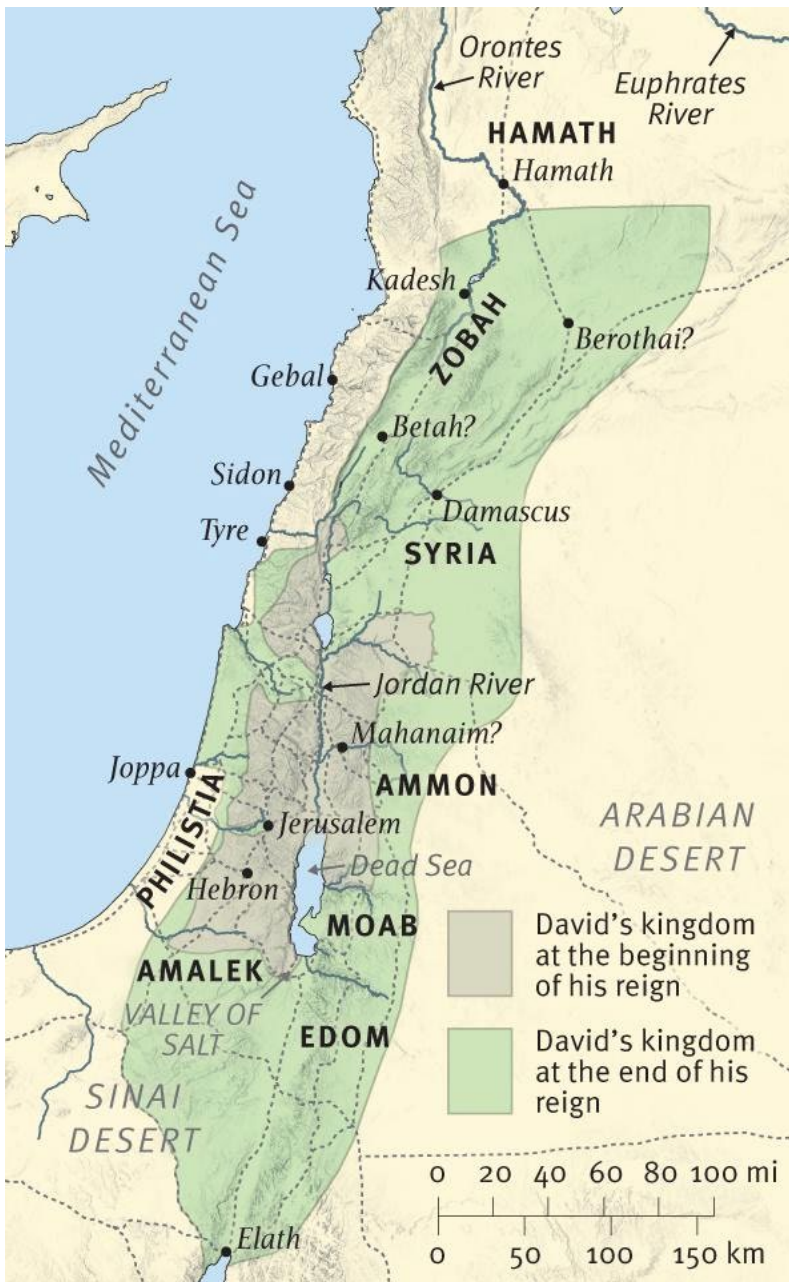


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2 SAMUEL 1:1-10 - DAVID HEARS OF SAUL'S (& JONATHAN'S) DEATH

2 SAMUEL 1:11-12 - DAVID & HIS MEN MOURN

2 SAMUEL 1:13-16 - DAVID RESPONDS TO AMALEKITE

THE AMALEKITE WAS LYING. NO OTHER MAN KNEW HE WAS LYING. HE WAS LYING TO WIN FAVOR FROM DAVID. BUT HIS ATTEMPT TO WIN FAVOR THROUGH DECEIT BACKFIRED.

2 SAMUEL 1:17-27 - DAVID'S LAMENT FOR SAUL & JONATHAN

V. 17-18 - "THE BOOK OF JASHAR" WAS AN ADDITIONAL BOOK OF SONGS/PSALMS THAT HAS BEEN LOST. THE BOOK OF JASHAR IS ALSO REFERENCED IN JOSHUA 10:13 AS A SECONDARY PLACE WHERE THE RECORD OF THE SUN STANDING STILL TO ENSURE ISRAEL'S VICTORY.

DAVID'S SONG OF LAMENT IS A SONG WHICH HONORS SAUL. HE PRAYS THAT THE ENEMIES OF GOD WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO REJOICE IN THIS EVENT (V. 20). HE REFERENCES SAUL AS A MIGHTY WARRIOR (V. 22). HE CALLS HIM "BELOVED AND PLEASANT", "SWIFT" AND "STRONG" (V. 23). AND HE MOURNS THE LOSS OF HIS LIFE IN GENERAL THROUGHOUT. IN MOMENTS LIKE THIS WE SEE THE UNIQUE HEART OF DAVID AND IT BRINGS CONVICTION AND PROVIDES EXAMPLE TO US.

V. 26 - "DAVID'S REMARK DOES NOT CARRY ANY SEXUAL OVERTONES. RATHER, HE IS CALLING ATTENTION TO JONATHAN'S RADICAL SELF-DENIAL IN GIVING UP ANY RIGHT TO THE THRONE OF ISRAEL (1 SAM. 23:17); INSTEAD, HE GAVE HIS ABSOLUTE SUPPORT TO DAVID AS THE LORD'S CHOICE TO SUCCEED JONATHAN'S FATHER SAUL, EVEN TO THE

POINT OF RISKING HIS LIFE FOR DAVID (1 SAM. 20:30-33)." (ESV STUDY BIBLE, 2 SAM. 1:26)

2 SAMUEL 2:1-4A - DAVID GOES TO HEBRON OF JUDAH AND IS ANOINTED KING

V. 1 - DAVID GOES TO HEBRON ONLY AFTER FIRST INQUIRING OF THE LORD.

THOUGH DAVID HERE IS ANOINTED AGAIN BY THE PEOPLE, HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SELECTED AS THE NEXT KING BY GOD, THROUGH THE PROPHET SAMUEL.

1 SAMUEL 16:13 - THEN SAMUEL TOOK THE HORN OF OIL AND ANOINTED HIM (DAVID) IN THE MIDST OF HIS BROTHERS; AND THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD CAME MIGHTILY UPON DAVID FROM THAT DAY FORWARD...

DAVID WAS A VERY YOUNG MAN WHEN HE WAS ANOINTED. HE PATIENTLY WAITED FOR THE TIME IN WHICH HE WOULD ASCEND TO THE THRONE OVER GOD'S PEOPLE. THE TIME BETWEEN HIS ANOINTING AND WHEN HE BECAME KING OVER JUDAH WAS APPROX. 15 YEARS. (IT WILL BE ANOTHER 7 YEARS UNTIL HE BECOMES KING OVER ALL OF ISRAEL)

2 SAMUEL 2:48-7 - DAVID COMMENDS JABESH-GILEAD FOR THEIR HONOR OF SAUL (CP. 1 SAMUEL 31:11-13)

V. 7 - DAVID INVITES JABESH-GILEAD TO JOIN HIS KINGDOM. JABESH-GILEAD WAS PART OF THE TERRITORY OF THE ISRAELITES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE JORDAN RIVER.

2 SAMUEL 2:8-11 - ABNER APPOINTS ISH-BOSHETH AS SAUL'S HEIR. ISH-BOSHETH IS BASICALLY A FIGUREHEAD RULER FOR ABNER.

2 SAMUEL 2:12-16 - THE TWO ARMIES STOP AND REST AT THE SAME LOCATION

V. 14 - "HOLD A CONTEST" - ABNER SUGGESTS A FEW OF THE MEN HAVE A "DUEL". JOAB AGREES.

V. 16 - ALL OF THE WARRIORS CHOSEN FOR THIS FOOLISH EXHIBITION DIED.

2 SAMUEL 2:17 - A BATTLE FOLLOWS AND DAVID'S MEN OVERPOWERED ABNER'S

2 SAMUEL 2:18-23 - ASAHIEL PURSUES ABNER. ABNER KILLS ASAHIEL.

ASAHIEL, WHO WAS VERY FAST, RELENTLESSLY PURSUES ABNER. ABNER, KNOWING ASAHIEL WAS THE BROTHER OF JOAB (THE LEADING GENERAL OF DAVID'S ARMY) AS WELL AS DAVID'S NEPHEW, TRIES TO TALK THE YOUNG MAN OUT OF PURSUING HIM. ABNER ACTUALLY SAYS "I DON'T WANT TO KILL YOU..." WHEN ASAHIEL REFUSES, ABNER THRUSTS THE BACK END OF HIS SPEAR INTO ASAHIEL'S STOMACH, KILLING HIM. (PERHAPS BY STOPPING SUDDENLY, SO THAT ASAHIEL RUNS INTO IT PER ESV STUDY BIBLE). AS ASAHIEL IS DYING, A GROUP SURROUNDS HIM.

2 SAMUEL 2:24-28 - JOAB & ABISHAI PURSUE ABNER, WHO PLEADS WITH THEM.

V. 26 - ABNER PLEADS WITH JOAB TO STOP THE MADNESS. HE APPEALS TO THE FOOLISHNESS OF THEIR CURRENT ENGAGEMENT.

V. 27 - ABNER'S CALL WAKES JOAB UP. NLT: THEN JOAB SAID, "GOD ONLY KNOWS WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU HADN'T SPOKEN, FOR WE WOULD HAVE CHASED YOU ALL NIGHT IF NECESSARY."

2 SAMUEL 2:29-32 - BOTH ARMIES RETREAT AND RETURN TO THEIR HOMES

V. 30 - 20 OF DAVID'S MEN DIED

V. 31 - 360 OF ABNER'S MEN DIED

THIS CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS THE ARROGANCE OF MEN AND THE FOOLISHNESS OF PRIDE. BECAUSE OF THE ARROGANCE OF THE SOLDIERS, STARTING WITH THEIR LEADERS, MEN DIE FOR NOTHING. THIS "BATTLE" IS MORE OF A BLOODSPORT AND ABNER AND JOAB FINALLY REALIZE AS MUCH. WHEN PRIDE GETS A HOLD ON YOU, YOU ARE SUSCEPTIBLE TO LOSE THE ABILITY TO THINK RATIONALLY AND WISELY. INSTEAD YOU ARE DRIVEN BY YOUR OWN INTERESTS, SELF-PRESERVATION AND REVENGE. THE RESULTS OF SUCH STREAKS CAN BE VERY COSTLY ON YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS, NOT TO MENTION YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD. ABNER'S CRIES OF "WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE? CAN WE STOP THIS CRAZINESS" ARE SOMETIMES THE QUESTIONS WE NEED TO CONSIDER WHEN PRIDE FILLS OUR HEART.