

2909c AM, 3619 JP, 1095 BC

392 ... Saul's son Ishbosheth was forty years old when he succeeded his father to the kingdom. {#2Sa 2:10} Ishbosheth is said to have been born when Saul was anointed king...

2949c AM, 3659 JP, 1055 BC

410. Abner, the former captain of Saul's army, took Ishbosheth, Saul's son, to Mahanaim and there he made him king over the rest of Israel. Ishbosheth was forty years old and reigned two years over Israel. {#2Sa 2:8-10} He had two years of peace with the house of David, just as his father's two years of reign {#1Sa 13:1} referred to two years of peace with the Philistines. {See note on 2909c AM. <<392>>}

2951c AM, 3661 JP, 1053 BC

412. After the two years of peace with Ishbosheth, there was a long war between his people and the people of David. Joab, the son of Zeruiah, David's sister, headed up David's side and Abner commanded the other side. Many battles and skirmishes took place. David's side grew stronger and stronger, while Ishbosheth's side became weaker. {#2Sa 2:26-3:1}

2956d AM, 3666 JP, 1048 BC

414. When Abner was disgracefully used by Ishbosheth, he defected to David. He arranged with the chief men and heads of Israel to transfer the whole kingdom to David. {#2Sa 3:6-21}

415. When David had fled from Saul, {#1Sa 19:12} his wife Michal had been given by Saul in marriage to Phaltiel. David demanded that Ishbosheth send her back. {#1Sa 25:44 2Sa 3:14,15}

416. When Abner came with twenty men to David, he was well received and given a feast. When he returned from David in peace, he was treacherously killed by Joab. David made a great mourning and lamentation over Abner, and he was buried at Hebron. {#2Sa 3:17-39}

417. All Israel was troubled by the death of Abner. Baanah and Rechab, of the tribe of Benjamin, murdered Ishbosheth when he was resting on his bed in the heat of the day. They brought his head to David and he had them executed. {#2Sa 4:1-12}

418. The captains and elders of all the tribes came to Hebron and anointed David king over Israel for the third time. {#1Ch 12:23-40 11:1-3 2Sa 5:1-3}