

I. David, King of Judah

- A. Inquiring of the Lord (see 1 Samuel 23; 30)
- B. Hebron (see Joshua 21:11-13)
- C. An “ascension” to rule
- D. Tribal chieftain
- E. A blessing on Jabesh-Gilead

II. Ish-bosheth, King of Israel

- A. Ish-bo-who? (see 1 Chronicles 8:33)
- B. Abner's choice

III. Gibeon

- A. Contest
- B. Result
- C. Battle
- D. Asahel (see 1 Chronicles 2:13-16)

IV. Civil War(s)

- A. Afterward ...
- B. Everyone goes home
- C. The beginning of a new era, but not a good one (2 Samuel 3:1)

V. How will we know who the true people of God are?

- A. Christians often seem to disagree more than they disagree!
- B. How do we navigate these?
- C. “A kingdom divided against itself cannot stand.”
- D. Be a servant first, and only a debater when necessary (see 1 Corinthians 1:20; Romans 12:16-21)
- E. Engage in holy war, not civil war
- F. Kill your pride

VI. “My kingdom is not of this world.” (John 18:36)

- A. We seek the kingdom by taking up the cross
- B. We give up cheap glory for a costly kingdom.
- C. Look for God to put the pieces back together