

"Historical Books Of The Bible"

2 Samuel 4:1-12

Wednesday March 18, 2015

2 Samuel 4:5-12

2 Samuel's Purpose – To give a record of the Triumphs and Trials of David, the man after God's own heart.

Theme – "The Reign of David"

2 Samuel 1-10 – David's Triumphs

2 Samuel 2-4 – A Conflict Between David And Saul's Son Over The Throne.

1 Corinthians 10:11

1. Verses 1-7 – The Murder

2. Verses 8-12 – The Judgment

1. Verses 1-7 – The Murder:

2 Samuel 4:1

"heard that Abner had died in Hebron," – 2 Samuel 3:27

The murder of Israel's general Abner was a real problem for David, it was a disaster for Ish-bosheth, Saul's son.

"he lost courage," – Literally "his hands dropped."

"and all Israel was disturbed." – "to tremble inwardly."

2 Samuel 4:2-3

Bee-rothites - "wells"

Joshua 9:14-16

Bee-roth was allotted to Benjamin, Joshua 18:25, in whose possession it continued at the time of David.

Saul attacked these cities that were under a covenant with Israel and gave the spoils to his favorite officers. 1 Samuel 22:7; 2 Samuel 21:1-7

2 Samuel 4:4

"Mephibosheth" – "he scatters shame"; We will meet Mephibosheth again in 2 Samuel 9:1-13; 16:1-4; 19:24-30; and 21:7-8.

1 Samuel 31:2

"And it happened that in her hurry to flee, he fell and became lame." – Often times when we are in a hurry, we trip!

2 Samuel 4:5

Deuteronomy 25:17-19

2 Samuel 4:6

"and they struck him in the belly;" – The identical means of assassination of Abner by Joab, 2 Samuel 3:27.

2 Samuel 4:7

"by way of the Arabah all night." – That is, the valley of the Jordan, through which their way lay from Mahanaim to Hebron.

2. Verses 8-12 – The Judgment:

2 Samuel 4:8

"to David at Hebron" – The distance of Mahanaim to Hebron is 50 miles.

"the LORD has given my lord the king vengeance this day on Saul and his descendants." Even worse, the two murderers told David that the Lord had avenged him!

2 Samuel 4:9

No time in his career had David ever broken God's commandment by murdering somebody in order to accomplish his purposes.

Romans 3:8

1 Corinthians 10:13

2 Samuel 4:10

David is referring to 2 Samuel 1.

2 Samuel 1:14-16

David had opportunity to kill Saul two separate times and he refused to do it, 1 Samuel 23:3-4; 26:7-11.

2 Samuel 4:11

"a righteous man in his own house on his bed," – David refers to Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, as a righteous man; he was a puppet that was used by Abner.

2 Samuel 4:12

"their hands and feet" – These were the parts most instrumental in the committing of the crimes. Hands to kill and feet to flee!

Identified Them As Cursed Individuals: Deuteronomy 21:22-23.

Application:

1. Do The Ends Justify The Means? It Depends On What The Ends Or Goals Are And What Means Are Being Used To Achieve Them.
2. The Murder Took Place At A Residence In The Afternoon At The Time Of Rest. The Enemy Always Seeks The Unguarded And Unprotected Areas And Moments In Our Lives.
3. 2 Samuel 4:9 – "As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life from all distress," – No time In David's Career Had David Ever Broken God's Commandment In Order To Accomplish God's Purpose.