

2 Samuel 2:8-9 - But Abner the son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, took Ishbosheth the son of Saul and brought him over to Mahanaim; and he made him king over Gilead, over the Ashurites, over Jezreel, over Ephraim, over Benjamin, and over all Israel.

## **Transcript:**

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What does it mean to usurp the authority of God? It means that when God has made a choice, or God has given a commandment, or God has told us what to do, and then we replace His commandment with our own decisions, we've usurped His authority.

Abner does this in Second Samuel chapter two, where Samuel in the past has already anointed David at the command of God. David is to be the next king in Israel. And when Saul dies, Abner anoints someone else instead.

In second Samuel chapter two and in verse eight, But Abner, the son of Ner, commander of Saul's Army, took Ishbosheth, the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim and made him king over Gilead.

Abner chooses a different king, which he had no authority to do. He usurped the authority of God.

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