

1. What do we discover from verse 1?
2. Read verses 2-5, then read Deu. 7:1-3 & 17:14-17. What are your thoughts concerning David at this time?
3. In verses 6-7 we see Abner gaining power over the house of Saul. Ish-Bosheth accuses Abner of sleeping (going into) Saul's concubine. Why was this a serious accusation? See I Kings 2:19-25
4. How does Abner react?
5. What does Abner admit in verses 9 and 10?
6. Why couldn't Ish-Bosheth rebuke Abner? Vs 11
7. What did Abner propose to David? Vs 12
8. What did David want (from Abner) before he would agree to any covenant and, who did he send his messengers to, demanding the same thing? Vs 13-16
9. What did Abner do on behalf of this covenant? Was he doing this on behalf of the Lord or for himself? Vs 17-19
10. How did David react to Abner and the twenty representatives? Vs 20-21
11. How did Joab take the negotiations with Abner? 22-25
12. What did Joab do unbeknown to David? Vs 26-27
13. How did David respond to the murder of Abner? Vs 28-29
14. Who else was involved in the murder and why? Vs 30
15. What command did David give to Joab and those who were with him? Vs 31
16. After they buried Abner in Hebron, what did David and the people do? Vs 32
17. How did David show his sorrow over the death of Abner? Vs 33-34
18. What oath did David take? Vs 35
19. How did the people react to his actions? Vs 36-37
20. What were David's final words spoken in this chapter? 38-39 What do you think he meant by "and I am weak today."