

**IMPACT BIBLE STUDY
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

II SAMUEL 21:1-14, 23:1 – 24:25

Day 1 – Read II Samuel 21:1-14, 23:1 – 24:25. These verses complete our study of the appendix to II Samuel Chapters 21-24.

1. What part of the lecture on II Samuel 20:1-26, 22:1-51 was most significant to you?

Day 2 – Review II Samuel 21:1-14. (II Samuel 21:15-22 was in Lesson 18)

2. In Ezekiel 14:21, God states four ways He sends judgments on Israel. What are they?

3. For what sin was this famine upon Israel? Read Joshua 9:3-20 for a better understanding of this.

4. What did the Gibeonites require as an appeasement?

5. Why did David spare Mephibosheth?

6. Who now received an honorable burial in the family tomb?

7. What indicated God's day of judgment was satisfied?

Day 3 – Review II Samuel 23:1-39. Read also I Chronicles 11:10-47. (II Samuel 23:13-17 was also included in Lesson 16)

8. Which verse and phrase shows that David took no credit for superior talent or abilities in the writing of his psalms?

9. Verses 3-7 are considered by scholars to be prophetic. Give the phrases which you think might signify (KJV):

- a. David's kingdom
- b. Christ, the Messiah
- c. Judgment of wicked or evil men

10. What title was given to the men listed in these verses? See verse 8.

11. Who were the three that were especially singled out and what did each do?

12. a. What was Abishai's deed?

b. What title was he given?

c. What was Benaiah's position?

13. How many men were listed in all? (II Samuel 23:39)

14. David was very proud of his men. Each is noted with his outstanding deeds. God keeps an account of each person's deeds during his lifetime in one of two different books. What do you find in these Scriptures concerning these two books?

- a. Malachi 3:16-18
- b. Luke 10:20
- c. Revelation 20:11-15
- d. Revelation 21:22-27

How does a person's name get into the Lamb's Book of Life? See John 11:25-26.

Day 4 – Review II Samuel 24:1-17. Read also I Chronicles 21:1-17.

15. Compare 24:1 and I Chronicles 21:1. According to I Chronicles 21:1, who was the "he" in II Samuel 24:1 that moved David to number Israel?

16. a. Why did David do the numbering according to verse 2?
- b. What sin was David entertaining?
- c. Do you think God allowed this to happen in order to reveal David's secret sin to himself?

Have you ever known any Christian worker who boasted of his number of converts? Who gives the increase? See I Corinthians 3:6.

17. Who did the numbering?

18. How long did it take?
19. As soon as the census was reported, what happened to David?
20. What were David's three choices? (Translations will vary in the amount of time specified.)
21. What was David's decision?
22. Because David did not keep close to God, his whole nation suffered during this plague. Can you think of any time when your whole family may have "suffered" because you failed to keep close to God? Please share.
23. Which verse and phrase shows that David truly cared for his people?

Day 5 – Review II Samuel 24:18-25. Read also I Chronicles 21:18-28.

24. What did the prophet Gad instruct David to do?
25. What reason did David give Araunah (or Ornan) for wanting his property?
26. What price did Araunah ask of David? See I Chronicles 21:23.
27. Was David willing to accept this? Read I Chronicles 21-24b. David's words express the feelings of all who have known God's grace and mercy. Put these feelings into your own words.
28. a. The threshing floor was on Mt. Moriah. What other event took place on this spot? See Genesis 22:2, 9.

b. What great event was to take place on this spot future to this time? See II Chronicles 3:1.

29. This lesson completes our study of II Samuel. What was most significant to this period of David's life?