

Study Questions

2 Samuel 1 – 8

St. Jerome Adult Bible Study

1. How does the account of Saul's death differ between 2 Sam 1:6-10 and 1 Sam 31?
2. Why did David have these Amalekites killed?
3. Why did David publicly record his lament for Saul and Jonathan? Why not tell Gath, Ashkelon, and Philistia?
4. Where is Hebron?
5. David is king of Judah; Ishbaal is made king of Israel – what is the territory of each?
6. Did Abner have authority to make Ishabaal king?
7. How does Saul's house grow weaker? How does David's grow stronger?
8. What is the state of David's family life?
9. Why is Ishbaal angry with Abner for using one of Saul's concubines? Was Abner guilty?
10. Why does Abner change his allegiance?
11. Does Michal love David? Why does David disregard her feelings and those of Paltiel?
12. Why is Joab upset with David's accord with Abner? What does Joab do? How does David react?
13. What did Rechab and Baanah hope to gain by killing Isahbaal? What happened instead? Why?
14. What is the "United Kingdom" – is it always peaceful? Will it divide again?
15. After increasing his family, what is David's first priority?
16. Why does God strike down Uzzah?
17. What is the "city of David" in the Old Testament? In the New?
18. Michal had no children. Why? What motivated her to speak out?
19. What is God's attitude about David's desire to build a house for the Ark?
20. Do David's conquests and treatment of the conquered people seem harsh? Why? How does one explain God's favor of David?