

The Book of Second Samuel: 2 Samuel 21

Sunday, June 16 and Wednesday, June 19

2 Samuel 21:

(1 – 2) What situation had led to the famine that Israel experienced for three years? What prior pledge between the Israelites and the people of Gibeon had Saul violated? (*Numbers 35: 33; Joshua 9: 3 – 6; Joshua 9: 15 – 18*)

(3 – 6) What did David ask of the Gibeonites? What request did the Gibeonites make to David, and how did he respond?

(7 – 9) Who did David spare from the Gibeonites, and for what reason was he spared? Who did David give to the Gibeonites, and what did the Gibeonites do with them? What was the significance of this particular type of punishment? (*1 Samuel 20: 14 – 16; Deuteronomy 21: 22 – 23*)

(10 – 14) How did Rizpah react to the death of her two sons? What action did David take in response to Rizpah's mourning? How did God respond to David's actions? (*1 Samuel 31: 11 – 13*)

(15 – 17) What happened to David as he led the Israelites in battle against the Philistines, and who provided David with assistance? What concern did David's men express regarding his future ability to lead them in battle, and what was the reasoning behind their concern?

(18 – 22) What was the result of the series of battles fought between Israel and the Philistines?