

## I & 2 SAMUEL – LESSON TWELVE

### XII. FAMINE AND WARS IN THE DAYS OF DAVID (2 Samuel 21-22)

- A. David delivers seven sons of Saul to the Gibeonites to avenge Saul's bloodshed of them (2 Samuel 21:1-14)
1. Saul's killing the Gibeonites was the reason for God's punishment with the famine.
    - a. David learns of cause from seeking the face of Jehovah.
    - b. An oath had been made to the Gibeonites in Joshua's days (cf. Joshua 9:1-27).
  2. The Gibeonites demand blood for blood (cf. Num. 35:31).
  3. Mephibosheth spared
  4. Two sons of Rizpah, and five sons of Merab (cf. I Samuel 18:19) are delivered to be killed and hanged in Gibeah.
  5. Rizpah manifests maternal love over the bodies of her slain sons
  6. God entreated for the land when David has the bones of Jonathan and Saul buried in the sepulcher of Kish in Zela of Benjamin
- B. The Heroic deeds of David's men in the Philistine wars (2 Samuel 21:15-22)
1. Abishai kills Ishbibenob, a son of a giant when he threatens to kill David who had grown faint.
  2. Sibbecai kills Saph the son of a giant in a war at Gob
  3. In another war at Gob, Elhanan kills Goliath the Gittite whose spear's staff was like a weaver's beam.
  4. Jonathan, the son of Shimei, David's brother, kills a giant who had six fingers and six toes on each hand and foot when he defied Israel in Gath.
- C. David's song of praise for God delivering him from his enemies and Saul (2 Samuel 22:1-51).

### QUESTIONS:

1. How long was the famine in Israel during the days of David?
2. How did David become aware of the cause of the famine?
3. What was the cause of the famine?
4. Is it spiritually healthy to examine ourselves and consider if sins in our life are causing us to suffer adversity?

5. How important is it with God that we fulfill our oaths?
6. Reflecting on the events in the days of Joshua, why do you think Saul killed the Gibeonites?
7. Is this specific event of Saul killing the Gibeonites recorded in Scripture?
8. The Gibeonites demanded what for the sin of Saul against them?
  - (a). Seven years of freedom from servitude.
  - (b). The death of seven sons of Saul
  - (c). Silver and gold
9. What two mothers lost sons because of Saul's sin?  
What lesson concerning sin can you gain from observing Saul's sin?
10. Give two reasons why "Michal" should or should not be "Merab" in 2 Samuel 21:8?  
Should this possibility change one's belief in the Bible's inerrancy?
11. How long do you think Rizpah protected the bodies of her two dead sons from birds and beasts?
12. What event or events allowed God to be entreated for the land?
13. What did David's men say to him after his close call with Ishbibenob?
14. What was noteworthy of the giant Goliath whom Elhanan killed?
15. Is it one particular giant who lost four sons to David and his men, or is it a "race" of giants who settled in Gath?

16. David's song was uttered after what had occurred?
17. David's song is also Psalm \_\_\_\_\_ .
18. Describe how David "praises" God?
19. Describe how David sees his deliverance as his "vindication":
20. How did "*God's gentleness*" make David "*great*"?