

The Misguided Census of David

2 Sam. 24

Intro

v 1. Let's compare v.1 to 2 Chronicles 21:1

God used Satan to tempt David to judge Israel for their sin with Absalom and Sheba.

v 2. The census was only to be conducted according to Exodus 30
David did so to exalt himself

v 3. Joab's reproof was spurned

v 4. . . . as well as the commanders

vv5-9 Ten months was wasted

v 10. David was covered with guilt when all was accomplished

v 11. A prophet brings word

v 12. There must be judgment because of God's public dishonor

v 13. You "cut the switch"

v 14. But God is merciful

v 15. David's boast was trimmed.

v 16. Judgment came from the angel of God . . .

but God had mercy . . . but there must be sacrifice.

v 17. David offers himself as an atonement

v 18. God will not take him but will still demand a sacrifice

vv 19-20 He will take the threshing floor of a Jebusite.

vv 21-23 Araunah offers the land without charge.

v 24. But David knows that God demands the sacrificial and best.

v 25. Through repentance and prayer the plague is ended.