

**A.L.I.V.E. Bible Study**  
**Date: December 28, 2022**  
**2 Samuel 4:1-5:4**

1. What happened in our last Bible Study in 2 Samuel 3:22-39?
  - a. Joab and his men returned from raiding and found out that Abner had been with David and David had sent him away in peace.
  - b. Joab sent messengers to bring Abner back.
  - c. Joab called Abner into an inner chamber and stabbed him in the stomach and killed him.
  - d. David made it clear that he was innocent of Abner's blood and called for Judah to mourn Abner.
  
2. What is happening now in 4:1? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What happened in 4:2-3, 5-7?
  - a. Saul's son had two men who were leaders of raiding bands, Baanah and Rekab.
  - b. Rekab and Baanah went to Ish-Bosheth's house while he was taking his midday nap.
  - c. They went in as if to get some wheat and stabbed him in the stomach and slipped away.
  - d. After they stabbed him, they cut off his head and took it with them.
  
4. What did they do in 4:8?
  - a. They brought Ish-bosheth's head to David in Hebron.
  - b. They seem to have thought that David would reward them, but they must not have known David!
  
5. How did David respond, according to 4:9-12?
  - a. David reaffirmed that God had delivered him from every trouble.
  - b. He tells them that when he was told that Saul was dead, "and thought he was bringing good news," he seized him and put him to death.
  - c. He makes it clear that he will do the same to these men who have murdered Ish-Bosheth by their own (wicked) hands.
  - d. He gave the order to his men and they killed them...and cut off their hands and feet and hung their bodies by the pool in Hebron.
  - e. They took the head of Ish-Bosheth and buried it in Abner's tomb at Hebron.
  
6. What happened in 5:1-5?
  - a. All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron.
  - b. The elders told him "We are your own flesh and blood...You will shepherd my people Israel and you will become their ruler."
  - c. They made a covenant with him and anointed him king over them at Hebron.
  - d. David was thirty years old when he became king and he reigned forty years.
  
7. If the deaths of Abner and Ish-Bosheth cleared the way for David to become king, as God intended, why did David respond the way he did? \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. What do we learn in 4:4?
  - a. Jonathon had a son.
  - b. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel.
  - c. His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became disabled.
  - d. His name was Mephibosheth.
  
9. This seems like a weird sidenote. Is there a reason we are told about this? \_\_\_\_\_  
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