



## Lesson 102

## David's Final Preparations

### Story Elements

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Text:</b> 2 Samuel 21:15-17; 23:1-7; 1 Kings 2:1-9</li> <li>• <b>Setting:</b> circa 970 B.C.</li> <li>• <b>Main Characters:</b> God, David, and Solomon.</li> <li>• <b>Plot:</b> David prepares to die.</li> <li>• <b>Key word(s):</b> “ _____ ”</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Climax:</b> 1 Kings 2:4 <i>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.</i></li> </ul> |
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### 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, confessing “the Spirit of the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ by me.” (v 2)
  - That God singularly blesses the king who recognizes that God is the \_\_\_\_\_. (vv 3-5)
  - That God's \_\_\_\_\_ alone is why David's house prospered as it did. (v 5)
  - That \_\_\_\_\_ and evil men will ultimately be judged by God. (v 7)

<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)

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## David's Final Instructions

4. (1 Kings 2:1-9) As death drew near for David, he exhorted his son Solomon to...
- (a) ...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) ...bring justice to \_\_\_\_\_ for the murder of Abner and Amasa.
  - (c) ...always be a friend to the sons of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (d) ...to avenge him of the cursing \_\_\_\_\_.
5. (1 Kings 2:10-12) After \_\_\_\_\_ years on the throne, David died about 970 B.C.; he was buried in Jerusalem, his beloved city.

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## Application

6. 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 Lord Jesus Christ is the gracious fulfillment of this \_\_\_\_\_ 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:*

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**Answer Key:** Key word(s): everlasting covenant • 1. giants • 2. Ishbi-benob; a) weapon; b) Abishai • 3. a) spake; b) King of kings; c) mercy; d) wicked • 4. a) followed; b) Joab; c) Barzillai; d) Shimei • 5. 40 • 6. Davidic

**How to use this worksheet for personal Bible study:** (1) Read the Bible passage given in the **Story Elements** section. (2) Read through the worksheet and try to fill in the blanks without looking at the **Answer Key**. (3) Check your answers with the key and make the necessary corrections. Keep in mind that some answers are a matter of opinion, and often more than one answer is correct. (4) Write down your own thoughts, applications, and questions for further study in the **Notes** section.