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|  | THE CALVARY EXAMINER Reading Plan and Quiz | **Issue # 115** |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Shimei cursed David. Whose family was he a part of? 16:5 | The family of the house of Saul, | | What did Abishai want to do to Shimei? 16:9 | Take off his head | | What did David tell his men to do with Shimei? A beautiful picture of grace. 16:11 | Let him alone, and let him curse; for the Lord hath bidden him. | | Absolom did a horrible thing with David’s concubines in verse 22. Why did he do this? 16:21 | So that all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father | | Why did Ahithophel hang himself? 17:23 | When he saw that his counsel was not followed, | | How did Absalom die? 18:9-15 | Joab took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak…..And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him. | | What was David’s response when he heard his son Absalom was dead?  It’s a sad ending and illustration of how David’s sin affected his house just as Nathan the prophet predicted. 18:33 | He went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son! | | What did David do with his concubines because of what Absalom did? 20:3 | He put them in ward, and fed them,…So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood. | | Who took Amasa by the beard and kissed him? 20:9 | Joab | | What did Joab do to Amasa? 10-12 | He smote him therewith in the fifth rib, and shed out his bowels to the ground, |   **Last Issue’s Answers – Chapters 16-20 - Issue # 114** | **05/25/25**  **THIS WEEK’S READING – 2 SAMUEL 21-24**  “GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES”  By Pastor Doug Swafford    ***“The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.” ~ 2 Samuel 23:3***  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  The words of David in our verse apply in principle to any governance. Four important truths are stated which every administration needs to follow as the divine guidelines for good government.  **Foundation of a nation.** “*The God of Israel…the Rock of Israel.”*  In the Bible God is sometimes described as a Rock. One thing a rock speaks of is a foundation. God is the solid Rock upon which we can build a nation. If a nation wants to be stable and strong let it build upon God and his Word. Our nation was founded on many divine principles but sadly these principles are despised by many today.  **Fortress of a nation.** “*The God of Israel…the Rock of Israel.”*  In the Bible a rock sometimes also speaks of a fortress. It is strong and durable and will protect from the attack of the enemy. The best protection a nation has is not in its armies, though they are good and necessary, but our fortress should be in trusting God.  **Fairness of a nation**. “*He that ruleth over men must be just.”* This truth applies to the entire government, not only the chief ruler. Fairness, equity, truth, justice, and righteousness must guide the government. Sadly, corruption too often guides most governments today.  Fear of a nation. “*Ruling in the fear of God.”* The meaning of fear is “reverence.” A government and a nation need to bow down before God and honor him. Failure to honor God will destroy our nation. We are seeing evidence of that today. | |

**This Week’s Questions – Issue # 115 – 2 Samuel 21-24**

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| Why was there a famine in the land? 21:1 |  |
| What did the Gibeonites want in exchange for peace? 21:6 |  |
| What happened to the 4 sons of the giant in Gath? 21:18-22 |  |
| What did David do because the Lord delivered him out of the enemy’s hand? 22:1  All of chapter 22 contains this. |  |
| What did David desire? 23:15 |  |
| What did David do with the water? 23:16 |  |
| Who moved David against Israel? |  |
| Why did David’s heart smite him? 24:10 |  |
| God gave David 3 options for judgement since he disobeyed Him. What were these 3 options? 12-13 |  |
| What judgement did the Lord bring upon Israel? 24:15 |  |

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