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David's Rise To Power
2 Samuel 1-2

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How did we
get where we
are now?

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The Amalekite's Tale

Vs 1-16

1 After the death of Saul, David returned from striking down the Amalekites and stayed in Ziklag two days.

2 On the third day a man arrived from Saul's camp with his clothes torn and dust on his head. When he came to David, he fell to the ground to pay him honor.

Where were they
From?

The Negev

Possibly wandered
the desert in the
“inside” of the Fertile
crescent.



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David Responds

The Amelikte should
have known Saul's
Anointed Status.



David lays the blame
on the man.



Does he believe him?

13 David said to the young man who brought him the report, "Where are you from?"

"I am the son of a foreigner, an Amalekite," he answered.

14 David asked him, "Why weren't you afraid to lift your hand to destroy the Lord's anointed?"

15 Then David called one of his men and said, "Go, strike him down!" So he struck him down, and he died. 16 For David had said to him, "Your blood be on your own head. Your own mouth testified against you when you said, 'I killed the Lord's anointed.'"

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David's Lament

17 David took up this lament concerning Saul and his son Jonathan,

18 and he ordered that the people of Judah be taught this lament of the bow (it is written in the Book of Jashar):

- Lament of the Bow:
Title of the song/poem
- The Book of Jashar
 - Jashar = Holy
 - The Old Testament
 - A separate book made up of poems, psalms etc.

Warrior Poet

Vs 20

Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it
not in the streets of Ashkelon,
lest the daughters of the
Philistines be glad, lest the
daughters of the
uncircumcised rejoice.

Vs 22

From the blood of the slain,
from the flesh of the mighty,
the bow of Jonathan did not
turn back, the sword of Saul
did not return unsatisfied.

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Chapter 2

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David Makes plans.

After consulting God

¹ In the course of time, David inquired of the Lord. “Shall I go up to one of the towns of Judah?” he asked.

The Lord said, “Go up.”

David asked, “Where shall I go?”

“To Hebron,” the Lord answered.

Hebron was a desirable city for many reasons. It sat halfway between Bethsheeba and Jerusalem at a major crossroad, about half a mile above sea level. Over two dozen natural springs surrounded Hebron, providing its inhabitants with a continuous and reliable water supply.

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What else happened in Hebron?

David Settles

And bestows a blessing...

2 So David went up there with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail, the widow of Nabal of Carmel.

3 David also took the men who were with him, each with his family, and they settled in Hebron and its towns.

4 Then the men of Judah came to Hebron, and there they anointed David king over the tribe of Judah. When David was told that it was the men from Jabesh Gilead who had buried Saul,

5 he sent messengers to them to say to them, “The Lord bless you for showing this kindness to Saul your master by burying him.

6 May the Lord now show you kindness and faithfulness, and I too will show you the same favor because you have done this.

7 Now then, be strong and brave, for Saul your master is dead, and the people of Judah have anointed me king over them.”

Vs 8-9

8 Meanwhile, Abner son of Ner, the commander of Saul's army, had taken Ish-Bosheth son of Saul and brought him over to Mahanaim. (Why???)

9 He made him king over Gilead, Ashuri and Jezreel, and also over Ephraim, Benjamin and all Israel.



Ish-Bosheth/Esh-baal/Ishvi

10 Ish-Bosheth son of Saul was forty years old when he became king over Israel, and he reigned two years. The tribe of Judah, however, remained loyal to David.

11 The length of time David was king in Hebron over Judah was seven years and six months.

Who is this guy?

Third son of Saul

Why 3 names?

- Ish-Bosheth- Given name
- Esh Baal- Son of baal or Fire (1 Chronicles 8:33)
- Ishvi- Name to avoid using baal (1 Samuel 14:49)

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