



*The Book of*

**2 SAMUEL**

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**Intro:** The last four chapters of 2 Samuel form an *appendix* to the whole David story as recorded in both books.

The writer wanted to leave our picture of David in *good* light;

1. Rectifying a *wrong* against the Gibeonites,
2. Battling Philistine *giants* as before,
3. Being *victorious* in battle.

These last chapters have no *chronological* order but have a *logical* purpose behind them.



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### A. SIN:

A three year *famine* indicated to David there was *sin* in the camp, Joshua 7; Deut. 28:14.

The Lord revealed to David that Saul had *violated* a covenant with the Gibeonites in killing them. Joshua 9.

God is a *covenant* making God and deals with man *covenantially*.

Saul was actually *related* to the Gibeonites,  
1 Chron. 8:29-33, 9:35-39.



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### B. Retribution:

The Gibeonites wanted Saul's *house* to pay for the past slaughter of their kinsman, not money. Num. 35:31

The 7 sons of Saul that were *executed* represented *legal* retribution according to Deut. Law, Deut. 19:21, 21:1-9.

This section shows us:

1. There is a *payday* for sin, that God doesn't overlook it.
2. Sin *hinders* our prayers. The famine was *over* when the sin was *atoned* for.



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## II. National Conflict

Vss. 15-22

David and his men encounter 4 Philistine *giants* and defeat them.

### Four lessons learned in this section:

1. Our *ability* does not define our *value*, Isa. 41:13
2. We should expect constant *attack* from the enemy, Lk. 4:13.
3. We are attacked when we are *weak*, 1 Peter 5:8.
4. We need each other in *battle*, Eccl. 4:9-10.

What *spiritual* legacy will we *leave* behind?