King David is a complex figure. He is heralded as “a man after God’s own heart” and with him God makes an everlasting covenant. Yet David’s reign is marked by missteps and abuses of power, from the Bathsheba-gate affair to the family turmoil surrounding Absalom and Amnon. What do we make of David? Is he a saint or sinner, a pre-cursor to the Messiah or a flawed monarch? This 8-week course offers an in-depth exploration of the life and legacy of David, closely following his story in 1-2 Samuel as well as his connection to the Psalms, the ancestry of Jesus, and later Christian art.

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