



THE BIBLE IN VERSE

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II SAMUEL

CHAPTERS 1 TO 24

Chapter 1

David gets word that King Saul has been killed;
Then he with sorrow and anguish is filled,
Has the Amalekite slain for his wrong.
Then he in mourning composes this song.

Chapter 2

David, Ishbosheth, are both crowned as kings.
Abner and Joab do terrible things.
Nearly four hundred are slain in the fight.
Asahel dies chasing Abner in flight.

Chapter 3

David gets strong while Ishbosheth gets weak.
Abner comes near for a union to seek.
Joab kills Abner in wicked deceit.
Joab is cursed for his treacherous feat.

Chapter 4

Now is Ishbosheth beheaded in bed.
Murderers come, bringing David the head.
David is grieved and is quick to reward.
Promptly the murderers' blood is outpoured.

Chapter 5

David is crowned over all of the throng,
Taking Jerusalem mighty and strong,
Crushing the Philistine armies with ease,
Hearing a sound in the mulberry trees.

Chapter 6

David goes after the ark and returns.
Uzzah is slain as the Lord's anger burns.
David now dances with all of his might.
Michal is scornful and suffers a blight.

Chapter 7

David would build now with boulder and board.
Nathan, the prophet, gets word from the Lord.
David must not, but his son shall instead.
David gives thanks for the things that are said.

Chapter 8

David makes war on the neighboring lands,
Pulling them down with his powerful hands,
Getting him riches and honor and fame,
Treasures and horses, a house and a name.

Chapter 9

David shows kindness to offspring of Saul,
One name Mephibosheth, hurt in a fall.
He to Jerusalem now is to come,
Eat with the king just as one of his sons.

Chapter 10

David shows kindness to Hanun the king,
Sending his servants a comfort to bring.
They are mistreated their beards being clipped.
War follows quickly; the nations are stripped.

Chapter 11

David sees Bathsheba taking a bath,
Falls into sin thus incurring God's wrath,
Plans then a murder; the evil is done.
Bathsheba comes, bearing David a son.

Chapter 12

Nathan tells David a parable strong;
He is to suffer because of his wrong.
Bathsheba's baby is quick to de cease.
Then she bears Solomon, bringing him peace.

Chapter 13

Amnon loves Tamar, his sister, and lies.
Absalom plans for his brother's demise.
Amnon is slain and the king is in tears.
Absalom flees for the space of three years.

Chapter 14

Joab now hires an actress to come,
Tricking the king into calling his son.
David agrees and the slayer returns;
He, with intent, Joab's barley then burns.

Chapter 15

Absalom starts insurrection, well planned,
Stealing the hearts of the folk of the land.
David must now from Jerusalem flee.
Counter-spies stay to report what shall be.

Chapter 16

Now comes Mephibosheth's servant with food.
Shimei curses, a Benjamite rude.
Hushai goes back for King David to spy.
Absalom's counselled with women to lie.

Chapter 17

Hushai devalues Ahithophel's word.
Priest sends King David the tidings he's heard.
He must press on over Jordan to dwell.
Messengers run and are hid in a well.

Chapter 18

Battle is joined and the slaughter is fierce.
Sorrow the heart of King David does pierce.
Absalom's head is caught fast in an oak;
Thus he is judged by a singular stroke.

Chapter 19

David laments that his son has been slain;
Then he sends feelers his throne to regain.
People are glad to be under his hand;
Thus he is greeted by all of the land.

Chapter 20

Sheba rebels against David the king.
Joab again does a terrible thing,
Killing Amasa, of David a friend.
Sheba is slain and the fighting does end.

Chapter 21

Three years of famine are spread through the land;
This is the fault of King Saul's bloody hand.
Saul's seven sons are required for this blight.
David is nearly destroyed in a fight.

Chapter 22

David now sings to the Lord a new song,
Being set free from his troubles so long,
Giving Him thanks for the strength of his days,
Also His grace and His wonderful ways.

Chapter 23

These are the last words of David the king,
Chosen of God and a psalmist to sing;
Righteous are builded; the wicked are shamed.
Here are his mighty men numbered and named.

Chapter 24

People are numbered and counted once more,
One million, three hundred thousand, the score.
Seventy thousand are killed in the plague.
David makes offering; slaughter is stayed.