

KEY EVENTS AND DATES IN THE LIFE OF DAVID

Chronology of David's Life			
Event	Date	Age	Reference
Birth	1041	0	2 Sam. 5.4-5
Anointing by Samuel	1029	12	1 Sam. 16.1-13
Defeat of Goliath	1024	17	1 Sam. 17
Exile from Saul	1020-1011	21-30	1 Sam. 21—31
Anointing as King over Judah	1011	30	2 Sam. 2.1-4
Anointing as King over all Israel	1004	37	2 Sam. 5.1-3
Philistines Wars	1004	37	2 Sam. 5.17-25
Conquest of Jerusalem	1004	37	2 Sam. 5.6-10
Mephibosheth's Move to Jerusalem	996	45	2 Sam. 9.1-13
The Three Year Famine	996-993	45-48	2 Sam. 21.1-14
The Ammonite Wars	993-990	48-51	2 Sam. 10—12
Adultery and Murder	992	49	2 Sam. 11
Birth of Solomon	991	50	2 Sam. 12.24-25
Rape of Tamar	987	54	2 Sam. 13.1-22
Death of Amnon	985	56	2 Sam. 13.23-36
Exile of Absalom	985-982	56-59	2 Sam. 13.37-39
Absalom's Return to Jerusalem	982-980	59-61	2 Sam. 14.21-24
Construction of Palace	980-978	61-63	1 Chron. 15.1
Construction of Tabernacle	977	64	1 Chron. 15.1
Move of Ark to Jerusalem	977	64	2 Sam. 6.12-19
Absalom's Rebellion and David's Exile	976	65	2 Sam. 15—18
Rebellion of Sheba	976	65	2 Sam. 20.1-22
The Census	975	66	2 Sam. 24.1-17
Purchase of Temple Site	973	68	2 Sam. 24.18-25
The Davidic Covenant	973	68	2 Sam. 7
Co-regency with Solomon	973-971	68-70	1 Chron. 23.1
Rebellion of Adonijah	972	69	1 Kings 1.5-37
Coronation of Solomon	971	70	1 Chron. 29.22-23
Death	971	70	1 Kings 2.10-11

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For the dates, see 'Kingdom of Priests', pages 192-194 and footnote 42 on page 211. Merrill anchors his data in the 'definitive work' of Edwin R. Thiele, 'The Mysterious Numbers of the Hebrew Kings', Eerdmans, 1965, particularly pages 51-52.