

2 Samuel — Worksheet 1: Answer Key

David Becomes King & the Davidic Covenant — marking guide

Use this to mark your own worksheet. For reflection questions, there is no single right answer — check that your response genuinely engages with the passage.

1. What do the tribes of Israel say to David in 2 Samuel 5:1-2 when they come to make him king?

That they are his own flesh and blood, and that the Lord had said David would be shepherd and ruler over Israel.

2. How old was David when he became king over all Israel, and how long did he reign (2 Samuel 5:4)?

Thirty years old, and he reigned forty years.

3. What promise does God make to David through the prophet Nathan in 2 Samuel 7:12-13?

That David's offspring would succeed him, and that his kingdom and throne would be established forever.

4. Why do Christians see this promise (the Davidic covenant) as significant for understanding who Jesus is?

Accept answers noting Jesus is described in the New Testament as a descendant of David whose kingdom will have no end (see Luke 1:32-33).

5. Reflection: What does it mean to you that God's promises can span generations, well beyond a single person's lifetime?

Open, personal reflection.