

# David 6 – Saul's Death-King David

1. Recap from last time
  1. Samuel has now died
  2. David sneaks up on Saul again
  3. David despairs and goes off to Gath to live with the Philistines
  4. Saul hits an all time low by going to a medium
  5. David offers to fight for the Philistines against Saul but is not wanted
  6. The Amalekites attack their city of Ziklag while they are away and David's band nearly rebel and kill him
  7. But this does not happen and they get everything back including their families
  8. Psalm 40 – written at this time
  
2. So we come to the final chapter of Saul's life-
  1. 1 Samuel 31 v1 – What had happened to Saul's crack troops?
  2. 2-7 The royal family is killed and the people flee
  3. Q Was it fair that Jonathan died?
  4. Ezekiel 18 30-32 – could be referring to some of what is happening here according to some commentaries.
  5. 8-13
  6. 1 Chronicles 10 V 10 – Q What were the Philistines trying to show here? A Their god Dagon was stronger than the Israelite one..
  
3. 2 Samuel 1
  1. 1-12
  2. 13-16 Q So what do we think about what happened to the man who claimed to have killed Saul? Did he think David would have been pleased by his boast.
  3. 17-27 This is a lament for the loss of Saul and Jonathan – This was both personal grief for David and national grief for the Israelites. Is it a surprise that this is here? Should not David be celebrating
  
4. 2 Samuel 2
  1. 1-7 Q So what is the first thing that David does? A Enquired of the Lord.. So David becomes king of Judah in 1010BC. Judah was an area that had been largely out of Saul's control.
  2. 8-11 Abner the army commander makes Ish- Bosheth son of Saul king of Israel
  3. The next section covers the exploits of Abner and Joab

4. 12-16; Q What do we think about the entertainment described in v14?
5. 17-23; 24-27; 28-32
5. 2 Samuel 3
  1. 1 So civil war resulted
  2. 2-5 – a side track here. Up to this point David has had 7 wives and fathered 7 named children. By the time he becomes king of all Israel the point we are getting to in this study he has 8 named wives and some unnamed ones, 20 named sons and 1 named daughter – according to a guide.
  3. 6-14; 15-21 Q So what is Abner trying to do? - A change sides Q What is David's response? A I want my wife back. Q Do we think this is a sign of true love? Q Why was Ish-Bosheth so keen to give Michal back to David?
  4. 22-27; 28-32; 33-39 Q What do we think about Joab killing Abner-why did he kill him? It is a dog eat dog world – Where does God fit in?
6. 2 Samuel 4 – The story gets even more bizarre here.
  1. 1-12 Q What did Baanah and Recab do? Q Why was David not pleased? Q What did he do?
  2. As with the death of Abner, David considered the death of the Israelite king as murder, an innocent man hacked down while his defences were down. If this had occurred in battle, perhaps he might have felt differently, but this was an innocent man murdered by men who looked for an opportunity to get in with him
  3. Matthew 5 43-48 God gives us some guidance on how we should treat our enemies.
7. 2 Samuel 5 – The previous chapters have been written as if they were an eyewitness account here the style changes back to an official history
  1. 1-5 David becomes king over all Israel in 1003BC
  2. 6-12 He wants his capital back so takes Jerusalem
  3. 13-16 David has more wives and children
8. It has taken David a very long time to become king. In the last 8 years of David's life which we have covered in this study the following key 8 points have taken place
  1. David's reaction to the death of Saul (2 Samuel 1:1-16)
  2. David made king over Judah (2 Samuel 2:1-7)
  3. Conflict between Abner and Joab (2 Samuel 2:8-32)
  4. Abner seeking to make a treaty with David (2 Samuel 3:6-21)
  5. Joab killing Abner (2 Samuel 3:22-27)
  6. David's reaction to this (2 Samuel 3:28-39)

7. Ish-Bosheth's death (2 Samuel 4:1-12)
8. David made king over all Israel. (2 Samuel 5:1-16)
  
9. Psalm 78
  1. This is a narrative that shows God's mercies on Israel following on from their sins and ends with David. Showing that God's purposes will prevail.
  2. 70-72
  
10. End Challenge – We had one last time - how do we keep our eyes focused on God? – This time it is how do we cope with our enemies? How does Psalm 35 compare to what Jesus said in Matthew 5