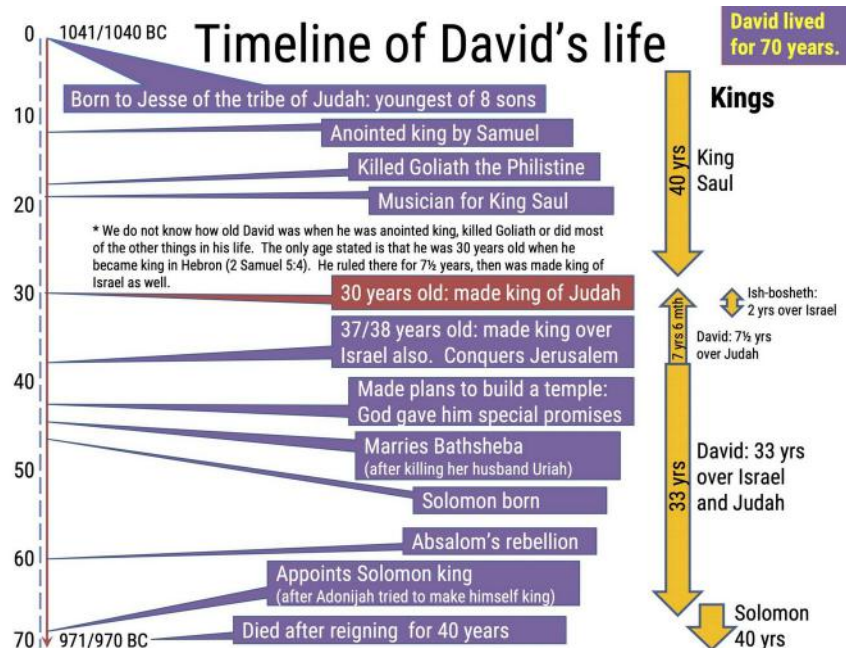


2 Samuel 3:1-30

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During our study there have been some questions about David's age at different times in his life. All we know for certain is that David is thirty years old when he begins his reign at Hebron

and dies at the age of seventy ((2 Sam. 5:4) . Below are reasonable guess for the dates of other events (courtesy of www.bibletales.online).



Notes:

3:2 Chileab is presumed to have died young as nothing more is known of him.

3:7 To have relations with a departed king's concubine could be interpreted as claiming the throne. See the story of Abishag and Adonijah in 1 Kings 2.

3:7 Rizpah will reappear in Chapter 21.

3:26 Sirah is about 2.5 miles north of Hebron.

3:29 One phrase of this curse is sometimes translated "one who holds a spindle," meaning female (effeminate), or one who leans on a staff (lame).

Questions for study and discussion:

1. Abner has been Saul's second in command, and Joab is assuming the same role for David. How are they alike? How are they different?
2. How do Abner and Joab differ from the kings they serve?

3. Is David acting righteously in taking so many wives? What are the consequences? (See Deut. 7:17)
4. Verse 27 tells us that Joab strikes Abner to avenge his brother Asahel. What other motives might he have?
5. Why is David so insistent on proving his innocence in Abner's slaying?
6. David has executed an Amalekite who claimed to have taken Saul's life. In the next chapter he will do the same to the brothers who murder Ish-Bosheth. Why does he take no action against Joab other than to utter a curse? What are the consequences?