

# 2 Samuel 2

## People to Know

### Abner

- King Saul's Captain
- King Saul's cousin
- Lies and connives to get what he wants

### Ishbosheth

- Saul's Son
- King of 11 Tribes of Israel
- Name Means "Man of Shame"
- Easily Influenced

### Joab

- David's General
- David's Nephew ([1 Chronicles 2:16-17](#))
- Loved Power

### David

- King of Judah
- Man after God's Heart
- God's Anointed King

## Chapter Outline

- I. The Coronation (1-4)
- II. The Corruption (8-9)
- III. The Civil War (10-17)
- IV. The Chase (18-21)
- V. The Consequence (22-25)
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# Leading with Luggage

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### The Manipulating Leader (Abner)

[2 Samuel 2:8–9](#) “8 But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul’s host, took Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim; 9 And made him king over Gilead, and over the Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel.”

[2 Samuel 3:6](#) “6 And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that **Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul.**”

[Proverbs 6:24–25](#) “24 To keep thee from the evil woman, From the flattery of the tongue of a strange woman. 25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; Neither let her take thee with her eyelids.”

[Psalm 36:1–3](#) “1 The transgression of the wicked saith within my **heart**, That there is no fear of God before his eyes. 2 For **he flattereth himself in his own eyes, Until his iniquity be found to be hateful.** 3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: He hath left off to be wise, and to do good.”

[Romans 16:18](#) “18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.”

[Psalm 5:9](#) “9 For there is no faithfulness in their mouth; Their inward part is very wickedness; Their throat is an open sepulchre; They flatter with their tongue.”

### The Macho Leader (Joab)

[2 Samuel 2:18](#) **Asahel was as light of foot as a wild roe.**”

[1 Samuel 26:12–16](#) (KJV 1900)

<sup>12</sup> So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul’s bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw *it*, nor knew *it*, neither awaked: for they *were* all asleep; because a deep sleep from the Lord was fallen upon them.

<sup>13</sup> Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of an hill afar off; a great space *being* between them:

<sup>14</sup> And David cried to the people, and to **Abner** the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, **Abner**? Then Abner answered and said, Who *art* thou *that* criest to the king?

<sup>15</sup> And David said to Abner, **Art not thou a valiant man?** and who *is* like to thee in Israel? **wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king?** for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord.

<sup>16</sup> This thing *is* not good that thou hast done. As the Lord liveth, **ye are worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the Lord's anointed**. And now see where the king's spear *is*, and the cruse of water that *was* at his bolster.

[Ephesians 5:22-6:9](#).

[2 Samuel 2:23](#) “23 Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth rib, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still.”

[2 Samuel 23:22–24](#) “22 These things did **Benaiah** the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men. 23 He was **more honourable than the thirty**, but he attained not to the first three. And David set him over his guard. 24 **Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty**; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem,”

## The Model Leader (David)

### a. Understands Seasons

- i. [2 Samuel 2:1](#) “1 And it came to pass **after this**, that David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the Lord said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.”

### b. Understands Submission

- i. **God's Will**
- ii. **God's Way**
- ii. **God's Word**