

A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study
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2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19

1. What happened in our last Bible Study in 2 Samuel 8-9?
 - a. David defeated...pretty much everyone. He occupied the areas surrounding Israel.
 - b. The Lord gave David victory wherever he went.
 - c. David asked "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?"
 - d. David had Ziba, Saul's steward, take care of Saul's possessions and farm his land so that Mephibosheth was always taken care of.
 - e. Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of his sons.

2. What happened in 2 Samuel 10:1-2?
 - a. Nahash, king of the Ammonites died.
 - b. His son Hanun succeeded him as king.
 - c. David attacked him like he attacked everyone else.
 - d. David thought, "I will show kindness to Hanun son of Nahash, just as his father showed kindness to me."
 - e. David sent a delegation to express his sympathy to Hanun concerning his father.

3. What happened when David's delegation went to see Hanun, according to 2 Samuel 10:2b-4?
 - a. They accepted them with thankfulness.
 - b. The Ammonite commanders convinced Hanun that David was sending spies and was going to overthrow them.
 - c. Hanun seized David's envoys, shaved off half of each man's beard, cut their garments at the buttocks, and sent them away.

4. Why was this such a big deal?
 - a. What do you mean, that's just embarrassing.
 - b. This was a direct sign of disrespect in response to an expression of kindness.
 - c. Although the shaving of the beard may be a minor annoyance to us, these two things were about the most severe indignity that an Eastern man could suffer at that time.

5. What happened next, according to 2 Samuel 10:5-12?
 - a. David sent messengers to meet the men and tell them to stay in Jericho until their beards had grown, and then come back.
 - b. The ammonites had an "oh, poop." Moment...and hired a bunch of mercenaries to help them defend themselves.
 - c. David sent Joab and the entire army out.
 - d. The Ammonites and Arameans surrounded Israel in front and behind.
 - e. Joab split the army, with the best turning to fight the Arameans under his command and the rest fighting the Ammonites under the command of his brother Abishai.
 - f. The Ammonites and the Arameans both fled.
 - g. The Arameans called for reinforcements and went out again.
 - h. David gathered "all Israel" and crossed the Jordan.
 - i. All the kings who had been subject to Hadadezer made peace with Israel and became subject to them instead.
 - j. The Arameans were afraid to help the Ammonites anymore.

6. Did any of this have to happen, given how David started? Yes _____ No _____ Explain. _____
What cause all of this? _____
Could you learn from this in your life? _____