

DOES THE END JUSTIFY THE MEANS?

II Samuel 2:1-6:23

I. DAVID KING OVER HEBRON (JUDAH) 2:1-11

JUDAH	ISRAEL
King - David General - Joab Capital - Hebron	King -Ish-Bosheth General - Abner Capital - Mahanaim

II. THE CIVIL WAR 2:12-3:1

The brothers Joab, Abishai, and Azahel

Abner

III. THE FALL OF THE HOUSE OF SAUL 3:2-4:12

A. The Strength of David 3:2-19

B. The Ambition of Abner 3:6-10

C. The Weakness of Ish-Bosheth 3:11, 14, 15

D. The Treaty With David 3:12-21

E. The Assassination of Abner 3:22-39

F. The Assassination of Ish-Bosheth 4:1-12

1. The crime of Recab and Banah 4:1-8

2. The reward of Recab and Banah 4:9-12

IV. DAVID KING OVER THE UNITED COUNTRY 5:1-6:23

A. David Becomes King Over the United Kingdom 5:1-5

1. The reasons for the choice 5:1-2

a. A kinsman 5:1

b. His leadership 5:2a

c. God's choice 5:2b

2. The summary of David's reign 5:3-4

B. David Makes Jerusalem His Capital 5:6-16

1. The reality of David's success
2. The reason for David's success vs. 10,12

C. David Defeats the Philistines 5:17-25

D. David Brings the Ark to Jerusalem 6:1-23

1. The danger of ignoring God's method 6:1-11 (See Num. 4:15)
2. The joy of worshipping in God's presence 6:12-23

APPLICATION:

1. You never find in sin that for which you enter the sin to find!
2. It is never right to do wrong, even in order to do right.
3. You lose God's reward when you do the right thing in the wrong way.
4. If you want God's blessing, you must meet on His terms, not yours.
5. Though appearances are important, ultimately God's approval, not man's, is necessary.
6. If you have never known moments of ecstasy in your religion, perhaps you have not thrown yourself into it enough.