

But it is God who judges: He brings one down,
he exalts another.

"ONE KING DIES . . . A NEW KING REIGNS"

READ 1 Samuel 31:1-13 and 2 Samuel 1:1 - 2:32

DAY 1 - READ 1 Samuel 31:1-13; 2 Samuel 1:1 - 2:32

1. What was a new thought to you from last week's lesson/lecture?

2. In today's reading, what main event happened at these locations?
 - a. Mount Gilboa
 - b. Beth Shan
 - c. Jabesh
 - d. Ziklag
 - e. Hebron
 - f. Helkath Hazurim
 - g. Bethlehem

DAY 2 - REVIEW 1 Samuel 31:1-13

3. a. Name Saul's three sons who died in battle.

b. What significance do you think their deaths had on David's future as king?

4. a. What was Saul's overriding concern after he was wounded?

b. Share what you think some of your thoughts would be if you knew your death was impending.

c. What is the most comforting thought about death that Scripture has revealed to you?

5. a. How did Saul and his armor-bearer die?

b. What do you learn in 1 Chronicles 10:13-14?

c. What comes to your mind at the mention of the word "suicide?"

DAY 2 – (Continued) REVIEW 1 Samuel 31:1-13

6. What did the Philistines do to Saul's body?

... his head (1 Chronicles 10:10)?

7. a. Review 1 Samuel 11:1-11. Why would the men of Jabesh Gilead care about Saul?

b. What do you see as the value of an official mourning period/funeral?

DAY 3 - REVIEW 2 Samuel 1:1-16

8. In the report of Saul's death to David . . .

a. Who brought the news and how did he approach David?

b. What lie was told?

c. What do you think the messenger expected?

d. What consequence did the lie bring?

9. What emotions do you see in David in these verses?

10. Think for a moment of the immensity of loss for the nation. So many had died including the leadership. The enemy was in occupation. How do you think our own country would react in a similar situation?

DAY 4 - REVIEW 2 Samuel 1:17 - 2:7

11. How did David describe Jonathan and Saul in verse 22?

12. What did David find comforting in verse 23?

13. a. David appeared to have loved Jonathan deeply (verse 26) and "his enemy" Saul. What is Jesus' instruction to us in Matthew 5:43-48?

b. How did God act toward his enemies in Romans 5:10?

14. The Lord told David to go to _____. What transpired there?

DAY 4 – (Continued) REVIEW 2 Samuel 1:17 - 2:7

15. What was David's first "official" act?

16. Although grieving, David showed kindness to others. Share a time when you received special kindness.

DAY 5 - REVIEW 2 Samuel 2:8-32

17. _____, commander of Saul's army made _____ king over Israel and he reigned _____ years.

18. What do you learn in verse 11?

19. a. What was the principle of warfare in verses 12-17 that was the same as the battle between David and Goliath?

b. That did not prevent the battle from happening. Who won?

20. The three sons of Zeruiah were there: Joab, Abishai and Asahel (vs.18). Who Was Zeruiah according to 1 Chronicles 2:16?

21. As Abner fled he was pursued by Asahel. What was the outcome of the pursuit?

22. a. A truce was called. What was the loss to David's side?

b. . . . to Abner's side?

23. Before returning to David in Hebron, Joab went to Bethlehem. Why?

24. a. Do you think Joab would consider himself a "winner" or "loser" in this encounter with Abner? Please explain.

b. Share a recent battle you feel you've "won" and what part God played in it.

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PRAYER REQUESTS: