

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

The Kingdom is Divided

- David is anointed King of Judah [2 Sam 2:1-7].
 - David inquired of the Lord and followed the geographic will of God [v. 1-2].
 - His men followed David into Hebron [v. 3].
 - The men of Judah came to Hebron and anointed David king over the house of Judah [v. 4].
 - David's first official act as king was to honor the valiant men of Jabesh-gilead [vv. 5-7].
- Saul's son Ish-bosheth becomes the King of Israel [2 Sam 2:8-11].
 - Abner made Ish-bosheth king over Israel [vv. 8-9].
 - ✦ Gilead: trans-Jordan region: Reuben, Gad, Manasseh.
 - ✦ Ashurites: western territory: Asher, Zebulun.
 - ✦ Jezreel: central/northern territory: Issachar, Naphtali.
 - ✦ Ephraim: central territory: dominant tribe.
 - ✦ Benjamin: just north of Judah: Saul's tribe.
 - The loyalty of these territories established Ish-bosheth as ruler of all non-Judean tribes of Israel.
 - Ish-bosheth reigned over Israel for 2 years while David ruled over Judah for 7 ½ years [vv. 10-11].
 - The 5 ½ year difference included the time it took Abner to reclaim Israel from the Philistines.
- A civil war erupted between Israel and Judah [2 Sam 2:12-17].
 - The armies met at the pool of Gibeon [vv. 12-13].
 - They began with a 12-on-12 contest [vv. 14-15].
 - This contest resulted in all 24 men dying [v. 16].
 - General battle followed the contest and David's men defeated the army of Israel [v. 17].
- The death of Asahel [2 Sam 2:18-32].
 - David's leader, Joab, and his two brothers pursued Abner after the battle [vv. 18-19].
 - Abner warned Asahel more than once to stop pursuing him [vv. 20-22].
 - Asahel refused to stop, so Abner killed him [v. 23].
 - Joab and Abishai continued the pursuit [v. 24].
 - At nightfall Abner and the Benjamites stood their ground against Joab and the pursuers [v. 25].
 - Abner's passionate plea resulted in Joab calling off the pursuit [vv. 26-28].
 - Abner and his men went to Mahanaim [v. 29].
 - Joab and his men returned to Hebron after giving Asahel a proper burial [vv. 30-32].