

## 2 Samuel chapters 2 – 5 King out of Chaos

### What has all this chaos and violence got to do with Christianity?

#### Power games – God is sovereign

Romans 13:1 *Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.*

#### God uses rebellious actions to achieve his purposes and plans

Acts 2: 22-24<sup>23</sup> *This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.*

#### From the chaos emerges God's chosen King

Rev 11: 15-18

*"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."*

*"We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.*

<sup>18</sup> *The nations were angry, and your wrath has come.*

*The time has come for judging the dead, and for rewarding your servants the prophets and your people who revere your name, both great and small, and for destroying those who destroy the earth."*

#### God's King is righteous and just

Heb 4: 14-15 *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.*

#### Trusting Jesus in the Chaos

Hebrews 12: 1-3 *...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,<sup>2</sup> fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.<sup>3</sup> Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.*

# Israel under King Saul

divided, defeated, faithless



## House of Saul

Ish-Bosheth King of Israel

Abner's Ambition (ch.2)

House of Saul grows weaker  
(3:1)

Abner the Deserter (ch.3)

Treacherous brothers (ch.4)



## House of David

David King of Israel

David grows stronger (3:1)

Joab the Murderer (ch.3)

David – innocent and  
impressive (ch.3)

David – righteous and just  
(ch.4)



# Israel under King David

united, victorious, faithful