

ABNER SHIFTS HIS LOYALTY TO DAVID

(2 Samuel 3)

I. DAVID'S MOVE TO HEBRON (2 Samuel 1-4:12)

- A. The **REPORT** of the death of Saul and Jonathan (1:1-11)
- B. The **EXECUTION** of the Amalekite messenger (1:12-16)
- C. The **EULOGY** of David for his fallen comrades (1:17-27)
- D. David **MOVES** from Ziklag to Hebron (2:1-3)
- E. David is **ANOINTED** king by the men of **JUDAH** (2:4-7)
- F. Saul's son Ishbosheth is anointed **KING** over the **NORTHERN** tribes of Israel (2:8-11)
- G. A **CIVIL WAR** breaks out between the house of Ishbosheth and the house of David (2:12-32)
- H. Six **SONS** are born to David while in Hebron (3:2-5)

I. Saul's son Ishbosheth **ACCUSES** his general Abner of **REVOLT** (3:6-11)

1. Abner was doing everything in his power to _____ Ishbosheth's kingdom, and yet the king accused Abner of _____ with his father's former concubine.

2. Abner was so enraged by these accusations that he swore that he would bring an _____ to the house of Saul, and in the process he committed his _____ to the house of David.

J. Abner **COMES** to David while Joab is absent (3:12-21)

* What was the one condition that David had before he would negotiate with Abner?

1. Verse 17 informs us that even when Saul was _____, at some point the elders of Israel _____ to put David on the throne.

* How did David display his sincere intentions to Abner when he came to visit?

2. Abner made a covenant with David to _____ all of _____ into the hand of the king.

K. Joab and his men RETURN and they hear that Abner had been VISITING the king (3:22-26)

1. Upon Joab's return from raiding, he learned of Abner's secret _____ with his king, and he tried to _____ David that the whole thing was a ruse.
2. Joab _____ an evil plan and sent messengers to get Abner to come back to Hebron so that he could _____ him.

L. Joab seeks REVENGE for his brother's death and MURDERS Abner, and the king grieves (3:27-39)

1. Unknowingly Abner naively walked right into a _____, and Joab _____ him to death out in the street.
2. David _____ his name of any _____ associated with this murder and he sincerely _____ the death of Abner.

* What are several ways in which David publically displayed his anguish?

* How does v. 36 remind you of the early days in Saul's court (1 Samuel 18 in particular)?

3. Thankfully not only the people present in Judah understood that David was completely _____ of any crime, but eventually _____ of Israel came to understand the _____ of the matter.
4. David took this tragic event as a _____ moment to inform his entire royal staff that he was _____ by the ruthless actions of Joab and Abishai, and he was convinced that the Lord would _____ them for it.

* How does this apply to you personally?