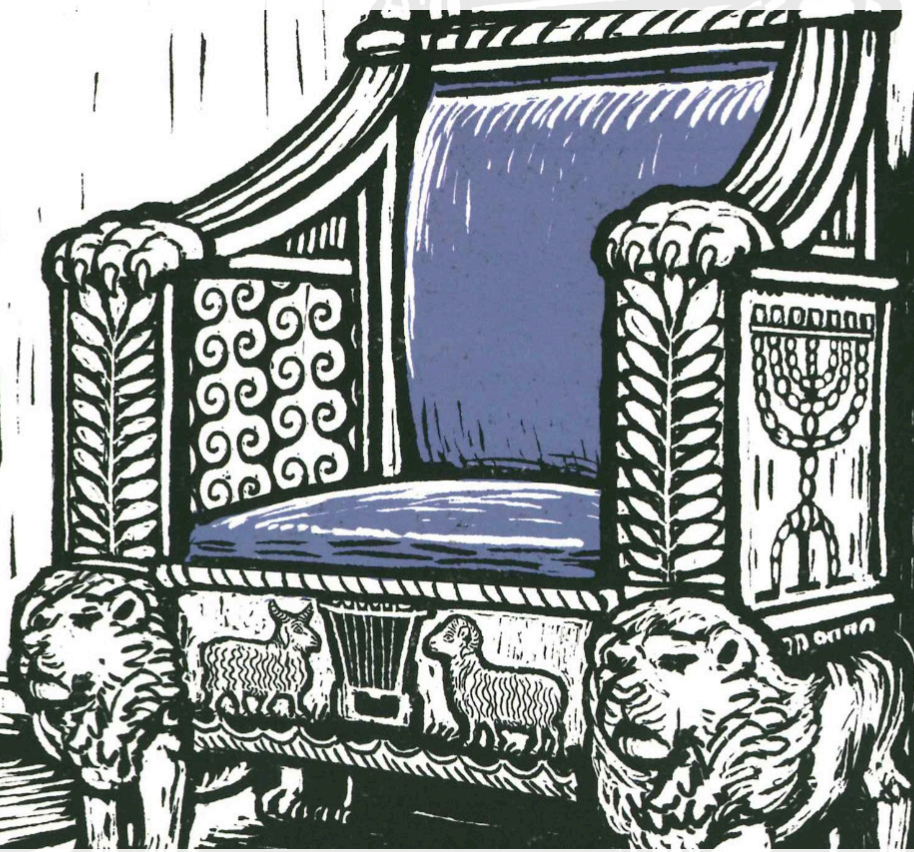


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"You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

LUKE 1:31-33

David is probably one of the best-known characters in the Bible. David was the handsome shepherd boy, handpicked by God and anointed by Samuel, even though he was the youngest boy in the family. He's the boy who had the confidence to face Goliath with just a sling and a stone, and he won! He was talented in many ways: tending sheep, fighting off bears and lions, and even playing the harp. He's the writer of many songs, which we find in our Bibles in the book of Psalms and still sing today. David was also a brave warrior, commanding mighty men and winning countless

victories. He was a man of great faith. When King Saul wanted to kill him, David didn't take matters into his own hands, but instead he cried out to God for salvation, trusting that God would make him king when the time was right. And when he messed up—as he did in very serious ways—he always repented and asked for God's forgiveness. He had a very close relationship with God, and God called him "a man after his own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14).

Because David loved God deeply, something bothered him as he sat in his palace. "Here I am, living in a

house of cedar,” he said, “while the ark of God remains in a tent” (2 Samuel 7:2). David wanted to build a beautiful house for God.

If we were the writers of God’s story, we would probably say, “Yes, build God a big, beautiful house! A magnificent one!” But God didn’t say yes. God said no. David was a man of war. He had shed too much blood. He could not build God a house, but his son Solomon would instead.

We can imagine David’s disappointment as he heard this. But then God said something surprising—something amazing. David was not allowed to build a house for God, but God was going to build a house for David! No, not a house of wood or of stone, but a house of people. A house of kings; many of them. God said David’s throne would be established forever.

David was amazed at God’s love. “Who am I, Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign LORD, is for a mere human!” (7:18–19).

David’s line continued through the years, with kings and more kings, some good and some bad. But would his line really last forever? Would someone from David’s family always reign on the throne? And really,

the people may have wondered, who could ever be a king as great as David? Who could possibly rescue God’s people from their enemies as well as David? Who could rule so justly? Who could bring peace once again? The years went by and the people wondered.

But then a king was born. He wasn’t born in a palace, so not everyone paid attention, but he was indeed from the line of David, and even the town of Bethlehem, just like David! He didn’t sit on a throne in Israel, as they may have expected or hoped, but he is reigning today on his throne in heaven, and will reign for eternity. He’s our rescuer from sin, the victor over our enemies, the Great Shepherd, and the Prince of Peace. He’s more than just the man after God’s own heart, because he and God are one. His name is Jesus!



REFLECT

1. Read Luke 1:30–33. What did the angel promise Mary?
2. What similarities are there between David and Jesus?
3. How is Jesus a better king than David?
4. Read Genesis 49:10. Who is talking? Who is he talking about? How does it relate to today’s story?

BIBLE REFERENCE 2 SAMUEL 7

KEY VERSE LUKE 1:31–33