

Study Sheet for 2 Samuel 21

Recommended Resource: *2 Samuel: Out of Every Adversity* by Ralph Davis

Background: 2 Samuel ends with chapters 21-24 which read like an appendix or “a collection of fragments.” In this chapter, we see how God uses David to address a wrong done by Saul many years earlier. We also witness God’s grace to David in giving him the victory over the giants who remain in the land of promise.

Observation-Based Questions on 2 Samuel 21:

- Why did David seek the face of the Lord at this time in his life (v. 1)?
- What did David learn when he sought the Lord (v. 1b)?
- Read Joshua 9. Who were the Gibeonites?
- Why had Saul killed the Gibeonites (v. 2)?
- What does David offer to do for the Gibeonites (v.3)?
- What do the Gibeonites request of David (vv. 5-6)?
- Whom did David spare from execution and why (v. 7)?
- How does Rizpah the daughter of Aiah respond to the execution of the seven (v. 10)?
- What did David do with the bones of Saul and his son Jonathan (vv. 11-14)?
- With whom does David go to war (vv. 15ff)?
- What interesting observation is made about Ishbi-benob (v. 16)?
- What did Abishai do for David (v. 17)?
- After this event, what did David’s men no longer allow him to do (v. 17)?
- How should we explain verse 19? Was it not David who killed Goliath the Gittite? (Hint: You may need a Study Bible or a good commentary to answer this one. Consider your cross references.)
- What is the significance of the reference to “giants” in verses 18-22?