

## **26 – SAUL’S SONS & DAVID’S SONG (2 SAMUEL 21:1-22:51; 1 CHRONICLES 20:4-8)**

### I. Retribution Against Saul’s House (2 Samuel 21:1-14)

#### A. The Famine (21:1)

- During David’s reign, there was a famine in the land that lasted three years.
- David inquired of the Lord concerning the famine.
- The Lord responded that it was due to Saul and his killing of the Gibeonites.

#### B. The Gibeonites (21:2-6)

- David called for the Gibeonites and spoke with them concerning Saul’s sin against them.
- Gibeonites did not want gold or silver and David’s justice against anyone.
- They wanted seven of Saul’s descendants to be delivered to them for retribution execution.
- David agreed to their request for retribution against seven of Saul’s descendants.

#### C. Saul’s Sons (21:7-9)

- David spared Mephibosheth for the sake of his covenant with Jonathan.
- He then gave the Gibeonites two sons of Saul’s concubine and five sons from his daughter.
- They were executed and their bodies left exposed at the beginning of the barley harvest.

#### D. A Proper Burial (21:10-14)

- Saul’s concubine Rizpah watched over the bodies until the rains came.
- David heard of Rizpah’s actions and he made arrangements for a proper burial.
- David took the bones of Saul and his sons from Jabesh Gilead.
- He had their bones placed in the tomb of Saul’s father Kish.
- After this, the Lord heeded the prayer for the land.

### II. David’s Final Battle (2 Samuel 21:15-22; 1 Chronicles 20:4-8)

#### A. David’s Final Conflict (21:15-17)

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- The Philistines went to war against Israel again.
- David and his men went to fight the Philistines and David grew faint because of age.
- Ishbi-Benob, son of Goliath, sought to kill David.
- Abishai came to David's aid and killed the Philistine.
- David's men would no longer allow him to fight, lest the lamp of Israel be put out.

## B. The Sons of the Giant (21:18-22; 1 Chronicles 20:4-8)

- There were further battles against the Philistines and the four sons of Goliath were killed.

## III. David's Song (2 Samuel 22:1-51)

### A. Words of Praise (22:1-4)

- This Song is also recorded in Psalm 18.
- It is a song from David concerning his deliverance from his enemies.
- David begins his song by listing his personal descriptions of God.

### B. David's Deliverance (22:5-20)

- David recounts how being overwhelmed to the point of death, he called out to the Lord.
- David proclaims that the Lord heard his cries and responded in his protective anger.

### C. The Blessings of Deliverance (22:21-30)

- David proclaims the benefits of God in his life.
- He states that he was blessed by the Lord because of his faithful perseverance in godliness.

### D. The Outcome of the Deliverance (21:31-46)

- David proclaims the strength and power of God.
- He praises the Lord for actions toward David that resulted in victory over his enemies.
- David proclaims that it is the Lord who has delivered and exalted him.

### E. The Final Words of Praise (21:47-51)

- David proclaims the Lord as his salvation and deliverer.