

## II Samuel Part 5

Chapter 16: David has escaped from Jerusalem. Heading for the wilderness.

Meets Ziba, servant of Saul's son. Gives his provisions which is really a bribe. Ziba lies to David and tells him that Saul's son will have the Crown restored to him. So David gives him all the estate.

Shimei- Benjaminite- supporter of Saul and his family. Now feels he can vent his anger at David because of his situation. Throws stones at him. Calls him bloodthirsty and a rogue...now you get what you deserve. David was certainly innocent of Saul's blood. Servant wants to kill him but David says no. David knew it was one of his punishments from the Lord.

David says even his own son wants his life.

Advisors serve Absalom as king. Tell him to go into his father's concubines. Was forbidden by the Law – Lev 20:11. On the roof of the palace. All Israel can see. Would never make peace with his father David. Fulfilled God's punishment. II Sam 12:11

Chapter 17: Absalom in control of Jerusalem and the Throne. Advisor ,Ahithophel wants to take men and attack David and kill him. Absalom agrees and so do the elders. People have a long history of rebellion. Only David would be killed. Rest would scatter. What had he done? What evil had he done?

David's throne was divinely established. Prophecies were given about it. Absalom was evil and envious. David had never behaved this way with Saul.

Hushai tells Absalom that a large army should go and fight and that he should go also. Absalom accepts this advice.

V. 14- that advise is divinely inspired to bring Absalom down. Hushai supports David. Tells the priests that David will be warned.

David goes over the Jordan with his forces.

Ahithophel hangs himself.

Absalom takes an army across the Jordan.

Chapter 18: David has a large army. Wants to with them but advised to stay behind. Tells them to deal gently with Absalom; everyone hears him. David wants to spare him but Absalom would kill him. Type of Christ.

Battle- 20,000 of Absalom's army slain. Also confirmed by Josephus. Many also killed in the woods. God fought for David.

Absalom's head caught in a tree. His mule moves away. Hangs between Heaven and earth.

One man will not kill him because of David's command.

Joab puts 3 spears through Absalom's heart. Other men finish killing him. Buried in a pit with pile of stones over him. His army fled.

2 messengers run to David. Danger is past but Absalom is dead.

David mourns. 18: 33.

Chapter 19: David mourning, wouldn't even look at anyone, face is covered. Joab rebukes him. Tells him it seems that David would have rather had his friends and army die than Absalom. David needs to speak with his friends and his troops or they might abandon him and another rebellion might start.

David still on the other side of the Jordan. Sends priests to Judah – "my bone and my flesh." Calls them brethren; prefigures Jesus in Book of Hebrews.

Wants to be welcomed back to Jerusalem.

Comes back across the Jordan and goes to Jerusalem. Comes in peace. No retribution.

Accompanied by House of Judah. Elders from Israel concerned that Judah will get special favors. Omen of the future.

Chapter 20: Another rebellion. Sheba, a Benjaminite. Attacks on the Hose and Throne of David. Satan always attacking the Kingdom.

Army pursues and surrounds him. Killed. AND Joab kills Amasa who had been Absalom's commander.

Chapter 22: a song of Praise.

Chapter 23: David's will and testament.

Chapter 24: David orders a census and sins against God. Why was it a sin. Speculations. I Chr says Satan caused it. Basically God did not ask him to do it. Takes Joab 9 months.

Gad the prophet.

David realizes he has done wrong and repents. Plague-used as an occasion to punish Israel's disobedience and rebellion. Angel was going from Dan to Beersheba. Was over Jerusalem when God restrains him. 70,000 men had died.

David's pride also contributed. Pride is the worse. Adultery caused death of David' baby; pride and rebellion lead to death of 70,000

Prov 6:17