



# DAVID MADE KING OVER JUDAH

1 Samuel 2

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  - 1 Sam 31:7 – Israelites fled out of some of their cities and the Philistines came in and occupied them.
  - David – what should he now do?

# I. David's Godly Example (1-7)

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- David Inquires of the Lord (1)
  - “Should I move back to Judah?”
  - How should we find God's direction?
    - Understand and submit to the reality that the Canon of Scripture is closed
    - Inquire of the Lord through prayer
      - Wisdom and spiritual discernment necessary to apply what the scriptures say to our specific situation (James 1:5)
    - Evaluate the situation and possible decisions in the light of the scripture
      - Am I being faithful to submit to the commands of the Word?
      - Are there passages that directly address the decision I am faced with?
      - Does a choice put me in a situation in which I might be tempted to compromise?
      - Which choice allows me to best glorify and honor the Lord?
      - Which choice will allow me to be the best steward of the resources God has entrusted into my care?
      - What is motivating me to make this choice and is my motivation holy?
    - Make the best decision you can in light of all the information
    - Trust the Lord for the outcomes!

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- David Obeys the Lord (2-3)
- Judah affirms David as King (4a)
- David seeks support from the men of Jabesh-Gilead (4b-7)
  - 2 Primary purposes
    - David was sincere in his commendation of them
    - David was seeking their support for his reign

## II. Abner's Rebellious Ambition (8-11)

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- Abner Installs Ishbosheth as King of Israel (8-9)
  - Abner
    - Saul's cousin and commander of the army
    - Skilled warrior
    - The real power in Israel (2 Sam 3:6-7)
      - Seemed to be attempting to usurp the throne
    - Rejected God's decree regarding David (2 Sam 3:17-18)
  - Ishbosheth installed in Mahanaim – in the tribal territory of Gad.
- Historical Context (10-11)
  - David was king in Hebron for 7.5 years (1011 – 1004 BC)
  - Ishbosheth – king for 2 years (1006 – 1004 BC)

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- The ensuing battle (17)
- Abner's retreat and Asahel's death (18-28)
- Battle summary and return home (29-32)

## Conclusions/Lessons

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- The sinful choices of people can and will affect others.
- One sin often begets another sin
- In the end, rebels against God and His will always lose, although not always right away.
- Selfish ambition can create rifts and conflict among God's people. This can happen even in the church (Phil 1:17)
- God provides the wisdom that we need for decisions through His Word.