

2. The second was given to Abraham: Genesis 22:18.
This was given to a "nation" in the "race" in general - Israel.
3. The third was given to Jacob: Genesis 49:10.
Given to one "tribe" in that nation - Judah.
4. The fourth given to David: One "family" in that tribe.

DAVID'S REIGN AT ITS HIGHEST - CHAPTERS 8 - 10

1. He is victorious on every hand.

DAVID'S GREAT SIN - CHAPTER 11

1. His first sin: 11:3-4.
2. His first sin led to a worse second sin: 11:15-17.

DAVID'S CONFESSION - CHAPTER 12:13-18 AND 23.

Then Solomon is born to David - vs. 24.

DAVID'S TROUBLES - CHAPTERS 13 - 24

The rest of the Book of II Samuel has nothing to do with triumph and everything to do with trouble. The last recorded victory is at the end of Chapter 12 when he conquers the royal city of Ammon. The rest of the Chapters record all of David's troubles in his family and in the nation.

Especially of note are Chapters 15-18 concerning Absalom, David's son, and his rebellion against his father. This was a part of the bitter fruit of David's sin according to Chapter 12:11-12. All of this led to Absalom being killed by Joab, David's captain (18:14). When David was told, he cried those familiar words found in the last part of Chapter 18:33.

David was restored to the throne in Jerusalem followed by more experiences of retribution from the hand of God. The Book closes with David's purchase of the threshing floor on Mt. Moriah which became the site of the Temple. It was here, hundreds of years earlier that Abraham offered Isaac.

FOR NEXT WEEK:
READ I AND II KINGS