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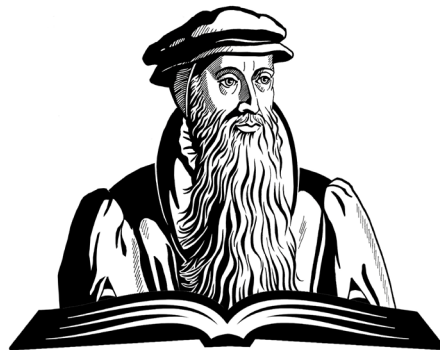
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The Second Book of Samuel, chapters 1 thru 5

Memory Verse

“Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the House of David, but David waxed stronger and stronger, but the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.”

2 Samuel 3:1

Historical Summary

After Saul had died, David heard an account about how he died. A young man came to tell David, thinking that David would be happy to hear of it. This young man said he found Saul with a mortal wound, and upon Saul’s request, he killed him. But Saul actually had committed suicide (see 1 Samuel 31). This young man lied, because he thought David would give him a reward. When David heard the news, he raised a cry of lamentation, and he had the young man killed.

David knew that he had been appointed by God to become king of Israel. But the way he would become king lay through much tribulation. Saul’s family and all Saul’s friends were not ready to bow to David. It was common that when a king died, his son would become king. So many believed that the next king should be a son of Saul. Saul’s followers wanted Saul’s remaining son, Ishbosheth to be king, and David’s followers wanted David to be king. Those who favored David developed a wicked plan to kill Ishbosheth. But when David heard of it, he had the murderers killed, and their bodies hung on public display. Everyone could see that David was displeased and was not part of this plan. Many also knew that David was especially anointed by God to be the king of Israel.



For many years, there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David. Still, there were times of attempted peace, only to be followed again by another outbreak of war. Many died on both sides, but in the end, it became clear that it was David who was to be the next king over God’s covenant people. One such outbreak led to the death of Abner, Saul’s captain. But instead of rejoicing, David mourned his death, and even joined the funeral procession. Here David is clearly a type of the Lord Jesus who also mourned over an unrepentant Jerusalem.

David's reign over Israel lasted over forty years. At first, his home was in Hebron, where the men of Judah anointed David king over them. Seven years later, after Ishbosheth was killed, the elders of Israel came to Hebron and made David king over all of Israel. Then David took possession of the stronghold at Jerusalem, and he moved his family and all his household there. It became known as the City of David.

After David became king, many came to support him and to honor him. The Philistines however were afraid the kingdom of Israel would grow under David's leadership, so they came up in battle against Israel. But each time, the Lord helped David and his men to defeat their enemies.

The Gospel in the Old Testament

The destiny of the house of Saul and of David was fixed in God's hand. Saul was wicked, and therefore God rejected him. Sometimes he seemed to repent, but he had no sorrow of heart in his repentance. Therefore his kingdom was taken from him and given to another. David's kingdom pointed to an everlasting kingdom which shall never come to an end. It is a kingdom built by grace, by the undeserved favor of God. About a thousand years later, the greater David, the Lord Jesus Christ, came to suffer and die in the place of guilty sinners. From these reconciled ones, God builds an everlasting kingdom, and all the powers of the devil shall never prevail against it.

Questions

1. What was David's response to the news of Saul's death?
 - a. He rejoiced and sang a song of victory.
 - b. He published the news of Saul's death to all his men.
 - c. He mourned with a great lamentation.
 - d. He congratulated the man who said he had killed Saul.
2. Who were the generals that led the armies of Saul and of David?
 - a. Abner and Joab
 - b. Ishbosheth and Asahel
 - c. Abishai and Joab
 - d. Abner and Asahel
3. What was the name of the Saul's captain whose death David mourned?
 - a. Abner
 - b. Ishbosheth
 - c. Jehu
 - d. Absolum
4. How did Ishbosheth, the son of Saul, die?
 - a. He was killed in battle
 - b. He was murdered by two captains.
 - c. He fell on his own sword.
 - d. He was killed by a wild animal

5. Which of the following is not an example of David becoming great in Jerusalem?
- a. Hiram built him a house.
 - b. The people praising him for his past performances
 - c. Defeated by the Philistines.
 - d. David sensing God helping him in many ways.

Discussions

1. Although Saul was a wicked king, why was his death a cause of lamentation?

2. Since David was God's anointed, why was there so much opposition to him becoming king?

3. Show from the history of Abner that David was a type of Christ.

4. Why do you think David was angry with those who opposed the house of Saul?

5. Each time the Philistines came to fight, David inquired of the Lord, and the Lord showed him different methods or strategies to fight, and he was victorious. Why do you think David was instructed to use different methods?

6. Why did Saul's kingdom fail, and David's kingdom prevail? What really made the difference between the two kingdoms.
