SAUL'S SON IS MURDERED, AND DAVID IS ANOINTED KING OVER ALL OF ISRAEL

(2 Samuel 4-5)

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

M. The MURDER of Ishbosheth and the EXECUTION of his assassins by David (4:1-12)

1. The death of Abner was a national tragedy, the people were ______ and the king was ______.

* Why would the narrator insert v. 4 into this gruesome story?

- 2. The two brothers who murdered Ishbosheth brought their ghastly ______ to David as ______ of the monarch's death.
- 3. King David did not want the help of ______ conspirators to further his kingdom, but instead he ______ to rely on the Lord who had faithfully delivered him in the past.

II. DAVID'S REIGN OVER ALL ISRAEL AT JERUSALEM (2 Samuel 5:1-10:19)

A. The elders of all the tribes of Israel ANOINT David as the KING (5:1-5)

- 1. The northern tribes sent a delegation to Hebron ______ that David become ______ king.
- 2. David made a ______ with the elders of the tribes and, "David was _____ years old when he began to reign, and he reigned ______ years."

B. David CONQUERS Jerusalem (5:6-8)

1. The Jebusites thought that their city of Jerusalem was so impregnable that they ______ David and his men saying that even the ______ and the ______ would be able to keep them out. 2. David took the city so ______ that the Jebusites were taken completely by surprise; in fact there is no mention of them in the biblical text of even _____ back.

C. The Lord BLESSES David as King in Jerusalem (5:9-16)

- 1. David named the city after himself, and he ______ its borders, and ______ its walls and foundation.
- 2. The king's success was ______ due to his ______ intelligence, ingenuity, or military might, but it was because *"the Lord God of hosts was ______ him."*
- 3. Because of David's reputation of ______ the empire and swiftly defeating the Jebusites, a foreign king sent ambassadors to Jerusalem to ______ him and build him a _____.

D. David DEFEATS the Philistines – TWICE (5:17-25)

- 1. While David was in Hebron the Philistines probably considered him an ______, because he ______ with Israel, but once he was anointed king over Israel they waged ______ against him.
- 2. As the Philistines ______ themselves for battle, David wisely ______ of the Lord whether he should engage them.

* To whom did David give credit for the victory (v. 20)?

3. As the Philistines came back for a second battle, David once again ______, and the Lord gave him a unique battle ______ for a guaranteed victory.

* How can these two chapters be applied to you personally?