

II Samuel 1-5

Historical Books II
Lecture #10

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II Samuel

Chapter 1

David Laments for Saul

The Tale of the Amalekite

- David learns of Saul's defeat from an Amalekite that shows up at Ziklag.
- The Amalekite claims to have killed Saul.
- I think he is lying and looking for an easy reward.



David's Lament

The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places:
how are the mighty fallen!

Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Askelon;
lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,
lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

Ye mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain,
upon you, nor fields of offerings:
for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away,
the shield of Saul, as though he had not been anointed with oil.

From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty,
the bow of Jonathan turned not back,
and the sword of Saul returned not empty.

Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives,
and in their death they were not divided:
they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights,
who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle!
O Jonathan,
thou wast slain in thine high places.

I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan:
very pleasant hast thou been unto me:
thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

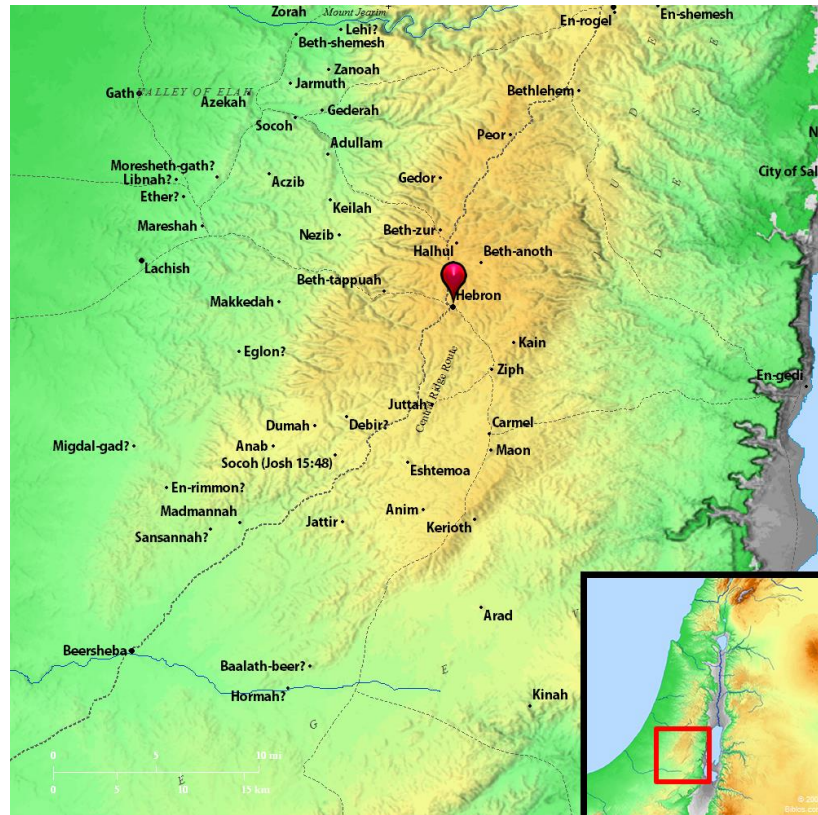
How are the mighty fallen,
and the weapons of war perished!

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Chapter 2

David, King over Judah

Anointed King of Judah



- David enquires of the Lord if he should return, answer is yes.
- His men and family return to Judah with him.
- He is anointed king over the single tribe of Judah at Hebron.

Jabesh-Gilead

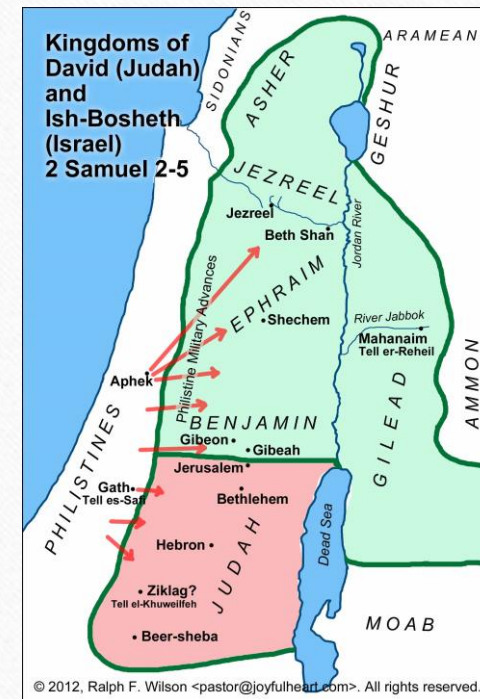
- David's first official act as king is to thank the men of Jabesh-Gilead for caring for the bodies of Saul and his sons.



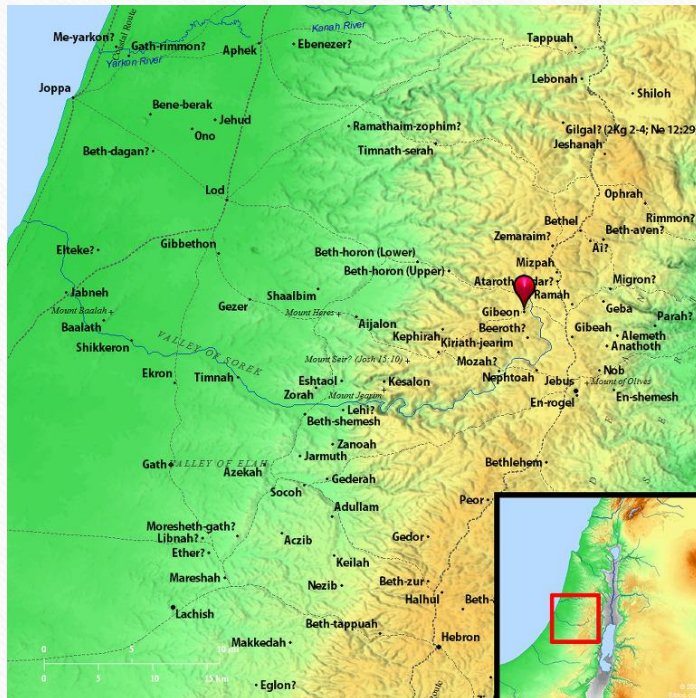
THE MEN OF JABESH MOURNING OVER THE GRAVE OF SAUL AND JONATHAN.

Ishbosheth

- Saul's general, Abner, anoints Saul's 40-year-old son as king over the rest of Israel.
- He is called two names:
 - Ishbosheth – “man of shame”
 - Eshbaal – “man of Baal”

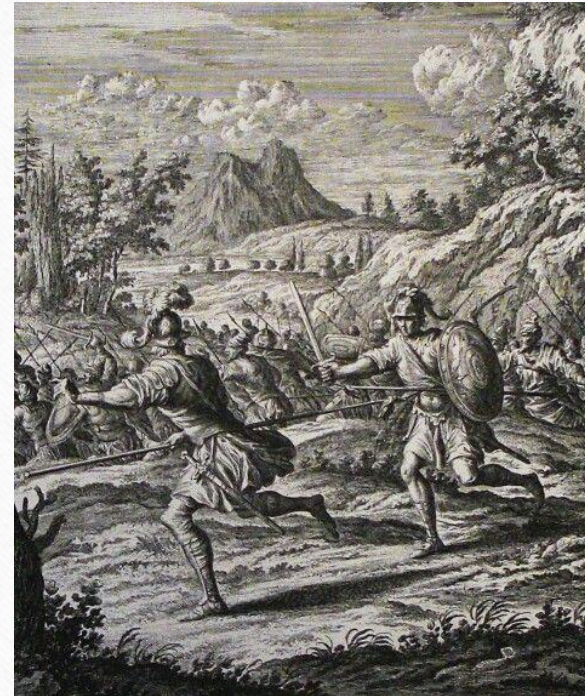


Gibeon



Battle of Gibeon

- Begins with a 12 vs. 12 skirmish, in which the men quickly kill each other.
- Abner kills Asahel (Joab's brother).
- Abner and his men escape over Jordan.



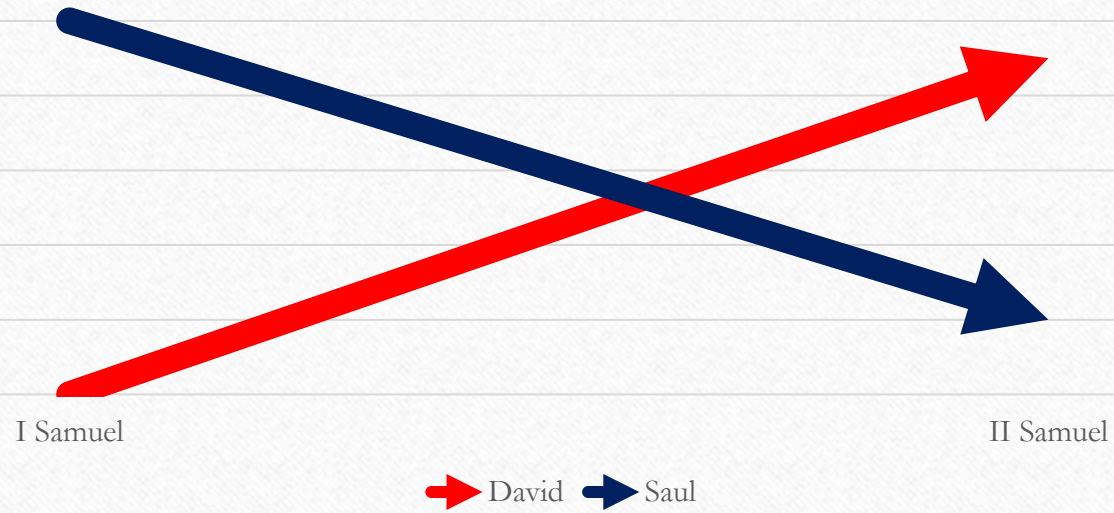
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Abner's Machinations

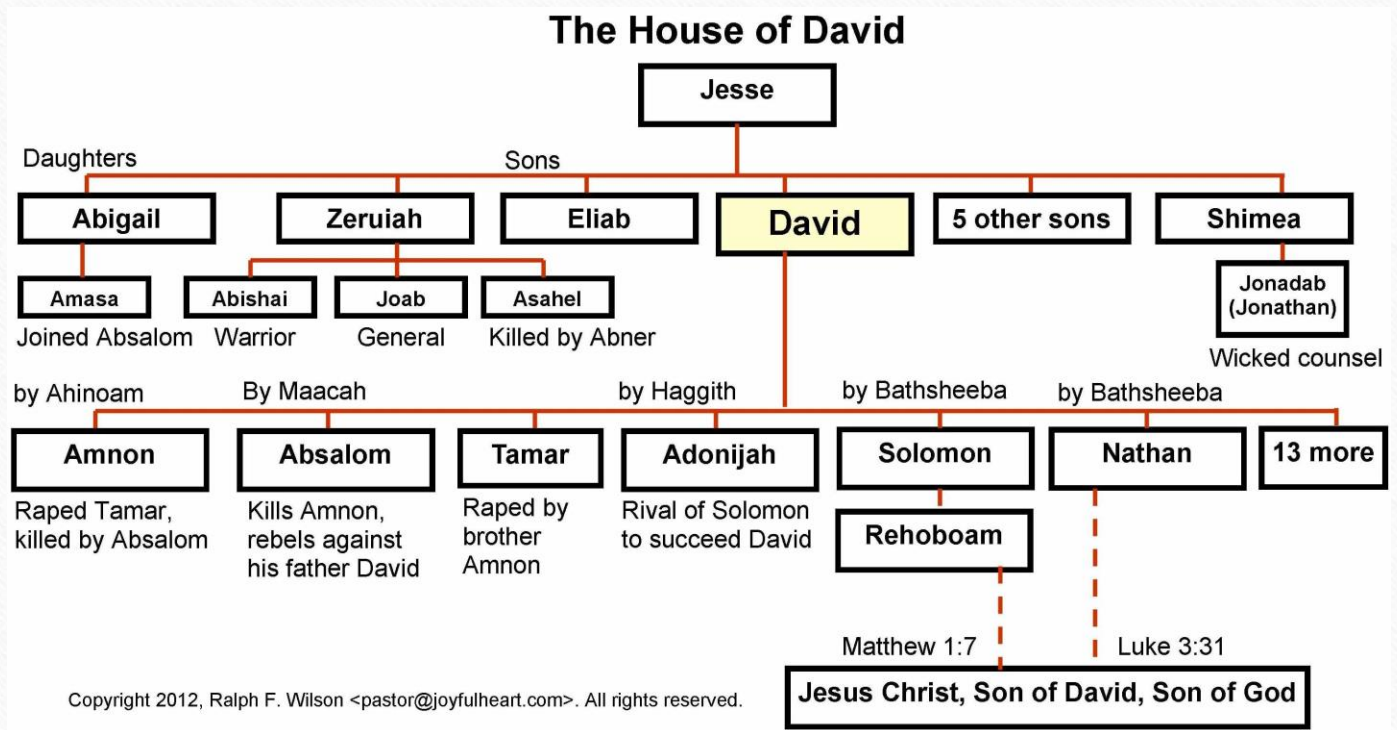
Trends

Power of David's house and Saul's house



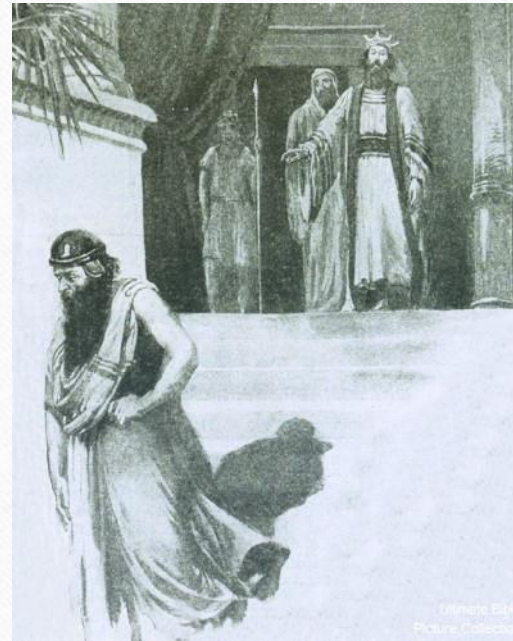
David's Growing Family

- Amnon – firstborn
- Chileab – died young?
- Absalom
- Adonijah
- David's first capital is at Hebron



Abner's Power

- Abner is the real power behind Ishbosheth.
- Abner is accused of encroaching on the royal house via alleged relations with Saul's concubine.
- Abner seeks an alliance with David.



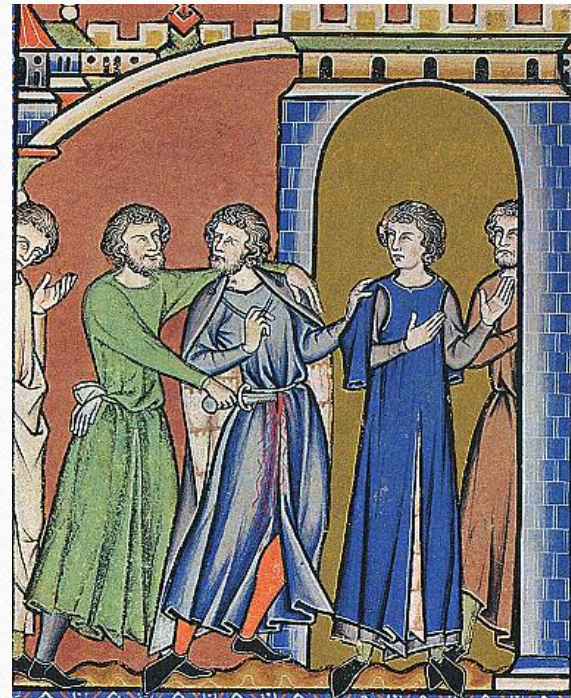
Michal Returns

- While Saul was hunting David, Michal had been married to another man, Phaltiel.
- David requests her return to him.
- This is something of a power move, uniting him again with Saul's house.



Joab

- Joab is not privy to David and Abner's schemes.
- I think he is right in not trusting Abner, but his distrust is fueled by his hatred of his brother's killer.
- Joab murders Abner.
- David distances himself from Joab's actions.



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Chapter 4

Death of Ishbosheth

Assassination of Ishbosheth

- Abner's death weakens Ishbosheth's hold on his kingdom.
- Two of his lieutenants kill assassinate him.
- They chop off his head and take it to David.



David's Reaction

- David reacts as he did with the Amalekite that claimed to have killed Saul.
- He has the two men killed and displayed as a warning to others.
- David distances himself from this Ishbosheth's death like he did Abner's.



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Chapter 5

David, King over Israel

Anointed King Over All Israel

- After Ishbosheth's death, all the tribes unite under David's rule.
- He will reign for 40 years.
 - 7 ½ over Judah
 - 33 over all Israel



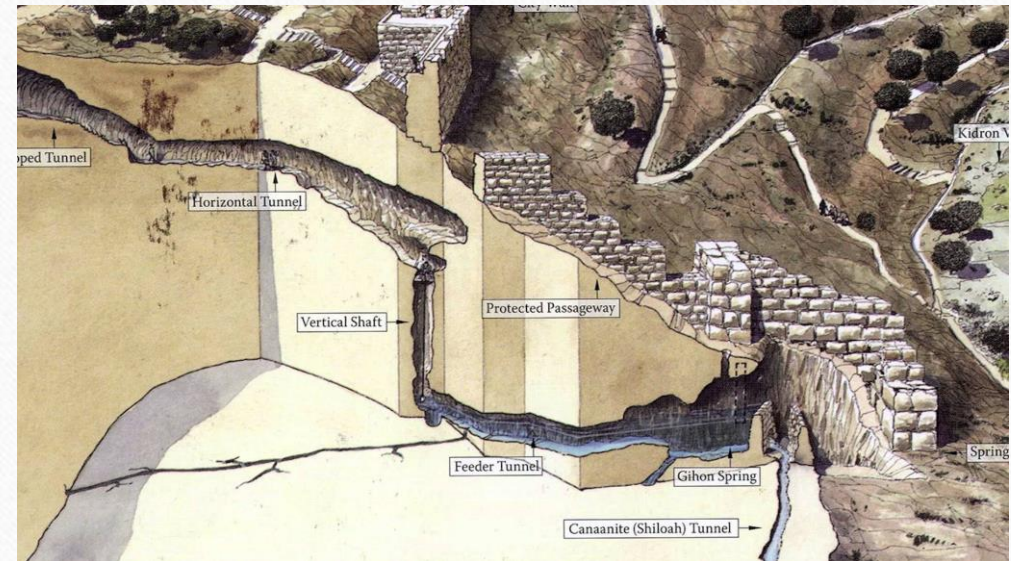
A New Capital

- Jerusalem was strategically located on the border of Judah and Benjamin.
- No one tribe could claim it, giving it a certain neutrality.



Capture of Jerusalem

- The fortified city is taken by Joab.
- The defenses are bypassed by attacking through a system of tunnels.
- Joab's victory cements his place as David's general.



Hiram and Tyre

- Hiram, king of the Phoenecian city-state of Tyre, forms an alliance with David.
- He sends cedar wood and artisans to help build David a palace.



Battle of Baal-Perazim

- The Philistines appear to be threatened by David's new capital and attack.
- The Philistines are completely routed from the battlefield, leaving behind their idols.



Battle of Geba

- The Philistines attack again through the Valley of Rephaim.
- God instructs David to sneak up behind the Philistines.
- God causes a stir in the trees, probably spooking the Philistines.
- David drives them back to their homeland.



Next Week...

David, the Ark, the Temple, the
Davidic Covenant... and more!!!