

King David Timeline

Dates for David's life are approximate and vary somewhat among biblical chronologists, but the sequence of events below reflects a widely used scholarly reconstruction.^{[1][2][^3]}

Date (approx.)	Event
c. 1040 BC	David born in Bethlehem, youngest of Jesse's eight sons ^{[2][3]}
c. 1025 BC	Samuel privately anoints David as future king (1 Samuel 16:1–13) ^{[2][3]}
c. 1023 BC	David serves as a musician in Saul's court, soothing the king with his harp (1 Samuel 16:14–23) ^[^3]
c. 1020 BC	David defeats the Philistine giant Goliath (1 Samuel 17) ^{[2][3]}
c. 1019 BC	David marries Michal, Saul's daughter; forms covenant friendship with Jonathan (1 Samuel 18) ^[^3]
c. 1019–1010 BC	Saul turns on David; David flees and lives as a fugitive for about nine years (1 Samuel 19–26) ^[^3]
c. 1014 BC	Prophet Samuel dies; David marries Abigail after Nabal's death (1 Samuel 25) ^[^3]
1010 BC	Saul and Jonathan killed in battle at Mount Gilboa (1 Samuel 31; 2 Samuel 1) ^[^3]
1010 BC	David anointed king over Judah at Hebron, age 30 (2 Samuel 2:1–7) ^{[3][4]}
1010–1003 BC	Civil war between David's forces and the house of Saul over the northern tribes ^[^3]
c. 1003 BC	David anointed king over all Israel; captures Jerusalem and makes it his capital (2 Samuel 5:1–12) ^{[3][4]}
c. 1003 BC	David brings the Ark of the Covenant into Jerusalem (2 Samuel 6) ^[^4]
c. 1000 BC	God establishes the Davidic Covenant through the prophet Nathan (2 Samuel 7) ^[^4]
c. 993 BC	Birth of Solomon to David and Bathsheba, after David's affair with Bathsheba and Uriah's death (2 Samuel 11–12) ^[^3]
c. 978 BC	Amnon rapes Tamar and is killed by Absalom in revenge (2 Samuel 13)
c. 976 BC	Absalom's rebellion forces David to flee Jerusalem (2 Samuel 15) ^[^4]
c. 974 BC	Absalom is killed in battle; David mourns and returns to Jerusalem (2 Samuel 18–19) ^[^4]
c. 963 BC	David commissions Solomon and assigns plans for the future temple (1 Chronicles 22) ^[^4]
970 BC	David, on his deathbed, instructs Solomon and names him successor over Adonijah (1 Kings 1–2) ^{[4][3]}
970 BC	David dies at about age 70, after a 40-year reign — 7 years in Hebron, 33 in Jerusalem (1 Kings 2:10–11) ^{[3][4]}

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