

The Life of King David

Lesson 3 – II Samuel

II Samuel Chapter 3 Student Questions

1. What followed from the events in chapter 2 – 3:1? How are the results described?
2. List the sons of David who were born in Hebron – 3:2-5. For each one, briefly tell what other information you have about them.
3. What did Abner accomplish as the war continued – 3:6?
4. Why was Ishbosheth upset with Abner – 3:7? (Think: Consider what significance Abner's act would have regarding his authority in the kingdom.)
5. How did Abner respond to Ishbosheth – 3:8?
6. What promise did Abner then make to Ishbosheth – 3:9-11? How did Ishbosheth respond and why? (Think: Why would this be significant in the conflict?)
7. Application: What statement did Abner make in verse 9 about David's reign? What does this show about Abner's own conduct? What lessons should we learn?
8. What offer did Abner make to David in 3:12?
9. How did David respond and what condition did he require – 3:13? Who was Michal, and why would David make this request?
10. What demand did David then make of Ishbosheth? What was the result – 3:14-16?
11. What did Abner then urge the elders of Israel to do – 3:17,18? What did he once again acknowledge that he knew about David?
12. What information did Abner then report to David – 3:19? Why would Abner especially need to speak to the people of Benjamin?

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13. Describe the meeting between Abner and David – 3:20. Who went with Abner, and how did David treat them?

14. What promise did Abner make to David – 3:21? How did David respond?

15. Where had Joab been, and what did he learn when he returned – 3:22,23?

16. What accusation did Joab make to David about Abner – 3:24,25? (Think: Was Joab motivated entirely by concern for David and the nation? Explain.)

17. For what purpose did Joab send messengers – 3:26? (Think: Why might he not have told David?)

18. Describe the death of Abner – 3:27.

19. Special Assignment: What motivated Joab in this act (see also verse 30)? Was he justified in what he did? Why or why not?

20. How did David view responsibility for this act – 3:28,29?

21. What consequence did David call for on the house of Joab?

22. Describe the funeral of Abner – 3:31,32. (Think: How was this a rebuke to Joab?)

23. In his lamentation, how did David describe the death of Abner – 3:33,34?

24. What did the people then ask David to do, and how did he respond – 3:35?

25. What did the people think and what did they understand as result of David's conduct – 3:36,37?

26. How did David describe Abner to his servants – 3:38?