

**Lesson 14**  
David Rises to the Throne – Part 2  
( 2 Samuel 3:1 – 4:12 )

**Questions**

1. What happened between the houses of Saul and David (3:1)?
  
2. How many sons were born to David in Hebron and how many wives did he have there (3:2-5; see also 1 Chron. 3:1-4)?
  
3. What was Abner's response to Ishbosheth about the charge brought against him concerning Saul's concubine, Rizpah (3:6-11)?
  
4. What request did David make of Abner before he would make a league with him (3:12-16)?
  
5. What did Abner say to the elders of Israel and to David concerning David being the king to replace Saul (3:17-21)?
  
6. What did Joab say to David concerning Abner (3:22-26)?
  
7. Why did Joab and Abishai kill Abner (3:27-30)?
  
8. How did David and the people respond to Abner's death (3:31-39)?
  
9. How did Ishbosheth and the Israelites respond to Abner's death (4:1-3)?

10. What happened to Mephibosheth, Jonathan's son (4:4)?

11. What did Rechab and Baanah do to Ishbosheth and how did David respond to them (4:5-12)?

### **Digging Deeper**

1. Locate the following on a map: Hebron (3:2), Bahurim (3:16), the well of Sirah (3:26), Beeroth (4:2), and the Arabah (4:7).

2. What is the meaning of Abner's reference to a "dog's head that belongs to Judah" (3:8)?

3. Where in 1 Samuel did David fight the Philistines to have Michal's hand in marriage and where had Michal been given to Paltiel (3:13-15)?

4. Where in 2 Samuel are we told of Asahel's death at the hands of Abner (3:30)?

5. Where in 2 Samuel do we read about David having the Amalekite messenger killed (4:10)?

### **Applications for Today**

1. Civil war and in-fighting among brethren is not good and will bring nothing but bitterness (2:26; 3:1, 6; Gal. 5:15, 19-20).

2. The Lord rewards the evil-doer according to his wickedness (3:39; 4:11; Ex. 23:7; Psa. 34:21; 109:20).

3. Revenge and returning evil for evil is not God's way (3:29; 4:11-12; Rom. 12:17-21).

4. The wicked slay the righteous and good news to the wicked is bad news to the righteous (4:10; Psa. 37:32; Isa. 5:20)