

Lesson 13
David Rises to the Throne – Part 1
(2 Samuel 1:1 – 2:32)

Questions

1. What news did David learn when he returned to Ziklag (1:1-10)?

2. How did David respond to this news and what did he have done with the Amalekite (11:11-16)?

3. How did David, in his lamentation, describe Saul and the love that Jonathan had for David (1:17-27)?

4. Where did David, his wives, and his men move to and what happened to him there (2:1-4)?

5. What message did David send to the men of Jabesh-gilead (2:4-7)?

6. Who was made king over Israel and who was made king over Judah (2:8-11)?

7. Who died at the pool of Gibeon (2:12-17)?

8. Who was Asahel and how did he die (2:18-23)?

9. Why did the fighting between the men of David and Abner cease (2:24-29)?

10. How many of David's men died and how many of Abner's men died (2:30-32)?

Digging Deeper

1. Locate the following on a map: Ziklag (1:1), Hebron (2:1-4), Jabesh-gilead (2:5), Mahanaim (2:8), Gibeon (2:12), Ammah and Giah (2:24).
2. How do you resolve the apparent conflict between 1 Samuel 31:4 and 2 Samuel 1:10 regarding how Saul died?
3. How did Jonathan's love for David surpass "the love of women" (1:26)?
4. Where had David been living before he moved to Hebron (2:1-4)?
5. What does Helkath-hazzurim mean (2:16)?
6. How were Zeruah, Joab, Abishai, and Asahel related to David (2:18; 1 Chron. 2:16).

Applications for Today

1. Show respect for the disrespected. Continue to return good for evil even after death (1:17-27; Rom. 12:14-21).
2. Even mighty men can fall (1:19, 25, 27; 1 Cor. 10:12).
3. It is good to have a close friend whom you love like your own soul to make it through the trials of life (1:26; Prov. 17:17; 27:9, 17).
4. People who are kind will be repaid with kindness (2:5-6; Prov. 21:21).
5. Civil war and in-fighting among brethren is not good and will bring nothing but bitterness (2:26; Gal. 5:15, 19-20).