

David The King

David, was the second king of the united Kingdom of Israel according to the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament.

He is depicted as a righteous king, although not without fault, as well as an acclaimed warrior, musician and poet (The Book of Psalms).

The biblical chronology sets his life c.1037 - 970 BC, his reign over Judah c.1007 - 1000 BC, and his reign over the united Kingdom of Israel c.1000 - 970 BC.

The Book of [Samuel](#) is the primary source of information on his life and reign; there is little archaeological evidence to confirm the Bible's picture of David, although the [Tel Dan stele](#) suggests that a king named David founded a Judaeen royal dynasty by the 9th-century BC, but his story has been of immense importance to subsequent Jewish and Christian culture.

Family

David was born in [Bethlehem](#), in the territory of the [Tribe of Judah](#). His father



was named [Jesse](#). His mother is not named in the Bible, but the [Talmud](#) identifies her as [Nitzevet](#) daughter of Adael. David had seven brothers and other sisters. He had eight wives: [Michal](#), the second daughter of [King Saul](#); [Ahinoam](#) the Jezreelite; [Abigail](#) the Carmelite, previously wife of the evil [Nabal](#); [Maachah](#), daughter of [Talmi](#), king of [Geshur](#); [Haggith](#); [Abital](#); [Eglah](#); and [Bathsheba](#), previously the wife of [Uriah the Hittite](#).

David and Goliath

Goliath, and Saul sends for him and reluctantly allows him to make the attempt. David is victorious, felling Goliath with a stone from his [sling](#), at which the Philistines flee in terror and the Israelites win a great victory. David cuts off the giant's head and brings it to Saul, who asks who the young hero is; David replies, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite." ([1 Samuel 17](#))