



The Books of Samuel David's Kingship

Interpreting the Text:

1. Why did David not build a temple for the Lord in Jerusalem?
2. What was the nature of the covenant between the Lord and David? What was required of David?
3. David was strategic in identifying Jerusalem as the new capital city as it was not previously connected with any of the tribes of Israel. Why was this such a wise decision? How does this decision support the intention of the Deuteronomistic historian?

Applying the Text:

1. Despite God's promises and evident blessing of David's monarchic line, David continues to be a complex, human figure. How does this inspire us as readers? Do you find David a somewhat relatable figure?
2. How far, and in what sense, was the promise to David fulfilled? How much is your assessment of this tied to a belief that Jesus was the promised messiah?