

David's Reign Begins 2 Samuel 2-5

I. David is King over Judah – 2 Sam. 2

1. David seeks God's direction - 2:1-7
God sends him Hebron, a town in Judah – 1-3
His wives, His men & their families settle there
He is there anointed king over Judah - 4
He honors men who rescued Saul's body - 5-7
2. Ishbosheth, Saul's son rules Israel - 8-10
Abner leads the people in crowning Ishbosheth
Ishbosheth reigns for 2 years
3. David reigns over Judah – 10-11
He must wait for God's time for 7 ½ years
4. During this time there is civil war – 12-32
Israel and Judah fight against one another
Many are slain in these battles
Asahel, Joab's brother is killed by Abner – 19-24
This creates "bad-blood" between two leaders
Abner seeks peace with Joab – 25-32
Fighting ceases and Asahel is buried

II. David's Kingdom Grows – 3-4

1. In war David and Judah prevail – 3:1
David grows stronger as Saul's house weakens
2. David's family grows as he reigns – 2-6
More children are born during his time in Hebron
3. Abner deserts Israel to join David - 7-16
Abner and Ishbosheth have a falling out – 7-11
Abner seeks peace with David – 12
David requires the return of his wife Michal – 13-16
4. Abner encourages Israel to join David – 17-21
He reminds them that David was their choice
5. Joab is angry and kills Abner - 22-27
Joab expresses his anger to David – 24-25
Joab murders Abner – 26-27
6. David speaks out against Joab's act - 28-39
Mourned for Abner & won hearts of the people
7. Ishbosheth is murdered in his bed - 4:1-7
Abner's death weakens Ishbosheth's rule
Saul's family has no one to follow Ishbosheth
8. David executes the murderers – 8-12
He takes no pleasure in the death of his enemies
He has the guilty ones executed
He is content to wait for God's time

III. David Reigns in God's Time – 5

1. David is crowned king over all Israel - 5:1-5
The elders of Israel ask him to be their king – 1
They acknowledge that he is God's choice – 2
David entered into a peace treaty with them - 3
After 7 ½ years he finally becomes king – 4-5
2. God's man patiently waits for God's time
From time of anointing, many years to crowning
"Them that honor me I will honor" - 1 Sam. 2:30
3. David makes Jerusalem capital – 6-12

- God gave him a great victory over the Jebusites
4. David's family grows – 13-16
David added more wives & concubines
Many children are added to the family
 5. God leads David in battle – 17-25
Philistines hear he is king & they seek him
God directs him assuring him of victory
God gave David a specific plan for battle