

II Samuel Part 4

Chapter 13 : God had told David that the sword would never depart from his house.

Beginning of this is Absalom, Amnon, and Tamar. David's sins were adultery and murder.

Absalom and Tamar are full-blooded brother and sister. Amnon is her half-brother.

Tamar plots to have her in his room and violates her. David's nephew helps hatch the plot. Lust.

David angry.

Absalom then has Amnon murdered 2 years later. Absalom flees.

Chapter 14 : Joab sends a widow from Tekoah to David with a story. Similar to his and Absalom's. Trying to get Absalom back to Jerusalem. Widow for compassion; from another place so harder to investigate; older- more believable.

David is sympathetic and will protect her.

Widow then tells David directly that he needs to bring Absalom back from exile. Good for the people and the Crown. Absalom is very well liked and probable heir.

David suspects that Joab put her up to this.

David agrees to have Absalom come back to Jerusalem but he cannot see David. David has responded to intercession. Absalom should have been executed based on the Law.

Absalom was very handsome with a lot of hair. Has 3 sons and a daughter.

3 years in exile and 2 years in Jerusalem. Still not humble.

Comes to David and bows down. David kisses him.

Chapter 15 : Absalom has chariots and horses and men. Tells people coming with cases before the king that if he were judge he would give them justice. Everyone likes him. Ambition for the throne. His mother is daughter of a pagan king- Geshur. More judgment for some of David's mistakes. Absalom sees himself as a proud, powerful king and not like David who is Jesse's son. Multiplied horses, men and power just like Samuel had prophesied.

Tells the king that he has to go to Hebron to keep a vow he made to the Lord.

Sends spies throughout the country and says that when they hear the trumpet to say Absalom reigns in Hebron. Has 200 men. More people joined him.

Word gets to David about the rebellion. Wants to leave the city.

Leaves with his family and guards. Across the Kidron Valley toward the Wilderness. David walks while Absalom has horses and chariots.

Zadok the priest and Levites carry the Ark. They knew that David was chosen by God. David wants the Ark back in the city. It is God's holy city and dwelling. People also need the priests for worship. If God finds favor with David, he will be back in Jerusalem.

David walks up Mount of Olives barefoot and with his head covered. Mourning. Worships there.

High and powerful king broken and humbled. Prophet, general, poet rejected by his son, people, and by God for a time. His sin was always before him.

Absalom comes into the city.