

Ish-bosheth Murdered (c. 1003 BC)

2 Samuel 4:1–3, 5–12

1 Now when Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, heard that Abner had died in Hebron, he lost courage, and all Israel was disturbed.

2 Saul's son *had* two men who were commanders of bands: the name of the one was Baanah and the name of the other Rechab, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the sons of Benjamin (for Beeroth is also considered *part* of Benjamin,

3 and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim and have been aliens there until this day).

5 So the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, departed and came to the house of Ish-bosheth in the heat of the day while he was taking his midday rest.

6 They came to the middle of the house as if to get wheat, and they struck him in the belly; and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

7 Now when they came into the house, as he was lying on his bed in his bedroom, they struck him and killed him and beheaded him. And they took his head and traveled by way of the Arabah all night.

8 Then they brought the head of Ish-bosheth to David at Hebron and said to the king, "Behold, the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life; thus the LORD has given my lord the king vengeance this day on Saul and his descendants."

9 David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, "As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life from all distress,

10 when one told me, saying, 'Behold, Saul is dead,' and thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and killed him in Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for *his* news.

11 How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous man in his own house on his bed, shall I not now require his blood from your hand and destroy you from the earth?"

12 Then David commanded the young men, and they killed them and cut off their hands and feet and hung them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth and buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

David Anointed King of Israel (c. 1003 – c. 969t BC)

2 Samuel 5:1–5

1 Chronicles 3:4b; 11:1–3

1 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.

2 Previously, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and in. And the LORD said to you, 'You will shepherd My people Israel, and you will be a ruler over Israel.'" [\[Matt 2:6; cf. Mic 5:2\]](#)

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them before the LORD at Hebron; then they anointed David king over Israel.

4 David was thirty years old when he became king, *and* he reigned forty years.

5 At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

11:1 Then all Israel gathered to David at Hebron and said, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.

2 In times past, even when Saul was king, you *were* the one who led out and brought in Israel; and the LORD your God said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and you shall be prince over My people Israel.'"

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD through Samuel.

3:4b and there he reigned seven years and six months. And in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years.

Tribal Support for David's Kingship (c. 1003 BC)

1 Chronicles 12:23–40

23 Now these are the numbers of the divisions equipped for war, who came to David at Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD.

24 The sons of Judah who bore shield and spear *were* 6,800, equipped for war.

25 Of the sons of Simeon, mighty men of valor for war, 7,100.

26 Of the sons of Levi 4,600.

27 Now Jehoiada was the leader of *the house of Aaron*, and with him were 3,700,

28 also Zadok, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father's house twenty-two captains.

29 Of the sons of Benjamin, Saul's kinsmen, 3,000; for until now the greatest part of them had kept their allegiance to the house of Saul.

30 Of the sons of Ephraim 20,800, mighty men of valor, famous men in their fathers' households.

31 Of the half-tribe of Manasseh 18,000, who were designated by name to come and make David king.

32 Of the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do, their chiefs *were* two hundred; and all their kinsmen *were* at their command.

33 Of Zebulun, there were 50,000 who went out in the army, who could draw up in battle formation with all kinds of weapons of war and helped *David* with an undivided heart.

34 Of Naphtali *there were* 1,000 captains, and with them 37,000 with shield and spear.

35 Of the Danites who could draw up in battle formation, *there were* 28,600.

36 Of Asher *there were* 40,000 who went out in the army to draw up in battle formation.

37 From the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites and the Gadites and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, *there were* 120,000 with all *kinds* of weapons of war for the battle.

38 All these, being men of war who could draw up in battle formation, came to Hebron with a perfect heart to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest also of Israel were of one mind to make David king.

39 They were there with David three days, eating and drinking, for their kinsmen had prepared for them.

40 Moreover those who were near to them, *even* as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought food on donkeys, camels, mules and on oxen, great quantities of flour cakes, fig cakes and bunches of raisins, wine, oil, oxen and sheep. There was joy indeed in Israel.

Great Is the LORD (c. 1003 BC)

Psalm 145

A Psalm of Praise, of David.

- 1 I will extol You, my God, O King,
And I will bless Your name forever and ever.
- 2 Every day I will bless You,
And I will praise Your name forever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised,
And His greatness is unsearchable.
- 4 One generation shall praise Your works to another,
And shall declare Your mighty acts.
- 5 On the glorious splendor of Your majesty
And on Your wonderful works, I will meditate.
- 6 Men shall speak of the power of Your awesome acts,
And I will tell of Your greatness.
- 7 They shall eagerly utter the memory of Your abundant goodness
And will shout joyfully of Your righteousness.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and merciful;
Slow to anger and great in lovingkindness.

- 9 The LORD is good to all,
And His mercies are over all His works.
- 10 All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
And Your godly ones shall bless You.
- 11 They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom
And talk of Your power;
- 12 To make known to the sons of men Your mighty acts
And the glory of the majesty of Your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And Your dominion *endures* throughout all generations.
- 14 The LORD sustains all who fall
And raises up all who are bowed down.
- 15 The eyes of all look to You,
And You give them their food in due time.
- 16 You open Your hand
And satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- 17 The LORD is righteous in all His ways
And kind in all His deeds.
- 18 The LORD is near to all who call upon Him,
To all who call upon Him in truth.
- 19 He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
He will also hear their cry and will save them.
- 20 The LORD keeps all who love Him,
But all the wicked He will destroy.
- 21 My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
And all flesh will bless His holy name forever and ever.

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