

- Recap of last week: the great Prophet Samuel dies (1 Samuel 25:1) David has two chances to kill Saul but both times he takes something that shows he was close enough to kill him but he didn't. (1 Samuel 24 and 1 Samuel 26). A rich guy named Nabal disrespects David and his men, but before they can kill him Abigail his good wife intervenes. He dies and David marries Abigail. (1 Samuel 25). David flees to the land of the Philistines and makes them think he is on their side by raiding towns in Israel and bring back things when he is actually raiding towns in their land. He gets away with this for one year and four months (1 Samuel 27). Finally, the Philistine commanders, afraid that David's men will turn on them in their battle with Israel send him home. (1 Samuel 28 and 29). David's men go back home and find out that their wives and children have been taken, then God authorizes a raid and David gets back all that was taken from him and more. The army doesn't want to give the people who didn't fight any of the extra spoil they took but David orders them to split it with them anyway. (1 Samuel 30) Saul and Jonathan are killed in battle. (1 Samuel 31)
 - A guy from among the Amalekites tells David of Saul and Jonathan's death and claims to have killed them at their request because they were already mortally wounded. He tells them he also took the crown and armband from him and brought them to David. (2 Samuel 1:1-10)
 - David and his men tear their clothes and mourn. David also has the Amalekite executed for "killing God's anointed." (2 Samuel 1:11-16)
 - Note that David is truly sorry all this has happened not just to Jonathan but to Saul also. Jesus taught us that it is easy to love those who love you, but we are also to love our enemies. (Matthew 5:43-47)
 - David launches into a famous Lamentation of Saul and Jonathan's death. There is also a reference to this lamentation being also recorded in the "Book of Jasher." (2 Samuel 1:17-27)
 - That "Book of Jasher" was referred to a couple of times in the Old Testament and was most likely either some kind of hymnal or a book used to train soldiers. It's original meaning in Hebrews is roughly "Book of the Upright." This book was most likely lost. There are some who claim to have found a version and translated it in the 1700's. That was proven to be forgery.
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- David ascends to the throne and is recognized as the king by Judah but Abner the captain of Saul's army makes Saul's son named Ish-boseth king and he is recognized by the nation of Israel. A fierce battle ensues where David's side loses 20 people but Abner's side loses 360. (2 Samuel 2)
 - War continues and David keeps winning. Meanwhile Abner does whatever he wants with women in the court and Ish-boseth does not dare to oppose him because he is actually scared of him. (2 Samuel 3:1-11)
 - Abner finally turns against Ish-boseth and reaches out to David to form an alliance. He even goes to feast with David. (2 Samuel 3:12-21)

- Remember that people can often sense when you are afraid of them, especially when you see them doing something wrong and don't oppose them. Remember that like Abner they might just turn against you anyway. But God will reward you for it if you stand up for what is right. (1 Peter 3:14) Note: this verse is in the context of people facing far worse circumstances than we probably ever will.
- A guy in David's army named Joab does not believe Abner's peace overture is sincere. He has good reason to distrust Abner because Abner had personally killed his brother – he was one of the twenty who died in that first battle in Second Samuel chapter 2. Joab kills Abner. (2 Samuel 3:22-30)
- David also mourns the death of Abner. Remember that Abner had succeeded David as commander of Saul's army when they started going after David. David also says that the people who killed Abner were not authorized by him to do so and that they were avenging their brother so they will pay. (2 Samuel 3:31-39)
- After Abner's death, Ish-Boseth's kingdom starts to fall apart. Two men named Rechab and Baanah end up killing Ish-Boseth in his bed. They think David will be happy but he isn't and has them put to death in a very public way. Meanwhile a guy named Mephibosheth who was Jonathan's son was a cripple from birth but his nurse (he was five at the time) helped him escape. (2 Samuel 4)
- David consolidates his kingdom now; all Israel accepts him as the Lord's anointed King. Whereas David was king over only Judah for 7 and a half years, he is king over all Israel, including Judah, for 33 years. (2 Samuel 5:1-5)
- David sets up shop in Jerusalem and embarks on a lot of construction to fortify the city, and even gets help from the king of Tyre who sends wood and carpenters. It even becomes known as the city of David. (2 Samuel 5:6-12)
- David takes more wives and concubines in Israel and has children, including one named Solomon (who will eventually become the next king). (2 Samuel 5:13-16)
- Israel's old enemies the Philistines attack again because they hear King David is getting strong. David consults God about how to attack. God tells him, he follows instructions, and wins big. (2 Samuel 5:17-25)
- David assembled the army to go get the ark of the covenant to bring it back to Jerusalem and everyone is really happy that is happening. As they are bringing it back, the Ark almost falls off the cart and a guy named Uzzah goes to steady it. He is not authorized by God to touch the ark, and so he is killed immediately. (2 Samuel 6:1-7)
- David is angry that God killed Uzzah and worries about taking the ark into Jerusalem so he leaves it in the house of a guy named Obed-Edom. God blesses their house while it is there. (2 Samuel 6:1-11)
- Three months later David hears about this and goes and get the ark with a lot of fanfare. Even David dances almost naked and very vigorously. (2 Samuel 6:12-14)
- Saul's daughter Michal (remember that David was once married to her in I Samuel 19) sees David and gets mad and confronts David saying this is inappropriate behavior for a king, especially since there were women there. David argues back and says it was to God's glory. Michal ends up being childless the rest of her life. (2 Samuel 6:15-23)

Questions

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2 Samuel 1-6

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1. What did the Amalekite who killed Saul and Jonathan take from them?
2. What does David do to the Amalekite who killed Saul and Jonathan?
3. Why is David truly sorry that Saul is dead?
4. What is the book of Jashar?
5. Who is Ish-boseth?
6. Why does Abner change sides?
7. Why does Joab kill Abner?
8. Is David happy that Abner is dead?
9. Who was Mephibosheth and who helped him escape?
10. How long is David king over Judah?
11. What city is known as the city of David? Why?
12. Who is David's first big military battle against as king of Israel and Judah?
13. What does David want to bring back to Jerusalem?
14. Who is Uzzah and what happens to him?
15. What happens when David finally does bring the ark to Jerusalem?

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