

We will begin the twelfth lecture on the Books of Samuel. /Today we will begin with 2 Samuel chapter 2. /The title is, "David Becomes King." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, David becomes king over Judah. /Verses 1-4a. /Second, David blessed the people of Jabesh Gilead. /Verses 4b-7. /Third, Ish-Bosheth becomes king over Israel. /Verses 8-11. /Fourth, war begins as a result of a joke. /Verses 12-17. /Fifth, the death of Asahel. /Verses 18-23. /Sixth, the war comes to an end. /Verses 24-32.

/Read verse 1. /In the course of time, David inquired of the LORD. "Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?" he asked. The LORD said, "Go up." David asked, "Where shall I go?" "To Hebron," the LORD answered.

/David always bowed down before God and prayed before he did something. /God always answered David. /At the time, God told David to go to Hebron. /Hebron was the center location of Judah.

/This was the place where Abraham made an altar before the LORD. /Genesis 13:18. /The cities of refuge were located here. /Joshua 20:7. /God anointed David king over Judah there at Hebron.

/Verse 4a. /Then the men of Judah came to Hebron and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

/When David settled at Hebron, the men of Judah anointed David king over the house of Judah. /David ruled as king of Judah in that place for seven years and six months. /5:5. /David was satisfied and thankful as king over a nation.

/David was satisfied and faithful when God made him king over one tribe. /David could have been king over all of Israel. /However, David waited for the right time, and was satisfied as king over one tribe. /Psalm 131:1, 2. /1 Timothy 6:8.

/Verse 4b. /When David was told that it was the men of Jabesh Gilead who had buried Saul,

/Some men said, "It was the men of Jabesh Gilead who had buried Saul." /Jabesh Gilead was a city across the Jordan River. /The people of Jabesh Gilead were once invaded by the Ammonites.

/At that time, King Saul helped the people of Jabesh. /1 Samuel chapter 11. /The people of Jabesh did not forget his grace, and they properly buried Saul's body. /1 Samuel 31:11-13. /The people of Jabesh Gilead repaid Saul for his grace. /Thus, David blessed them.

/Verse 6. /May the LORD now show you kindness and faithfulness, and I too will show you the same favor because you have done this.

/The people of Jabesh Gilead obeyed God's will and showed kindness. /Thus, David prayed that God would bless the people of Jabesh Gilead.

/Verse 8. /Meanwhile, Abner son of Ner, the commander of Saul's army, had taken Ish-Bosheth son of Saul and brought him over to Mahanaim.

/There was a man named Abner among the commanders of Saul's army. /Abner was a commander of Saul's army. /Saul was now dead. /Jonathan was also dead. /However, Saul's son Ish-Bosheth was alive.

/Abner took Saul's son Ish-Bosheth and took him to Mahanaim. /Abner made Ish-Bosheth king over Israel. /Abner did not consider God's will.

/God wanted to make David king over Israel. /Abner knew that God would make David king over Israel. /3:9, 10. /1 Samuel 15:28. /Abner disregarded God's will, and with greed, made Ish-Bosheth king.

/Abner made Ish-Bosheth king so that he would maintain his authority. /Abner was wrong in doing this. /He disregarded God's will. /Then two years later, Ish-Bosheth was killed. /Abner was also killed. /3:27.

/Verse 12. /Abner son of Ner, together with the men of Ish-Bosheth son of Saul, left Mahanaim and went to Gibeon.

/Abner and Ish-Bosheth son of Saul had an army. /There was also a man named Joab along with David's men. /They went to war with each other. /The war started as a joke.

/Verse 15. /So they stood up and were counted off-- twelve men for Benjamin and Ish-Bosheth son of Saul, and twelve for David.

/There were twelve men on Ish-Bosheth's side. /There were twelve men who were David's men. /The twelve on each side grabbed their opponents. /Then they grabbed each other's heads, thrust their daggers into their opponents' sides, and all twenty-four men died.

/In verse 16, it says that the place was called "Helkath Hazzurim." /This means, "field of daggers." /The two sides fought, and twenty-four Israelite soldiers died. /This was a great loss to all of Israel.

/This was a heavy loss to God's kingdom. They lost brave men. /In this way, believers will be ruined if they fight one another. /Galatians 6:15. /The battle that day was very fierce, and David's men gained victory.

/Verse 18. /The three sons of Zeruiah were there: Joab, Abishai and Asahel. Now Asahel was as fleet-footed as a wild gazelle.

/Zeruiah was David's sister. /1 Chronicles 2:16. /Asahel was as fleet-footed as a wild gazelle. /Asahel chased after Abner the commander of the army. /Abner turned and saw him, and told Asahel not to chase him.

/Asahel knew he was fast and continued to pursue Abner. /Abner then thrust his spear into Asahel's stomach and killed him. /Abner the commander of the army was the best warrior.

/Asahel trusted only his speed, and he failed. /We must not become arrogant because we have certain skills. /We can be ruined by the things we are good at.

/We can fail because of our strengths. /Therefore, we must be careful in every way when we recognize that we have certain skills. /We will fail if we rely on our strengths.

/Verse 26. /Abner called out to Joab, "Must the sword devour forever? Don't you realize that this will end in bitterness? How long before you order your men to stop pursuing their brothers?"

/Abner first proposed that they make a truce. /"How long before you order your men to stop pursuing their brothers?" We are all brothers, so we shouldn't fight and kill one another. /Then they eventually made a truce.

/Verse 30. /Then Joab returned from pursuing Abner and assembled all his men. Besides Asahel, nineteen of David's men were found missing.

/Joab returned from pursuing Abner. /Asahel and nineteen of David's men were killed. /However, 360 of Abner's men were killed. /God protected David's army.

/We will continue with 2 Samuel chapter 3. /The title is, "The Death of Abner." /Let's look at the main points.

/First, David's prosperity, and the births of his children in Hebron. /Verses 1-5. /Second, King Ish-Bosheth rebukes Abner. /Verses 6-11. /Third, the agreement between Abner and David. /Verses 12-16. /Fourth, Abner visits David. /Verses 17-21.

/Fifth, Joab kills Abner. /Verses 22-27. /Sixth, David curses Joab. /Verses 28-30. /Seventh, David laments over the death of Abner. /Verses 31-39.

/Read verse 1. /The war between the house of Saul and the house of David lasted a long time. David grew stronger and stronger, while the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker.

/David was anointed king by God. /Ish-Bosheth was chosen by Abner in a humanly way. /Therefore, the house of Saul between weaker, /and because God helped David, the house of David grew stronger and stronger.

/Verse 2. /Sons were born to David in Hebron: His firstborn was Amnon the son of Ahinoam of Jezreel;

/David had six sons by six wives while he lived in Hebron. /David went against the laws by having many wives. /Deuteronomy 17:17.

/Verse 6. /During the war between the house of Saul and the house of David, Abner had been strengthening his own position in the house of Saul.

/Abner the commander of the army became strong in authority in the house of Saul. /Saul's son Ish-Bosheth was king, but he did not have much power. /Abner slept with Saul's concubine, Rizpah. /Then Ish-Bosheth rebuked Abner.

/Ish-Bosheth could not stay silent and not rebuke Abner, because Abner slept with his father's concubine. /However, Abner did not think of his wrongdoing, but rather became angry.

/Abner did not think of his wrongdoing, but rather, threatened Ish-Bosheth with his power. /Abner slept with King Saul's concubine and did evil. He committed a great sin.

/Verse 9. /May God deal with Abner, be it ever so severely, if I do not do for David what the LORD promised him on oath

/Abner said that he would hand over the nation to David. /This meant that Abner would betray Ish-Bosheth. /Abner used Ish-Bosheth and made him king. /Abner wanted to dethrone Ish-Bosheth.

/Abner knew that David was to be king over Israel, and he still did evil. /Abner made Ish-Bosheth king for his own authority. /Abner was an arrogant man.

/Abner acted according to his sexual desires. /He was a traitor. /Ish-Bosheth could not say anything to Abner. /Ish-Bosheth was king, but he had no power.

/Verse 12. /Then Abner sent messengers on his behalf to say to David, "Whose land is it? Make an agreement with me, and I will help you bring all Israel over to you."

/Abner sent messengers to David. /Abner said that he would bring all Israel over to David.

/Verse 13. /"Good," said David. "I will make an agreement with you. But I demand one thing of you: Do not come into my presence unless you bring Michal daughter of Saul when you come to see me."

/David said that he would welcome Abner since he wanted to return. /Abner was against David in the past. /When Abner said that he would repent and return, David said that he would welcome him.

/David told Abner to bring Michal who was his wife in the past. /Michal was Saul's daughter, and she was David's wife. /1 Samuel 18:25-27. /David could not take Michal with him when he ran away from Saul.

/In verse 15, it says that Saul gave Michal to Paltiel. /1 Samuel 18:25. /David told Abner to bring Michal to assert his authority as her husband. /Hence, Ish-Bosheth sent Michal to David.

/Michal's husband Paltiel wept as he followed her. /However, it was useless. /It was wrong of him to take another man's wife as his own. /Paltiel used his worldly authority to take another man's wife as his own. /Paltiel then lost his authority and had no choice but to send Michal back to her husband.

/Verse 17. /Abner conferred with the elders of Israel and said, "For some time you have wanted to make David your king.

/Abner called the elders of Israel and said that they wanted to make David king in the past. /Abner said, "Let's make David king over Israel as you have said."

/Verse 20. /When Abner, who had twenty men with him, came to David at Hebron, David prepared a feast for him and his men.

/Abner took twenty men with him to David in order to bring Israel to David. /David welcomed them, and they made an agreement. /Then David sent Abner away in peace.

/It was good for a warrior like Abner to be used for God's kingdom. /David welcomed Abner when he repented and returned.

/Verse 22. /Just then David's men and Joab returned from a raid and brought with them a great deal of plunder. But Abner was no longer with David in Hebron, because David had sent him away, and he had gone in peace.

/Joab defeated his enemies and returned to Hebron. /Abner had come and gone after meeting David. /A man told Joab that Abner had come and gone. /Joab then spoke to King David. /"Why did Abner come?"

/"Abner is a spy." /"He came to deceive you." /"Why did you welcome him?" /Joab was wrong here. /David welcomed Abner with joy. /David was a man of faith. /David was a man of prayer.

/David asked what God's will was and then made the judgment. /David welcomed Abner, who repented, as his friend. /Joab made a wrong judgment there. /Joab had bad feelings against Abner. /He held a grudge against Abner for killing his brother in the past.

/Joab wanted to kill Abner if he had the chance. /Joab did not think about what God's will

was. /Joab wanted to get personal revenge.

/Verse 26. /Joab then left David and sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the well of Sirah. But David did not know it.

/Joab did not ask King David for permission. /Joab commanded men to bring Abner to him. /Abner did not know anything, but returned thinking that David had called him back. /Then Joab killed Abner.

/Joab got personal revenge. /Abner killed Asahel in war in the past. /Asahel thought only of his speed, and was killed after he pursued Abner.

/Joab got caught up in his emotions and did wrong. /Then Joab brought harm on Israel as a whole. /If he did not kill Abner, then all of Israel would have returned to David.

/However, because Joab killed Abner, he brought harm on the construction of God's kingdom. /Joab killed a righteous man. /1 Kings 2:5, 6, 32, 34.

/Verse 28. /Later, when David heard about this, he said, "I and my kingdom are forever innocent before the LORD concerning the blood of Abner son of Ner.

/When David heard that Joab had killed Abner, David mourned and cursed Joab. /David said that he was innocent concerning Joab's murder of Abner. /This happened as a result of Joab's personal feelings.

/Joab did not receive permission from David. /Joab disobeyed King David. /Hence, David cursed Joab.

/Verse 31. /Then David said to Joab and all the people with him, "Tear your clothes and put on sackcloth and walk in mourning in front of Abner." King David himself walked behind the bier.

/David and the people sincerely mourned the death of Abner. /David was righteous in his act of faith.

/Verse 35. /Then they all came and urged David to eat something while it was still day; but David took an oath, saying, "May God deal with me, be it ever so severely, if I taste bread or anything else before the sun sets!"

/King David fasted and sincerely mourned for Abner's death.

/Verse 36. /All the people took note and were pleased; indeed, everything the king did pleased them.

/All the people saw how David acted, and they were pleased. /The people knew that David did not kill Abner. /The people sincerely respected and trusted David.

/Verse 39. /And today, though I am the anointed king, I am weak, and these sons of Zeruiah are too strong for me. May the LORD repay the evildoer according to his evil deeds!"

/David was king, but it was difficult for him to rule Joab. /The nation of Israel was in the early stage. /The nation was weak. /If Joab was killed for his wrongdoing, it would bring harm to the nation.

/Thus, David disciplined Joab, but did not punish him. /Then David left everything to God. /David believed that God would repay Joab for his deeds. /1 Kings 2:32-34.

/We will continue with 2 Samuel chapter 4. /The title is, "The Death of Ish-Bosheth."
/Let's look at the main points.

/First, news of Abner's death, and Ish-Bosheth chooses two commanders. /Verses 1-3.
/Second, Jonathan's son Mephibosheth. /Verse 4. /Third, the two commanders kill Ish-Bosheth. /Verses 5-8. /Fourth, David orders the two commanders to be killed. /Verses 9-11.

/Read verse 1. /When Ish-Bosheth son of Saul heard that Abner had died in Hebron, he lost courage, and all Israel became alarmed.

/Ish-Bosheth heard that Abner the commander of the army died in Hebron. /Ish-Bosheth heard the news. /Ish-Bosheth lost strength in his body, and all Israel was alarmed.

/Verse 2. /Now Saul's son had two men who were leaders of raiding bands. One was named Baanah and the other Recab; they were sons of Rimmon the Beerothite from the tribe of Benjamin-- Beeroth is considered part of Benjamin,

/Ish-Bosheth had two leaders in his army. /Their names were Baanah and Recab.

/Verse 4. /(Jonathan son of Saul had a son who was lame in both feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became crippled. His name was Mephibosheth.)

/Here it tells us about Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth. /It teaches that Saul's line of kingship was coming to an end. /Saul's house was growing weak.

/Verse 5. /Now Recab and Baanah, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, set out for the house of Ish-Bosheth, and they arrived there in the heat of the day while he was taking his noonday rest.

/Recab and Baanah, the commanders who were chosen by Ish-Bosheth, killed Ish-Bosheth. /Ish-Bosheth made them commanders. /Yet, Recab and Baanah betrayed their

master and killed him.

/They wanted to go to David and become successful. /Ish-Bosheth was taking a nap. /It was not the time for the king to be taking a nap. /The nation was growing weaker and weaker. /The commander Abner was also dead.

/Ish-Bosheth needed to be awake and rule the nation. /However, he lost courage, and he was taking a nap. He fell to the sin of complacency.

/Verse 8. /They brought the head of Ish-Bosheth to David at Hebron and said to the king, "Here is the head of Ish-Bosheth son of Saul, your enemy, who tried to take your life. This day the LORD has avenged my lord the king against Saul and his offspring."

/The two commanders brought Ish-Bosheth's head to David. /They wanted to become successful by killing their master Ish-Bosheth. /The two men committed a wicked sin.

/Verse 9. /David answered Recab and his brother Baanah, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, "As surely as the LORD lives, who has delivered me out of all trouble,

/David was not pleased with the actions of Recab and Baanah. /David said that God delivered him from trouble. /David believed that God was still delivering him from trouble at that moment. /David then ordered his men to kill Recab and Baanah for their wickedness.

/Verse 12. /So David gave an order to his men, and they killed them. They cut off their hands and feet and hung the bodies by the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-Bosheth and buried it in Abner's tomb at Hebron.

/David sentenced Recab and Baanah to death. /God's justice was displayed through David. /David acted justly before God in everything he did. /David did not act with political greed.

/David left his kingship over Israel in God's hands. /David waited for the right time. /David was satisfied with Judah, which God entrusted to him.

/David always acted justly before God. /David was faithful in the works entrusted to him. /David pleased God.

/Here we will conclude the twelfth lecture on the Books of Samuel. /Thank you.