# DAVID

Logline: The youngest son of the head of a Jewish crime family must battle external rivals, the Feds, and interfamily politics as he apprehensively ascends the ladder of power, destined for leadership and greatness. A modern allegory of the Story of David through the settings of the early 1970's New York City mafia wars and heroin epidemic, and the birth of the Jewish-American Crime Syndicate during the post-prohibition years.

Format: Five 10-episode seasons, ideally suited for HBO or Netflix.

Tagline: "Power. Sex. Betrayal. Murder. Survival. In Biblical Proportions."

## Setting:

- 1972 (Present Day). Mafia wars in early 1970's, assassinations of head families Colombo and Gallo. Follow David's journey to greatness and conflict with Saul, as Sammy guides them through the formation of the New Syndicate.
- 1929-1945 (Second Story). Formation of the first Crime Syndicate during post-prohibition, a union of Jewish and Italian Mobs and the rise of Sammy Meyer and the birth of the Jewish Crime Syndicate.

## Characters:

- David Strauss. The youngest of eight children to Jesse Strauss, head of the Strauss Crime Family in New
  Orleans. Ruddy in complexion and treated every bit like the red-headed runt of the family, David rapidly
  ascends the ranks within the family and the Second Syndicate with his bravery, courage, and merciless
  dealing with his enemies.
- Saul Diamond. Reluctantly chosen by Sammy "The Hand" to take over as head of the Second Syndicate based on input from members of the other crime families. Saul's bi-polar temperament and blatant disregard of the 'rules', threatens his position as Boss. His eldest son, Jonathon, plays a critical leadership role inside the family but his pact with David threatens to split the family apart. Saul's three other sons jockey for position in the ranks while his two daughters, Mary and Michelle, play key roles within the family dynamic.
- Sammy "The Hand" Meyer. Eldest and original member of the National Crime Syndicate, and held with the highest respect across all crime families. Acts as primary adviser to the Boss, but will also act independently to shift power across families when needed for the benefit of the Syndicate. Untouchable, yet humble with the power he wields, his decision to change the direction of the Syndicate will pit family against family in an effort to unite them against their common enemy.

#### Season Summaries:

#### Season One:

- 101: Summary Meet the New Boss, Same as the Old Boss.
  - Crazy Joe Gallo is gunned down in an Italian Restaurant by Jonathon Diamond and Sonny Pinto. A sanctioned hit by the Five Families.
  - We meet Sammy 'The Hand' Meyer, patriarch of the Jewish Crime Family and co-founder of the original National Crime Syndicate from the 1930's. He wants out of the NYC Blood Bath and away from the Feds attention. Devises a plan to form a New Crime Syndicate. Calls meeting.
  - We meet Saul Diamond, bi-polar leader of a powerful Crime family in New York. Sammy wants him to run the new Syndicate but get out of the limelight. Run the long game. Saul accepts but has other plans, ones that include Sonny Pinto and his son, Jonathon.
  - We meet the Strauss Crime family in New Orleans, and our hero, David, a talented musician and bar owner, removed from the dirty work of the family and shunned by his older brothers. He's asked to help with a problem at the family shipping business, as someone is skimming.
  - Saul uses Sonny and an inside man to use Strauss's shipping operation to bring in heroin, and skims profits off the top. Saul doesn't care how it affects the Strauss organization as long as it makes him money and increases his power.
  - Sammy gets wind of the shortfall in the Strauss organization and tasks Saul to root it out and destroy it. Saul agrees to do it, knowing he can't stop now.
  - David and his brother find the inside man, a low-level con nicknamed The Jackal, and take him to a bayou hideout to torture him for information. Before being killed, The Jackal tells David he should ask his brother who the inside man is.
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- o EP 109: Summary David on the run Pt 2; Saul losing his grip completely
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  - Saul just misses the Strauss family in New Orleans, tells his crew to keep their eyes and ears open. He's going to find someone to flesh David out...then recalls the obvious. His own daughter, Michelle. He uses her to bait David to coming out into the open.
  - Jonathon sends word to David that Michelle is a trap. David thanks him...asks him why he's betraying his own father to save him. Jonathon professes his love for him. David reciprocates.
  - The Feds have audio of Saul and David separately. They are always several steps behind, no matter how hard they try to get in front of it all. There might be a mole in the department.
  - Saul gets word of Strauss in Miami. David knows that Saul knows. Showdown looming in Miami.
- o Ep 110: Summary David vs Saul vs Feds Showdown in Miami
  - First half of episode is a one on one showdown between David and Saul. David never asked for a war, but he'll deliver one. Saul never wanted to be betrayed, but he'll destroy anyone who tries to take him from power.
  - Jonathon wants to come out openly for David, but David urges him to feign loyalty to Saul, to allow some leverage from inside his organization. To be his conscience and talk him down.
  - It's about to go down when they are warned by Sammy's inside man high in the government that the Feds have a bead on them in Miami.
  - David and Saul decide that they must put aside their differences and join forces to evade and defeat the Feds, or they will lose everything.
  - As the Feds drill down toward Sammy's house, David devises a brilliant plan to bait and embarrass the Feds, while they have nothing on them.
  - The Feds raid Sammy's house, thinking it's the meeting of the New Crime Syndicate, but instead it's a birthday party for his niece, with David and Saul long gone, traveling in the back of a moving van, back to NYC.
  - They form a truce...for now.

#### **Plot Summaries:**

Episode 101: Pilot – "Meet the New Boss, Same as the Old Boss"

### Summary:

#### Teaser:

Opens with the killing of "Crazy" Joe Gallo in Brooklyn, NY in April 1972. Brutal killing in broad daylight while eating with his family at Umberto's Restaurant, highlighting the early 70's mob warfare in NY. Masked gunmen leave the dead body behind. We focus on one of the men as he removes his mask in the getaway car. It's Jonathon Diamond (42), son of Saul Diamond and another man, Sonny Pinto (30).

## Act I:

- o Intro to Sammy "the Hand" Meyer (70) who arrives from Israel with his body guard. Press asks if he's concerned about the Federal case against him and the Gangster War in NYC. He blows them off. Later, he asks his #1 confidante, Vincent Alo (68) to reach out to all the heads of the Jewish criminal families, including Saul Diamond to set a meeting. It's time to change course.
- Intro to David (28); he's playing guitar on stage at his nightclub in New Orleans. A good looking guy
  and a great musician, he's working the crowd. After finishing a song, he talks up Michelle (24), an
  attractive woman who's in town from New York. They are immediately attracted to each other, but
  she gets called away by her bodyguard, Sonny Pinto.
- On the New Orleans docks, Sonny transfers suitcases full of money from one trunk to another, paying off a 'shadowy' character. Both cars drive off.
- We are introduced to Saul Diamond (62), the bi-polar boss of one of the NY Crime families. Sonny
  gives him a suitcase of money, payment for part of the Gallo hit, and his role in the New Orleans
  operation. He gets a call from Sammy, asking him to come down for the meeting early. He has a
  proposal to make.
- o Intro to David's father, Jesse (66) and his brothers. Jesse runs the rackets in New Orleans, mostly shipping and gambling. Trouble with someone skimming off the top in the shipping area. Jesse wants oldest son Eli (46) to get to the bottom of it; David wants to be more involved in the rackets, Jesse wants him at the club. Jesse gets the call from Meyer's people to be at the meeting in Miami next week.

## Act II:

- Meeting with Sammy and Saul. Sammy talks about the history of the National Crime Syndicate, his alliances with Lucky Luciano and others. How he let Luciano take the lead so he could stay in the shadows. In the end, he feels responsible for Lucky's death, but that's what Lucky wanted, to be out in front. Sammy tells him that the war in NYC is only going to get worse and that it's time to think larger than the five families, but rather to see the entire picture. Wants Saul to be the Boss of the New Syndicate, leading the Twelve National Jewish Families. Saul accepts.
- The meeting. Only Jewish rackets are present from across the country. We meet various players from different cities that will play roles in the future. Discussion about NYC Boss War & ties to 6-day War of Israel in 1968. Birth of the New Syndicate and announcement of Saul as leader. Sammy will only act in a consulting role. Emphasis on shadow activity, and to stay out of the headlines. NYC is going to play out as it plays out, but there is money to be made elsewhere. Saul will remain in NYC, but remove himself from the Italian system there, and share the wealth across the New Syndicate. First order of business is discussed, emphasis on expansion of cash flows from import/export businesses. Meeting adjourns; Sammy wants to meet with Saul and Jesse before they head back.

- Sammy meets with Saul & Jesse, we learn some of their history how they know each other. Old friends reminiscing about old times. Sammy reminds him the past has a way of coming around again, and Jesse tells Sammy about the skim in New Orleans. Saul asks if he wants help finding it, but Jesse tells them he has the boys on it. Sammy tells Saul that if he finds anyone involved, he is to decimate them. Saul agrees.
- Jesse is back in New Orleans. Shares news of the meeting and the formation of the New Syndicate. More cooperation between cities. Import/Export business is going to get larger, so their rackets need to be rock solid. Leak still hasn't been found, and another skim has been detected, but the boys are still on it. Jesse tells Abe to have David help him find this leak. Abe ridicules David, and Jesse won't have it.
- Saul is back in NYC. Shares the news with his people. Tells them things are going to change and only get better. Sonny and his sons bring another suitcase of cash from the skim operation. Saul tells Sonny to distance himself from the New Orleans operation, and when his son, Louis, steps in to argue, Saul becomes enraged, putting a gun to Louis' head. Once he calms down, he tells Sonny that what he does in New Orleans is his business, and lets him leave.

#### Act III:

- David in the club talking with musician friends. Spies a woman who was with Michelle the week before. Talks her up to learn more about Michelle. By talking with her friends, Sonny's name comes up, and David takes notice. Abe comes in and tells David he has a job for him to do. They begin to look at surveillance pictures and sees Sonny in one of the pics. Jesse ties him to Jackie 'The Jackal' Delgato, local figure of the Colombo family.
- Michelle in NYC, talking to her sister Mary about the man she met, a musician. Mary warns her about what's been going on with Father, and implores her to sit with him and calm him, knowing the calming effect she has on him. She waits.
- The bi-polar side of Saul is stewing about the New Orleans operation, not wanting to stop it.
   Jonathon tries to calm him down, but can't. Sonny and Jackie are in his office and Saul tells them to continue. No need to throw the baby out with the bathwater.
- Jackie arrives back in New Orleans and is spotted by an airline mechanic, who is a friend of the Strauss family. He calls Abe, and gets orders to follow him.
- Sammy talks to Saul about the New Orleans operation, telling him about Sonny's involvement and wanting him decimated. Saul tries to talk Sammy out of it, letting him know he knew about the skimming operation. It enrages Sammy, who tells Saul off before hanging up on him.

### Act IV:

- O David and Abe find The Jackal, after the mechanic tracks him. They take him at his house, and then bind and carry him to their car.
- Sammy shows up at Saul's home, tells Saul he needs him to do something with him. Saul and Sammy leave together.
- Abe and David bring The Jackal through the bayou via airboat to a safe-house. They tie him up and torture him to get him to talk.
- Sammy brings Saul to an abandoned warehouse where a bloodied and beaten Sonny Pinto is being held by Sammy's bodyguard. Saul tries to talk Sammy out of this position, but Sammy shoots Sonny on the spot. Then tells Saul to never disobey another order and to clean up his mess, then leaves.
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- Summary: David vs Saul vs Feds Showdown in Miami
  - o First half of episode is a one on one showdown between David and Saul. David never asked for a war, but he'll deliver one. Saul never wanted to be betrayed, but he'll destroy anyone who tries to take him from power.
  - o Jonathon wants to come out openly for David, but David urges him to feign loyalty to Saul, to allow some leverage from inside his organization. To be his conscience and talk him down.
  - It's about to go down when they are warned by Sammy's inside man high in the government that the Feds have a bead on them in Miami.
  - o David and Saul decide that they must put aside their differences and join forces to evade and defeat the Feds, or they will lose everything.
  - o As the Feds drill down toward Sammy's house, David devises a brilliant plan to bait and embarrass the Feds, while they have nothing on them.
  - o The Feds raid Sammy's house, thinking it's the meeting of the New Crime Syndicate, but instead it's a birthday party for his niece, with David and Saul long gone, traveling in the back of a moving van,
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Biblical Summaries of 1 Samuel & 2 Samuel (worked these 5-season storylines):

1Sam10: Samuel anointed Saul and gave him signs. The Spirit of God came upon Saul and he prophesied. Saul was chosen to rule the Israelites. (S1E1.Sammy makes Saul Boss.)

1Sam11: The Ammonites attacked Jabesh-gilead. Saul gathered the Israelites and defeated the Ammonites. The people made Saul king at Gilgal. (S1E1. Jonathon working with rival gang member, Sonny Pinto, kills Gallo)

1Sam12: Samuel said, "The LORD brought your fathers out of Egypt. Now he has given you the king you asked for. Fear the LORD and serve him." (S1E1. David in the house of Jesse introduced)

1Sam13: The Philistines encamped at Michmash. Saul made offerings to the LORD by himself. Samuel told Saul that his kingdom would not last. (S1E1: Sonny is skimming from the Strauss operation, giving tribute to Saul as payment for Gallo hit.)

1Sam14: Saul's son Jonathan went against the Philistines and routed them. Saul made an oath that no one should eat but Jonathan was spared. (S1E1: Jonathon is part of the group that kills Gallo)

1Sam15: The LORD told Saul to destroy Amalek but Saul spared King Agag. Samuel told Saul that the LORD had rejected him. Samuel killed Agag. (S1E1: Sammy told Saul to decimate anyone involved in taking from Strauss family, and Saul disobeys. Sammy ends up killing Sonny himself, in front of Saul.)

1Sam16: The LORD sent Samuel to anoint Jesse's son David as king. The Spirit came upon David. Saul sent for David to play the harp for him. (S1E2: Sammy visits Jesse's family, and the oldest brothers vie for position. But by the end, David is the one that Sammy believes has the best chance to infiltrate Saul's organization and sends him on a mission, sending him to New York; informing Saul that David is coming and to treat him like a son. David is to stay close to Saul, but will operate the Club in NY. Meanwhile, Sonny and the Jackal's deaths send red flags through the Colombo family and word gets out that the Diamond family had something to do with it. With the Feds circling, an all-out war is off-limits, but we are introduced to a giant of an Italian man, Rudy Gollini, trained, skilled, and a killer. Gollini is sent out to stalk and kill members of the Diamond family.)

1Sam17: A Philistine champion named Goliath challenged the Israelites. David killed Goliath with a sling and a stone. The Philistines fled.
1Sam18: Jonathan loved David. Saul set David over the army but became jealous and tried to kill him. David married Saul's daughter Michal.
1Sam19: Jonathan warned David about Saul. David escaped and fled to Samuel. Saul went after David but the Spirit of God made him prophesy.
1Sam20: David and Jonathan agreed a sign. Saul was angry with Jonathan when David was not at the feast. Jonathan told David, "Go quickly!"
1Sam21: Ahimelech the priest gave David consecrated bread and Goliath's sword. David fled to King Achish of Gath and pretended he was mad.
1Sam22: About four hundred men joined David. Saul ordered that all the priests be killed because they helped David. Only Abiathar escaped.
1Sam23: David and his men saved Keilah from the Philistines. Saul came to Keilah so David escaped. Saul gave chase but he was called away.
1Sam24: Saul went after David. David cut off a piece of Saul's robe but spared his life. Saul wept and said, "You shall surely be king."
1Sam25: Samuel died. Nabal insulted David so his wife Abigail pleaded for restraint. The LORD struck Nabal dead and David married Abigail.

1Sam26: Saul came after David. David took Saul's spear and jug while he slept but spared his life. David called out and Saul blessed him.

1Sam27: David lived among the Philistines to escape Saul. King Achish gave him Ziklag. David secretly raided the land while he lived there.

1Sam28: The Philistines gathered for war. Saul asked a medium to call Samuel. Samuel said, "The LORD will hand you over to the Philistines."

1Sam29: David and his men marched with Achish. The Philistine commanders said, "He will turn against us," so Achish told David to go back.

1Sam30: The Amalekites had raided Ziklag. The LORD told David to pursue them. David and his men rescued the women and divided the spoils.

1Sam31: The Philistines fought Israel. Saul's sons were killed. Saul was badly wounded so he fell on his sword. The Israelites fled.

2Sam1: A man came and told David that Saul and Jonathan were dead. David sang: "The beauty of Israel is slain. How the mighty have fallen!"

2Sam2: David was made king of Judah. Abner made Ish-bosheth king of Israel. Their men fought and Abner killed Joab's brother Asahel.

2Sam3: Abner argued with Ish-bosheth and offered to support David. David asked for his wife Michal. Joab killed Abner and David mourned.

2Sam4: Ish-bosheth lost heart. His captains Rechab and Baanah killed him and took his head to David. David commanded that they be killed.

2Sam5: David was anointed king over Israel. He took Jerusalem and the LORD was with him. The Philistines gathered but David defeated them.

2Sam6: David brought the ark from Judah. Uzzah touched it and was struck down. As the ark came into the city David danced before the LORD.

2Sam7: The LORD said to Nathan, "Tell David: 'I will establish your house. Your son will build my house.'" David prayed, "Who am I, O LORD?"

2Sam8: David defeated the Philistines, the Moabites, King Hadadezer, the Arameans and the Edomites. He reigned over Israel with justice.

2Sam9: David heard about Jonathan's son Mephibosheth, who was lame. He restored Saul's land to Mephibosheth and had him eat at his table.

2Sam10: The King of Ammon humiliated David's servants and hired the Arameans for war. Joab defeated them and David defeated King Hadadezer.

2Sam11: David lay with Uriah's wife Bathsheba and she fell pregnant. He told Joab to have Uriah killed in battle. David married Bathsheba.

2Sam12: Nathan asked David, "Why have you done evil?" David pleaded with God but his child with Bathsheba died. Then Bathsheba bore Solomon.

2Sam13: David's son Amnon sent for his sister Tamar and raped her. Tamar's brother Absalom had his servants kill Amnon and then he fled.

2Sam14: Joab sent a wise woman to ask David to bring Absalom back. David agreed, but he would not let Absalom see his face for two years.
2Sam15: Absalom went to Hebron and sent out spies to proclaim him king. David fled, but he told Zadok and Hushai to return to Jerusalem.
2Sam16: Shimei cursed David but David spared him. Absalom came to Jerusalem. Ahithophel advised Absalom to sleep with David's concubines.
2Sam17: Ahithophel wanted to pursue David, but Hushai advised gathering Israel. Absalom listened to Hushai. Hushai sent a warning to David.
2Sam18: The servants of David defeated Israel. Absalom got stuck in a tree and Joab killed him. Ahimaaz and the Cushite ran to tell David.
2Sam19: The king mourned for Absalom. The men of Judah came to escort him back across the Jordan. Shimei and Mephibosheth came to meet him.
2Sam20: Sheba led the men of Israel to desert David. Joab killed Amasa and besieged Sheba at Abel. The people of Abel cut off Sheba's head.
2Sam21: There was a famine; so David sought the LORD. He let the Gibeonites kill seven of Saul's descendants. Israel fought the Philistines.
2Sam22: David sang: "The LORD is my rock; I called and he thundered from heaven; He delivered me from my enemy; I will extol you, O LORD!"

2Sam23: David's last words were: "My house is secure with God." David's mighty men included the three who
brought him water from Bethlehem.

2Sam24: David numbered the people of Israel and then regretted it. The LORD sent a plague. David bought Araunah's field and made offerings.