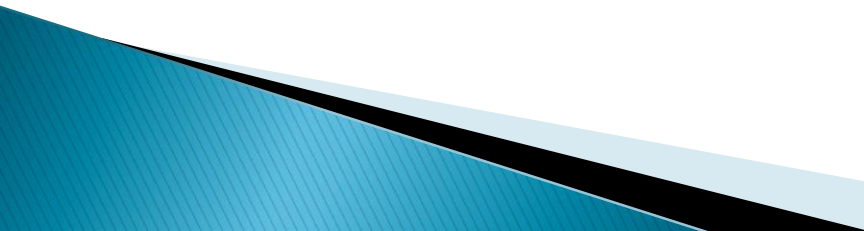
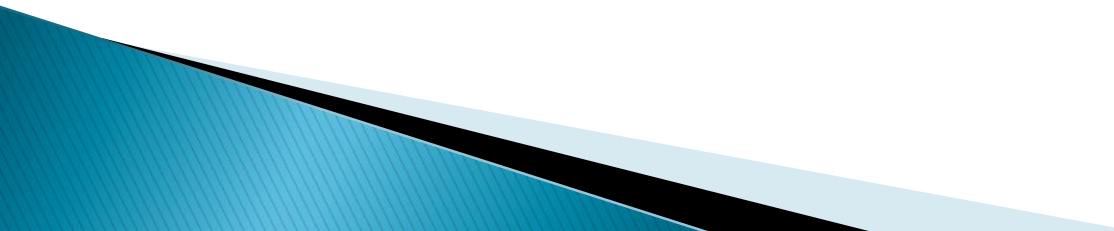


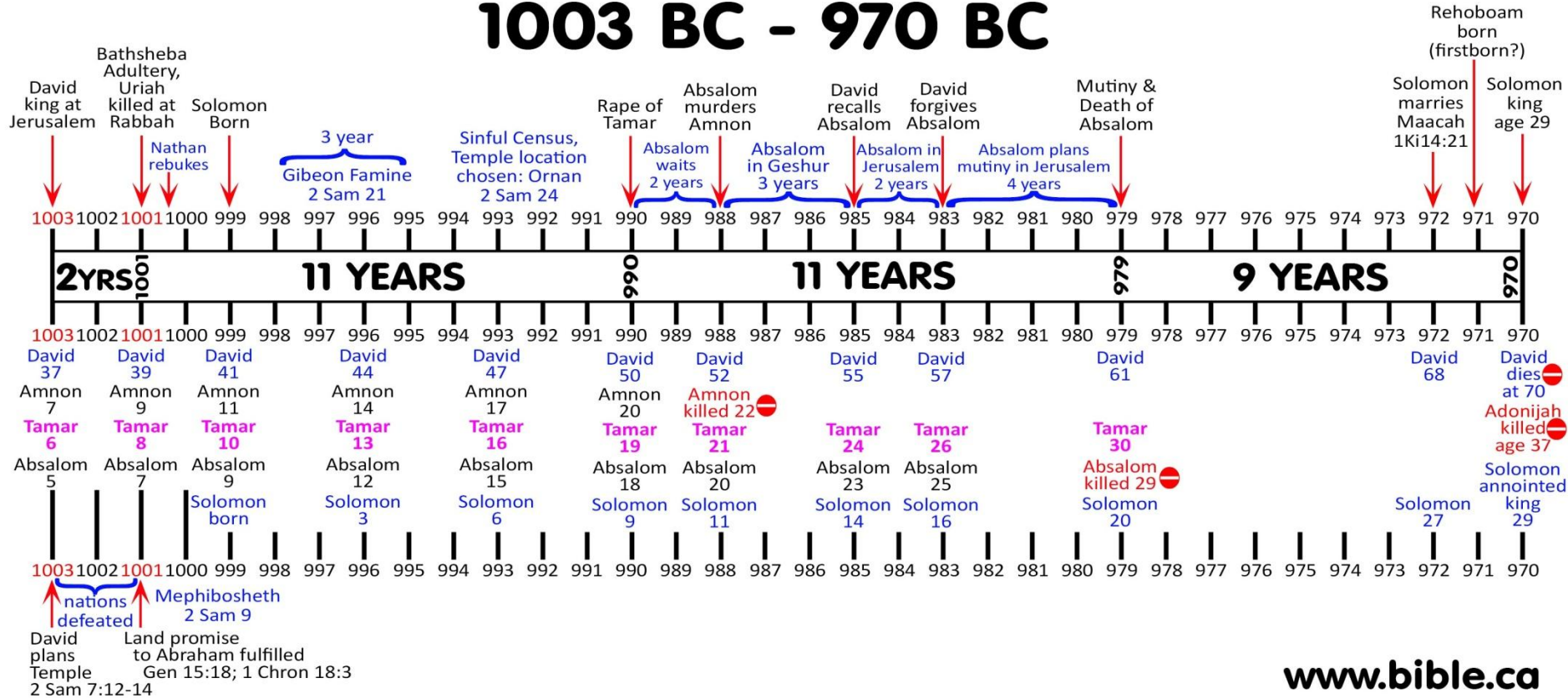
# Psalm 3

- ▶ A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom, his Son.
  - ▶ Terribly dysfunctional family due mainly to the bad influences of David's life.
  - ▶ David had a least 7 wives and multiple concubines.
  - ▶ David had at least 19 sons and one daughter. (1 Chronicles 3: 1–9)
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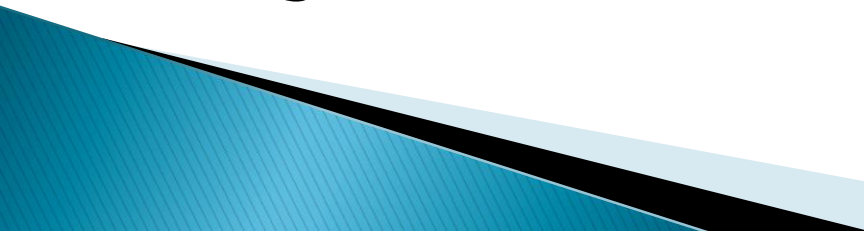
- ▶ David was a good shepherd, a great King, but terrible father.
  - ▶ David was King in Hebron for 7 ½ years and King of all of Israel from Jerusalem for 33 years.
  - ▶ Absalom was his 3<sup>rd</sup> son (Solomon was likely his 10<sup>th</sup>).
  - ▶ His first 6 sons all had different mothers. Absalom and Tamar (the only daughter) had the same mother, Maakah.
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- ▶ Absalom was the most handsome man in all of Israel (2 Samuel 14:25)

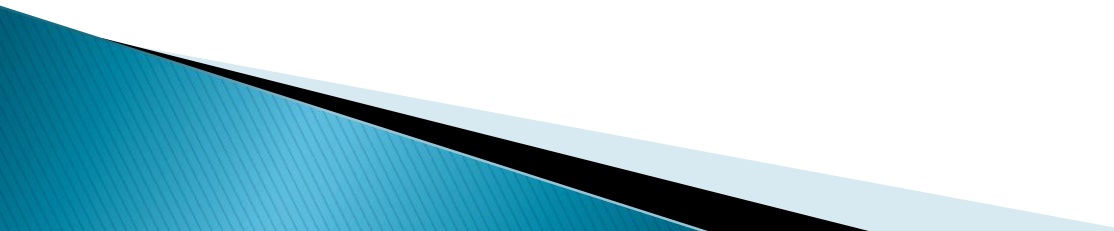
# David's 33 Jerusalem Years 1003 BC - 970 BC



# Absalom hated David

- ▶ Amnon had raped Tamar (1 Samuel 13)
  - ▶ David had played a passive role in arranging Amnon to be alone with Tamar (1 Samuel 13:6–7)
  - ▶ After the rape, Amnon put Tamar out of his house in disgrace.
  - ▶ Absalom moves Tamar into his house.
  - ▶ David takes a passive approach and does not deal with Amnon's sin causing Absalom's anger to be kindled.
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- ▶ Absalom carries anger against Amnon and his father for 2 years then invites his father and all of his brothers to take their sheep to be sheared. David rejected Absalom's invitation. (2 Samuel 13:23)
  - ▶ Amnon attended the sheep shearing and Absalom arranged for him to be killed. (2 Samuel 13:28)
  - ▶ Absalom fled and stayed away from his family for 3 years (2 Samuel 13:38)
  - ▶ When Absalom returned to Jerusalem, David demanded that he not be brought into his presence (2 Samuel 14:24)
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- ▶ Absalom stands in the city gates and turns people against David (2 Samuel 15: 2–6).
  - ▶ Absalom establishes a group and sets out to kill David. (2 Samuel 15:12).
  - ▶ Psalm 3 is written while David is on the run from his son and his army. David is not running from Absalom out of fear. He is running because he has come to grips with the error of his ways and is seeking God's protection. (2 Samuel 18:5).
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# A Psalm of Divine Protection

David's trouble and God's help.

VS. (1-2)

“LORD, how they have increased who trouble me!

Many *are* they who rise up against me.

Many *are* they who say of me,

*“There is no help for him in God.”* Selah

**(3–4) What God did for David in the midst of trouble.**

**“But You, O LORD, *are* a shield for me,  
My glory and the One who lifts up my  
head.**

**I cried to the LORD with my voice,  
And He heard me from His holy hill.  
Selah”**

**Blessing from and to God.**

**(5–6) God blesses David.**

**“I lay down and slept;**

**I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.**

**I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people**

**Who have set *themselves* against me all around.”**

## (7–8) David blesses God.

“Arise, O LORD;  
Save me, O my God!  
For You have struck all my enemies on the  
cheekbone;  
You have broken the teeth of the ungodly.  
Salvation *belongs* to the LORD.  
Your blessing *is* upon Your people. Selah”

