

2 Samuel 4 - 6

David, King of Israel

Lesson 11

The nation of Israel was now divided with Saul's son Ish-bosheth reigning in Israel and David in Judah. But the Lord was with David and blessed him. David became stronger and stronger while Ish-bosheth became weaker and weaker.

The Death of Ish-bosheth - 4:1-12

1. Abner, Ish-bosheth's commander, had defected and offered to bring Israel to David. But before he returned home, Abner was murdered by David's commander Joab. Using 2 Samuel 4:1, what was the effect of Abner's death on:
 - King Ish-bosheth
 - The people of Israel
2. Three people are mentioned who become an important part in this story. What is said about:
 - Baanah and Recab (vs. 2, 3)
 - Mephibosheth (vs. 4)
3. Using verses 5 - 7:
 - At what time of the day did Recab and Baanah go into King Ish-bosheth?
 - What was the king doing?
 - What did Recab and Baanah do?
4. The two men traveled all night to reach David as soon as possible. How did they refer to Ish-bosheth? (vs. 8a)
5. How did they view their assassination of the king? (vs. 8b)
6. But David had another view. Whom did he say was the one who delivered him from his enemies? (vs.:9a)

7. What did David order? (vs. 10-12a)
8. What warning did he give others who might take matters into their own hands? (vs. 12b)
9. How did David show honor and respect to Ish-bosheth? (vs. 12c)

David - King of Israel - 5:1-5

10. With Ish-bosheth's death, what did Israel do? (vs. 1)
11. What did they say to persuade David? (vs. 2)
12. What did David do? (vs. 3a)
13. Then, David was anointed king over all Israel. Using 2 Samuel 5:4-5,
 - How old was David when he began to reign?
 - How long did he reign?

Conquest of Jerusalem - 5:6-15

14. Once David was declared king of a united Israel, he and his men marched to Jerusalem. Summarize the events using 2 Samuel 5:6-7.
 - Who lived in the city?
 - What did they say to David?
 - What was the reality?
 - What detail was given in verse 8 as to how that impregnable city was able to be conquered?
15. David "took up residence in the fortress and called it the 'City of David'." (The estimated date of David's capture of Jerusalem is 1000 b.c.) How did he improve the city? (vs. 9)

16. What note was added in verse 10:

David became _____.

Because _____.

17. Hiram, king of Tyre, was David's friend. What did he do to show his respect and recognition of David as king of Israel? (vs. 11)

18. What did David know? (vs. 12)

The Lord had _____.

For the sake of _____.

19. Unfortunately, David did not heed God's warning in Deuteronomy 17:1 not to take many wives. We will see the consequence of that choice as David's story unfolds. David had six sons while reigning in Hebron. How many additional sons were born to him in Jerusalem? (vs. 13-16)

The Philistines - 5:17-25

20. What happened when the Philistines heard David was king of Israel? (vs. 17)

- What did David do? (vs. 19a)

- What was the answer? (vs. 19b)

- What was the result? (vs. 20-21)

21. The Philistines came up against David a second time. When David inquired of the Lord, what were God's instructions? (vs. 22-24)

David obeyed the Lord and had a great victory over Israel's enemy, the Philistines.

The Ark Was Moved to Jerusalem - 6:1-23

22. How many men did David take to bring the Ark of God to Jerusalem? (vs. 1)
23. The Ark was God's throne, the symbol of God's presence and the most holy article in the Tabernacle. How was the Ark transported? (vs. 3a)
- Who was guiding it? (vs. 3b)
24. How would you describe this procession? (vs. 5)
25. What happened when the procession reached the threshing floor of Nacon? (vs. 6-7)
26. What was David's first reaction? (vs. 8)
27. Once he thought about what had happened, how did David feel? (vs. 9)
28. At this point David was not willing to risk moving the Ark into the City of David. Using vs. 6:11:
- With whom did he leave the Ark?
 - How long was it there?
 - What was the result of receiving the Ark into his home?
29. When David was told, he decided it was time to bring the Ark of God to the City of David. What did they do differently when they moved the Ark? (vs. 12-13)
30. What was said about David? (vs. 14)

31. How did all of Israel react at the sight of the Ark? (vs. 15)
32. As the Ark entered into the city, who was not a part of the celebration? (vs. 16a)
33. What was her reaction at the sight of David's joy? (vs. 16b)
34. How had that changed from 1 Samuel 18:20-21?
35. When the Ark arrived in Jerusalem (vs. 17-19)
 - Where was it placed?
 - What did David do for the Lord?
 - What did he do for the people?
 - What did David give to each person?
36. Everyone then went home, including David. What did his wife Michal say to David about this celebration? (vs. 20)
37. What was David's response to her? (vs. 21-22)
38. What was the result of this disagreement? (vs. 23)