



THE PEOPLE AND THE PRESENTATION OF

# 2 SAMUEL

[PART 6]

## ABNER AND THE FIELD OF SHARP SWORDS

*Reading: 2 Samuel 2:8 - 9 & 3:1 & 3:6 - 11*

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### Introduction

- In these notes we comment on events in chapters 2, 3 & 4.
- **NB.** There are 2 kingdoms at play in these opening chapters of 2 Samuel.
- One is a legitimate kingdom and the other isn't.
- God had promised the kingdom to David and that makes his kingdom the legitimate one.
- It is also God's kingdom through which God's will shall be done.
- Abner appoints an '*anti-king*' over a kingdom that was not legitimate.
- Ishbosheth's coronation is an act of rebellion against the will of God.
- These 2 kingdoms would struggle for supremacy. [3:1,6].
- The smaller kingdom would become the strongest. [3:1].
- There are 2 kingdoms today.
- One legitimate and one not.
- Satan's kingdom vs God's kingdom.
- Although God's kingdom appears the smallest, it will become the greatest and fill whole earth.

### 1 Daniel And The Great Image [Daniel Ch 2]

- The metals represent the kingdoms of the world.
- The stone [vs 34] represents the kingdom of God.
- The stone kingdom will fill the whole earth. [vs 35], [Revelation 11:15].
- Whose kingdom have you citizenship in?
- Our task is to get as many as possible into this '*stone*' kingdom.

## 2 Abner

- Abner was Saul's cousin.
- Mentioned 62 times in the Bible.
- First encounter him in [1 Samuel 14:50].
- He is the commander of Saul's army.
- Responsible for the king's personal protection.
- Abner introduces David to Saul after the slaying of Goliath.
- Fell asleep guarding Saul in [1 Samuel 26].
- Why wasn't Abner with Saul when the king was killed in battle?
- He put Ishbosheth on the throne to oppose David's rule.
- [2:16] note the two militia's at the '*field of sharp swords*'
- **NB.** Leaders playing games with young men's lives.
- Abner kills Joab's brother (David's nephew).
- Sad: brethren fighting with brethren.
- This happened in Abraham's time [Genesis 13:7/8].

## 3 Abner: Right Thing But Wrong Reason

- Abner falls out with Ishbosheth over a concubine of the late king Saul. [3:7 - 11].
- Abner announces he will hand the kingdom over to David.
- Abner was a '*user*' of people.
- He was only interested in '*his*' own kingdom/position.
- He meets with David and an agreement is made and David sends him away in peace.
- He's doing the right thing but not with the right motive. Check your motives.
- Joab learns of this meeting and attempts to pass over mis-information to David [3:25].
- Joab murders Abner. [3:37].
- The sin of vengeance. [Romans 12:19]
- These chapters are full of murder, revenge, deceit, bloodshed and cruelty.
- Oh the depravity of the human heart. [Matthew 15:18/19].
- Guard your heart every day.

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