

## **15 – A KINGDOM DIVIDED (2 SAMUEL 1:1-2:32)**

### I. The Report Concerning Saul (2 Samuel 1:1-27)

- On the third day after returning to Ziklag, a man came to David from the battlefield.
- When David questioned the man, he stated that he escaped from the Israelite camp.
- Wanting to know the news, David asked for a report from the battle with the Philistines.
- The man reported that Israel fled before the Philistines and Saul and his sons were dead.
- David wanted to know how the man knew that Saul was dead.
- The man stated that he came upon Saul dying on the battlefield.
- Saul requested that the man kill him so that the Philistines could not capture him.
- The Amalekite killed Saul and took his crown and armlet, which he brought to David.
- David and his men responded to the report by tearing their clothes and mourning for Saul.
- David wanted to know more about the young man and he asked where he was from.
- The man identified that he was a son of an alien in Israel.
- David then questioned why he was not afraid to lift his hand against the Lord's anointed.
- David then ordered the young man executed for his own testimony of killing Saul.
- David composed a lamentation concerning the death of Saul and Jonathan.

### II. The King of Judah (2 Samuel 2:1-7)

- David asked the Lord if he should return to any of the cities in Judah.
- The Lord told David to return to Hebron, which he did with his men and their families.
- The men of Judah anointed David, King of Judah.
- They reported that the men of Jabesh Gilead buried Saul and his sons.
- David sent men to bless Jabesh Gilead for their kindness to Saul and his sons in their death.
- He also told them that the house of Judah had anointed him as their king.

### III. Two Kings (2 Samuel 2:8-32)

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## A. Ishbosheth (2:8-11)

- Abner took Saul's son, Ishbosheth, and made him king over Israel.
- Ishbosheth was forty years old when he became king and only reigned two years.
- David was King over Judah for 7 years and 6 months.

## B. The Conflict (2:12-32)

- Abner and his men met Joab and his men at the pool of Gibeon.
- They agreed to allow twelve from each side engaged in ritual combat.
- The twelve men from each side killed each other as they battled.
- That was followed by a fierce battle in which Abner and his men fled as they were losing.
- Joab's brother pursue Abner, who warned him to turn aside before killing him.
- After being pursued by Joab, Abner called him to a cease fire on the battlefield.
- Abner and his men returned to Israel, As Joab and his other brother buried their slain brother.