

David's Final Preparations

TEXT: 2 Samuel 21:15-17; 23:1-7; 1 Kings 2:1-9

STORY ELEMENTS:

Setting: circa 970 B.C.

Main Characters: God, David, and Solomon.

Plot: David prepares to die.

Key word(s): “ ”

Climax: 1 Kings 2:4 *That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel..*

David's Final Battle¹

1. (2 Sa. 21:15) Later in David's life, war once again raged between the Hebrews and the Philistines. The Philistines were probably emboldened by new _____ who led them into battle.
2. (2 Sa. 21:16) David, known for his warrior's stamina, finally began to feel his age. In battle, he grew weary and needed his men to rescue him from the hand of _____, a Goliath-like man.²
3. (2 Sa. 21:17) Ishbi-benob's spear weighed approximately 8 pounds, and he wielded a "new sword," which probably referred to some new type of unspecified _____.
4. (2 Sa. 21:17) _____ came to David's aid and slew the giant, after which his men lovingly demanded that their king refrain from future combat.

David's Final Psalm

5. (2 Sa. 23:1-7) David's final written words are recorded here. In this psalm David speaks of four important truths:

- (a) That his psalms were divinely inspired and described them as "_____ ("said" KJV) and confessed "the Spirit of the LORD spake by me." (vs. 2)
- (b) That God singularly blesses the king who recognizes that God is the _____. (vs. 3-5)
- (c) That God's _____ alone is why David's house prospered as it did. (vs. 5)
- (d) That _____ and evil men will ultimately be judged by God. (vs. 7)

David's Final Instructions

6. (1 Kings 2:1-9) As death drew near for David, he gave one final exhortation to his son Solomon:

¹Although the chronological timing of this event is unclear, I included it in this lesson because it seems to fit more appropriately with the latter years of David's reign.

²These "giants" were called Rephaim or Anakim and were renowned for their size and strength. Joshua expelled the Anakim from the hill country of Israel, after which they fled to Philistine cities. (Joshua 11:21-22)

- (a) He charged Solomon to be faithful to God, and he reminded Solomon of God's covenant with his family – that there would always be a man on the throne of David so long as his children _____ the LORD.

(b) He charged Solomon to bring justice to _____ for the murder of Abner and Amasa.

(c) He charged Solomon to always be a friend to the sons of _____.

(d) He charged Solomon to avenge him of the cursing _____.

7. (1 Kings 2:10-12) After _____ years on the throne, David died about 970 B.C.; he was buried in Jerusalem, his beloved city.

Application

8. David charges Solomon to be faithful and obedient to the LORD so that the kingdom would continue, but the book of Kings shows that David's successors did anything but remain faithful to God. David's final words give the backdrop for the coming exile of the Hebrews from the Land and shows how the _____ is the gracious fulfillment of this Davidic covenant.

Luke 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: