

## 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 Battle<sup>1</sup>

- (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 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.<sup>2</sup>
- (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 \_\_\_\_\_.
- (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

- (2 Sa. 23:1-7) David's final written words are recorded here. In this psalm David speaks of four important truths:
  - That his psalms were divinely inspired and described them as " \_\_\_\_\_ " ("said" KJV) and confessed "the Spirit of the LORD spake by me." (vs. 2)
  - That God singularly blesses the king who recognizes that God is the \_\_\_\_\_. (vs. 3-5)
  - That God's \_\_\_\_\_ alone is why David's house prospered as it did. (vs. 5)
  - That \_\_\_\_\_ and evil men will ultimately be judged by God. (vs. 7)

### David's Final Instructions

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

<sup>1</sup>Although 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.

<sup>2</sup>These "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)

