

<p>the book of 2nd Samuel Thursday Morning Bible Class</p>	
<p>2 Samuel 1:17 – 3:30</p>	

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<p>David’s Lament for Saul – 1:17-27 † 17-18 – David offers a psalm of mourning over the death of Saul and Jonathan. † 19 – David calls Saul the “glory of Israel” has been slain. † 20 – He begs that the death of Saul would not be celebrated by the Philistines. † 21 – He calls a curse on the battlefield. † 22 – Saul and Jonathan did not turn from battle.</p>

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<p>David’s Lament for Saul – 1:17-27 † 22 – Saul and Jonathan were praised as brave warriors with metaphors of eagles and lions. † 24 – David calls on the women to mourn for Saul who gave them luxury and wealth. † 25 – An abrupt cry of grief. † 26 – A tribute to Jonathan his brother. † 27 – A final lament. Note Hebrew parallelism.</p>

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David Made King of Judah – 2:1-7

- † 1 – “After this . . .” The transition from Saul’s death to David’s coronation. How long?
- † David inquired of God if he should go to Hebron. The city became David’s capital for 7½ years.
- † 2 – David went to Hebron with his whole entourage.

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David and the Amalekites – 30:1-31

- † 4 – The people of Judah anoint David as king, confirming his earlier anointing by Samuel.
- † One of his first acts was to recognize the people of Jabesh-gilead for what they did for Saul.
- † 7 – He also used the opportunity to let them know he was ready to be king over all Israel.

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Civil War – 2:8 – 3:1

- † 8-9 – David made no overt claim to the kingship of Israel. He bided his time in Judah.
- † Meanwhile Abner, Saul’s uncle and commander of Israel’s army, took one of Saul’s surviving sons, Ish-bosheth, and proclaimed him king over Israel.

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Civil War – 2:8 – 3:1

- † 10- “Ish-bosheth means “Son of shame”
- † 1 Chron 8:33 he is called “Esh-baal” which means “Man of God”. Some copyist changed his name to avoid any reference to the idol Baal.
- † 12 – Abner moves his army to Gibeon, on the northern border of Judah.

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Civil War – 2:8 – 3:1

- † 13 – Joab, commander of David’s army, and son of David’s sister, Zeruiah, moved his army to Gibeon.
- † 14 – Abner suggests a “tournament”.
- † 15 – Twelve men chosen from each side.
- † 16 – Each opponent killed the other. The place was called “Flint Knives.”

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Civil War – 2:8 – 3:1

- † 17 – In the battle, Israel was defeated.
- † 18 – All 3 brothers are mentioned.
- † 19 – Asahel single-mindedly pursued Abner.
- † 20-21 – Abner urged Asahel to chase someone else and take their spoil, but Asahel wanted to remove the power behind the throne of Israel.

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Civil War – 2:8 – 3:1

- † 22 – Abner again told Asahel to stop because this would only result in bad blood.
- † 23 – But Asahel would not stop, so Abner killed him, an act that created a blood feud.
- † 24 – The pursuit went on all night.
- † 25-28 – Abner calls for a truce and Joab stops the pursuit.
- † 32 – Asahel was buried in Bethlehem.

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David's Family in Hebron – 3:1-5

- † 1 – The previous chapter was just the opening battle in a long civil war, a war where David grew stronger and Israel became weaker.
- † 2 – David's family also grew: Six sons were born to him: Amnon, Chileab, Absalom, Adonijah, Shephatiah, and Ithream.

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Abner Defects to David – 3:6-25

- † C. 1003 BC
- † 6 – Again (3:1) the author tells us that there is prolonged war between Saul's house and David. Meanwhile Abner seeks to strengthen his position.
- † 7 – Abner slept with Saul's concubine which amounts to a deliberate claim to the throne.
- † Ish-bosheth is not happy.

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Abner Defects to David – 3:6-25

- † 8 – Abner reacts in anger, calling himself one of David’s dogs. He affirms his loyalty to Saul’s house.
- † 9-10 – Abner vows to support David.
- † 11 – Ish-bosheth is afraid of Abner.
- † 12 – Abner contacts David, affirming that he is the rightful king. He seeks a treaty with David.

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Abner Defects to David – 3:6-25

- † 13 – David agrees, but wants his first wife, Michal to be returned to him.
- † 14-16 – Ishbosheth complies, leaving her husband crying after her.
- † 17 – Abner appeals to the northern tribes to support David:
 - † 1) They already wanted to do this
 - † 2) God had promised victory to David.

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Abner Defects to David – 3:6-25

- † 20-21 – Abner vows that he will bring all Israel to David. David sends him away in peace.
- † 22 – Joab arrives after Abner left in peace.
- † 24-25 – Joab boldly confronts David, believing Abner is just a spy and won’t really defect.

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Joab Murders Abner – 3:26-27

- † 26 – Joab’s messengers bring Abner back.
- † 27 – Joab took a walk with Abner and killed him for killing his brother, Asahel.
- † 28 – David immediately says he had nothing to do with this. He did not go back on his word of peace.
- † 29 – David pronounces a curse on Joab’s house.
