

EPISODE NO. 134

2 Sam. 2:1-7

David Became King over Judah

1 Later, David inquired of Yahweh. David said, “Should I go up to any of the towns of Judah?”

And Yahweh said to David, “Go up!”

Then David asked, “To which one?”

Yahweh answered, “To Hebron.”

2 So, David went up to Hebron with his two wives. One wife was Ahinoam from Jezreel. The other one was Abigail, the previous wife of Nabal in Carmel. 3 David brought his men up there too — each man and his family. They all made their homes in the villages around Hebron. 4 Then the men of Judah came to Hebron. There they chose David as king over the people of Judah.

They told David that the men of Jabesh-Gilead had given a proper burial to King Saul. 5 So, David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh-Gilead. They told the men of Jabesh-Gilead what David said: “May Yahweh bless you! You have shown this loyalty to your master, to King Saul, by burying him with honor. 6 And now, may Yahweh be kind and true to you! I will also treat you well, because you have done this great deed. 7 Now therefore, be strong and be brave! Your former master, King Saul, is now dead. And, the people of Judah have chosen ME as king over them!”