

April 21 Answers

- 1) The murder of Ish-bosheth and David's coronation ceremony at Hebron. This was the **third** time David was anointed king: first he was privately anointed by **Samuel** (1 Sam 16:13), then he was crowned king of **Judah** (2 Sam 2:4), and finally he was anointed king of all **Israel**. It had taken almost **20** years for God's promise to be fulfilled, and during those years, David waited patiently on God. This teaches us the importance of **patience** in Christian ministry and the need for **preparation** before we can be successful in the tasks God has given us. God's promises are worth waiting for, even when His timetable doesn't match our **expectations** or desires. David's success as king was due in no small part to the **mighty** men who supported him. Within his army were two elite groups: the "**Three**" and the "**Thirty**" (2 Sam 23; 1 Chr 11). These men showed **bravery** in battle as well as **wisdom** in leadership. This should motivate us to seek out strong believers who will hold us **accountable** and help us be successful in our Christian walk. David **inspired** his men to achieve the impossible and fulfill their true potential. His example is a model for us to follow in our homes, our churches, and our communities.