

DAVID AT LEAST A MIDDLE AGED MAN IF NOT OLDER

Started reign at 30 and first 7 1/2 years in Hebron and now in Jerusalem, so mid-40s to mid 50s anyway

A LONG WALK WITH THE LORD DOESN'T INSULATE ONE FROM THE FLESH

- THAT BATTLE GOES ON FOREVER
- YOU MUST FLEE -- RUN FROM TEMPTATION
- FIGHT, AND YOU'LL ALWAYS LOSE

v. 1 BUT David stayed in Jerusalem

FROM THE ROOF HE SAW A WOMAN BATHING AND THE WOMAN WAS VERY BEAUTIFUL

v.3 INQUIRED ABOUT THE WOMAN

KNEW her name, BATHSHEBA, married, husband URIAH, one of his elite MIGHTY MEN and great warrior, away at war for David

v.4 SENT messengers and "TOOK' HER BY FORCE (SHE HAD NO CHOICE---

KING SENDS PEOPLE TO GET HER AND BROUGHT IN BY FORCE)

Became pregnant (so 30 days or more later) and tells David

MAJOR PROBLEM, NOW WHAT ??

SHOULD CONFESS HIS SIN, BUT TRIES TO HIDE IT --- NEVER GOOD

v.6 Tells JOAB to send Uriah home and IT'LL LOOK LIKE HE HAD SOME

R&R AND GOT HER PREGNANT, AND NO ONE WOULD BE THE WISER --- DIDN'T WORK

v. 13 SO DAVID GETS HIM DRUNK, AND STILL HE WON'T GO TO HIS

WIFE. ALL DAVID'S ATTEMPTS AT DECEIT DON'T WORK

v. 14 David SENDS A "DEATH WARRANT" IN URIAH'S HAND TO

DELIVER TO JOAB, SO JOAB MAY NOT KNOW OF THE PROBLEM,

BUT HE'S PART OF THE "SOLUTION", PUTS URIAH IN THE FRONT

LINES, THEN WITHDRAWS THE TROOPS SO URIAH IS LEFT

ALONE AND KILLED

BUT, not only is Uriah killed but "...some of the people among David's servants FELL, (v. 17) DAVID'S SIN NOW COST OTHER INNOCENT LIVES

YOU NEVER SIN ONLY TO YOURSELF

v. 27 BUT THE THING THAT DAVID HAD DONE WAS EVIL IN THE

SIGHT OF THE LORD

first time the "LORD" is even mentioned in the chapter

TAKE AWAYS:

ROM. 6:4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so **WE ALSO SHOULD WALK IN NEWNESS OF LIFE .**

5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that **we should no longer be slaves of sin.**

7 For he who has died has been freed from sin

8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him

9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over him.

10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God

11 Likewise you also, **RECKON YOURSELVES TO BE DEAD INDEED TO SIN, BUT ALIVE TO GOD IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.** reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GAL 5:16 I say then: **WALK IN THE SPIRIT, AND YOU SHALL NOT FULFILL THE LUST OF THE FLESH.**

17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish

HOW DO WE DO THAT ?

1 COR 10: 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but **with the temptation WILL ALSO MAKE THE WAY OF ESCAPE, that you may be able to bear it.**

2 SAMUEL 12 DAVID'S SIN REVEALED

V1 The Lord SENT Nathan the prophet in the same way
David had SENT to inquire about Bathsheba and
SENT and TOOK her in chapter 11.

Nathan is the Word of the Lord to David

Tells David the parable of rich man and his "great many
flocks and herds" and the poor man with "one little ewe lamb that he bought and nourished."
that he treated as a "daughter" (heb. is "bsth")

traveler came to town and rather than preparing one of
his own flock, he refused, and TOOK the poor man's only ewe (vs 4) ---- same word as David TOOK
Bathsheba ---- and prepared the feast with it.

v 5 David's anger burned "As the Lord lives, surely the
man who has done this "deserves to die" Lit. "is a son of death"

v 6 And he must make restitution fourfold (from Ex. 22:1)

v 7 Nathan says only two words to David in Hebrew. IYSH --- YOU THE MAN If looks could kill.
"You are the Man"

Odd that David lost 4 sons

- first child with Bathsheba
- Amnon murdered by Absalom
- Absalom killed by Joab
- Adonijah by Solomon for usurping kingdom

7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: **I anointed you king** over Israel, and **I delivered you** from the hand of Saul.

8 **I gave you your master's house** and your master's wives into your keeping, and **gave you the house of Israel and Judah.** And if that had been too little, I **also would have given you much more!**

9 'Why have you **DESPISED THE COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD**, to do evil in His sight?
You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to be your wife, and have
killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon.

10 'Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, **BECAUSE YOU HAVE DESPISED ME**, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.

THREE CONSEQUENCES THAT OUTLINE THE REST OF OUR CHAPTERS; V. 10 ,11

(1) THE SWORD SHALL NEVER DEPART FROM YOUR HOUSE

(2) I WILL RAISE UP EVIL AGAINST YOU FROM YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD

(3) I WILL EVEN "TAKE" --- SAME AS IN 12:4 AND 11:4 --- YOUR WIVES BEFORE YOUR EYES, AND GIVE THEM TO YOUR COMPANION, AND HE SHALL BE WITH YOUR WIVES IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.

13 So David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David, "The LORD also HAS TAKEN AWAY YOUR SIN; you shall not die.

David recognizes that his sin, although against Bathsheba, Uriah, and others, ultimately is against the LORD in despising His Word.

Ps 51: 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions, And my sin is always before me.

4 Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight-That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge

Don't we do the same thing in not believing His promises to us

---- we are holy

---- we are blameless

---- we are righteous

---- we are His beloved children

---- we are joint heirs with Christ

Do we really live like that ?? Often sadly NO

"TAKEN AWAY YOUR SIN"

IN HEBREW IS SAYS "CAUSED YOU SIN TO PASS OVER"

IT'S PASSED OVER TO CHRIST

"YOU SHALL NOT DIE"

Christ said same thing to Peter upon informing him that he would deny him 3 times ---- Jn. 13:30, 14:1

13 HOWEVER because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the **child also who is born to you shall surely die.**"

IS THIS NOT A PICTURE OF THE INNOCENT CHILD DYING FOR THE SINS OF DAVID. IN THE ANGUISH OF DAVID WE SEE THE ANGUISH OF THE FATHER WITH THE DEATH OF HIS SON LJC.

2 SAMUEL 13 SIN EXTENDS TO FAMILY -- RAPE OF TAMAR

LIKE FATHER LIKE SON

"THE SWORD SHALL NEVER DEPART FROM YOUR HOUSE"

v. 1 "Now after this...."
AFTER what??

David's adultery with Bathsheba, murder of Uriah, birth of son with Bathsheba, Chastisement by Nathan, and death of his son, so AT LEAST A YEAR OR MORE LATER

ABSALOM "Father of peace" NOT Third son of David
AMNON "Faithful, stable" NOT First son of David, Heir to the throne
TAMAR "Palm tree, fruitful" Full sister of Absalom, half sister of Amnon

Amnon "loved" really lusted Tamar but Frustrated and couldn't have her

v 3 BUT Amnon had a "friend" JONADAB David's nephew (son of his Brother Shimea)

Why are you so glum. The King's son, heir to the throne, how could you possibly be depressed?

PLAN

5 So Jonadab said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me food, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat it from her hand.'"

Fake illness and ask your dad to have her come in and bake you some "comfort food"
Did that "TOOK HER" JUST LIKE DAVID DID TO BATHSHEBA AND RAPED HER, THEN HATED HER.

15 Then Amnon hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Arise, be gone!"

19 Then Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore her robe of many colors that was on her, and laid her hand on her head and went away crying bitterly

20 And Absalom her brother said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now hold your peace, my sister. He is your brother; do not take this thing to heart." So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house (A DAILY REMINDER

OF WHAT HIS BROTHER AMNON DID TO HIS SISTER; FUELED THE FIRE)

21 ¶ But when King David heard of all these things, he was very angry.

BUT HE DID NOTHING !!

HANDS ARE SOMEWHAT TIED. AMNON REALLY DID EXACTLY WHAT DAVID DID

WITH BATHSHEBA, DAVID "GOT AWAY WITH IT" AMNON IS THE KING'S SON, HAS ANYTHING HE WANTS AND SO JUST "TOOK" HER.

WHAT DAVID SHOULD HAVE DONE:

DUET. 22: 28 "If a man finds a young woman who is a virgin, who is not betrothed, and he seizes her and lies with her, and they are found out,
29 "then the man who lay with her shall give to the young woman's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife because he has humbled her; he shall not be permitted to divorce her all his days.

ABSALOM'S PLOT TO KILL HIS BROTHER

2 SAM 13: 22 And Absalom spoke to his brother Amnon neither good nor bad. **For Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar**

23 And it came to pass, AFTER TWO FULL YEARS (OF PLOTTING AND SCHEMING), that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal Hazor, which is near Ephraim; so Absalom invited all the king's sons.

A SHEEP SHEARING FESTIVAL ---- BIG PARTY ---INVITES THE KING AND THE KING'S SONS DAVID DECLINES BUT IS PURSUADED TO SEND AMNON IN HIS STEAD

WHEN AMNON IS "MERRY WITH WINE" ABSALOM'S SERVANTS KILL HIM IN COLD BLOOD

v. 29 "Then all the king's sons arose and each mounted his mule and fled"
Amnon first born is now dead, and Absalom is next in line to the throne, he's just killed Amnon and doesn't look good for the rest of David's kids cause that's what new kings do, kill their rivals

JONADAB reappears. He seems to know what Absalom's plan was (good friend of Amnon) and assures David that not all the king's sons are dead but only Amnon is dead Jonadab is with David and says:

32 Then Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother, answered and said, "Let not my lord suppose they have killed all the young men, the king's sons, for only Amnon is dead. For by the command of Absalom this has been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar.

ABSALOM HAS BEEN PLANNING THIS FOR 2 YEARS!!

37 But Absalom fled and went to Talmai the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. (WHERE HIS GRANDFATHER LIVED, MAYBE BECAUSE AMNON'S FAMILY SEEKING TO KILL ABSALOM)

And David mourned for his son every day.

38 So Absalom fled and went to Geshur, and WAS THERE THREE YEARS.

CONSEQUENCES OF DAVID'S SIN HAS NOW EXTENDED TO HIS OWN FAMILY WITH RAPE AND MURDER, AS HE DID WITH BATHSHEBA.

WHAT TAKE AWAYS:

(1) EVIDENCE THAT SCRIPTURES ARE INSPIRED BECAUSE NO WHITE-WASHING

OF DAVID'S SIN OR FAMILY CONSEQUENCES

- (2) EVIDENCE OF GOD'S GRACE THAT INSPITE OF ALL THIS ROTTENNESS GOD'S PROMISES OF CHAPTER 7 WILL NOT FAIL**

"THE LORD DECLARES TO YOU THAT THE LORD WILL MAKE A HOUSE FOR HIM (DAVID)" AND

"MY LOVINGKINDNESS SHALL NOT DEPART FROM HIM" AND

"YOUR HOUSE AND YOUR KINGDOM SHALL ENDURE BEFORE ME FOREVER; YOUR THRONE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FOREVER."

- (3) GOD ALSO WILL FULFILL HIS PROMISE THAT "I WILL RAISE UP EVIL AGAINST YOU FROM YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD" --- 2 SAM/ 12:11**

2 SAMUEL 14 EXILED ABSALOM BACK TO JERUSALEM

STARTS WITH LAST VERSE OF 13:

AND KING DAVID LONGED TO GO TO ABSALOM. FOR HE HAD BEEN COMFORTED CONCERNING AMNON, BECAUSE HE WAS DEAD.

BEEN 5 YEARS SINCE TAMAR'S RAPE (3 IN GESHUR AND 2 NOT SPEAKING TO AMNON AND PLANNING HIS MURDER) NOT MUCH IF ANY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN DAVID AND ABSALOM DURING THAT ENTIRE TIME.

v. 1 So Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king's heart was **CONCERNED** about Absalom.

Some texts say David's heart was "against" Absalom, others that his heart was "inclined toward" Absalom. In any event, David's not getting any younger, and there is an obvious rift between the king and the presumed heir to the throne, now that Amnon is dead. For the sake of the kingdom, something's got to be done to repair the situation, and DAVID ONCE AGAIN IS DOING NOTHING.

ENTER JOAB

ZERUIAH WAS DAVID'S SISTER, SO JOAB IS DAVID'S NEPHEW, AND BEEN IS NUMBER ONE COMMANDER FOR A LONG TIME. HE'S SHREWD, CALCULATING, AND WILLING TO DO THE DIRTY WORK FOR DAVID.

JOAB KILLS ABNER, COMMANDER OF SAUL'S ARMY 2 SAM. 3:27

HELPS CARRY OUT MURDER OF URIAH FOR DAVID 2 SAM 11: 14 ff

KILLS ABSALOM, AGAINST DAVID'S EXPRESS ORDERS 2 SAM 18:14

KILLS AMASA, WHO DAVID REPLACED FOR JOAB 2 SAM 20:9

KILLS SHEBA, WHO TRIED TO SET UP A REVIVED "SAUL EMPIRE" 2 SAM 20:21

ABANDONS DAVID AND FOLLOWS ADONIJAH AS KING (INSTEAD OF SOLOMON)

FINALLY KILLED BY SOLOMON 1 KINGS 2:29-34

COMES UP WITH A PLAN TO TRY TO GET DAVID TO SEE THE FOLLY OF NOT DEALING WITH ABSALOM.

Absalom uses Nathan's playbook, and gets a wise old woman (for sympathy) unknown to David and she tells a story THAT JOAB PUTS IN HER MOUTH.

5 Then the king said to her, "What troubles you?" And she answered, "**Indeed I am a widow, my husband is dead.**

6 "Now your maidservant had **two sons**; and the two fought with each other in the field, and there was no one to part them, but the **one struck the other and killed him.** (LIKE ABSALOM AND AMNON)

7 "And now the whole family has risen up against your maidservant, and they said, 'Deliver him who

struck his brother, that we may execute him for the life of his brother whom he killed; (BLOOD AVENGER) and we will destroy the heir also.' So they would extinguish my ember that is left, and leave to my husband neither name nor remnant on the earth."

SHE THEN WANTS DAVID TO SWARE BY THE LORD TO PROTECT HER SON FROM DEATH. EVENTUALLY DAVID CAPITULATES AND GRANTS HER WISH.

THEN SHE PULLS THE REAL TRIGGER:

13 So the woman said: "Why then have you schemed such a thing against the people of God? For the king speaks this thing as one who is guilty, in that the king does not bring his banished one home again

TRANSLATED;

IF YOU WILL PROTECT MY SON, WHOM YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW, WHY ARE YOU TOYING WITH THE FUTURE OF ISRAEL BY CONTINUING TO BANISH YOUR OWN SON, THE HEIR TO THE THRONE. BRING HIM BACK INTO FELLOWSHIP !!! IT'S BEEN 5 YEARS !!

DAVID ASTUTELY REALIZES JOAB IS BEHIND ALL THIS ---- JOAB HAS PROBABLY BEEN BRINGING THE SUBJECT UP FOR THESE 3 YEARS AND BEEN REBUFFED EVERY TIME

DAVID CONCEDES TO BRING ABSALOM BACK

21 ¶ And the king said to Joab, "All right, I have granted this thing. Go therefore, bring back the "YOUNG MAN" Absalom (NOTICE DIDN'T SAY "MY SON" USED A HEBREW WORD THAT MEANS "CHILD" WHEN ABSALOM IS A GROWN MAN. NO REAL RECONCILIATION HERE)

22 Then Joab fell to the ground on his face and bowed himself, and thanked the king. And Joab said, "Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your sight, my lord, O king, in that the king has fulfilled the request of his servant."

23 So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem

24 And the king said, "LET HIM RETURN TO HIS HOUSE, BUT DO NOT LET HIM SEE MY FACE." A So Absalom returned to his own house, but did not see the king's face.

28 And Absalom DWELT TWO FULL YEARS IN JERUSALEM, but did not see the king's face.

AFTER 2 YEARS ABSALOM IS FRUSTRATED WITH HIS DAD

CAN'T GET JOAB TO RETURN HIS PHONE CALLS SO SETS HIS FIELD ON FIRE AND THAT GETS DAVID'S ATTENTION.

WANTS A MEETING SET UP TO ONCE AND FOR ALL SETTLE HIS STATUS.

THEY MEET

33 So Joab went to the king and told him. And when he had called for Absalom, he came

to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king.
Then THE KING KISSED ABSALOM.

SEEMS LIKE A FORMALITY BUT DOESN'T SAY THEY EVEN EXCHANGED ANY
WORDS OR SAID ANYTHING TO ONE ANOTHER. STILL NO RECONCILIATION.

WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT ABSALOM:

HE'S EXTREMELY HANDSOME, v.25 "highly praised" THINK SAUL
A FULL HEAD OF HAIR
HAD THREE SONS AND A DAUGHTER (ONLY ONE NAMED, TAMAR AFTER
HIS SISTER)

Seems all three sons died early because by 18:18 we find that he had set up a
"monument" to himself since he "had no son to preserve his name"
HE THOUGHT HE WAS JUSTIFIED IN KILLING AMNON SINCE DAVID DID
NOTHING USED TO GETTING WHAT HE WANTED, AN AUDIENCE WITH
DAVID WOULD DO ANYTHING NECESSARY TO GET HIS WAY,
INCLUDING BURN JOAB'S FIELD

TAKE AWAYS FROM CHAPTER 14:

- (1) GOD DEALT GRACIOUSLY WITH DAVID IN FORGIVING HIS SIN AND RESTORING HIM DAVID CAN'T DO THE SAME WITH HIS OWN SON
- (2) MAN CAN'T TRULY FORGIVE SIN AND RESTORE FULL FELLOWSHIP --- THAT IS ONLY ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH LJC AND WORK OF HOLY SPIRIT
- (3) EVEN THOUGH WE SIN, GOD REMAINS FAITHFUL TO US AND NEVER BREAKS HIS FELLOWSHIP WITH US. IF IT'S BROKEN, IT'S WE WHO HAVE MOVED, NOT HIM
- (4) EFFECTS OF DAVID'S SIN NOW EXPANDING TO ALL OF ISRAEL IN THAT THE STABILITY OF THE KINGDOM IS IN JEPORDY SINCE DAVID AND ABSALOM NOT TALKING.
- (5) ABSALOM THOUGHT AS "AVENGER OF BLOOD" HE HAD EVERY RIGHT AND IN FACT DUTY TO KILL AMNON FOR THE RAPE OF HIS SISTER.

CHAPTER 15 ABSALOM --- WHO IS HE ?

BEEN 7 YEARS SINCE TAMAR'S RAPE (AT LEAST 8 OR 9 SINCE DAVID'S ADULTRY) AND LIVING IN JERUSALEM FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS NOW PLOTTING THE OVERTHROW OF HIS FATHER'S REIGN.

AS SON OF THE KING HE HAS RESOURCES APPROPRIATES AN OFFICIAL LIMO, HORSES AND 50 "RUNNERS" BEFORE HIM TO ANNOUNCE HIS ROYAL COMING WHEREVER HE WENT.

VERY SKILLFUL AND POPULAR

v.2 Now Absalom would rise early and stand beside the way to the gate. So it was, whenever anyone who had a lawsuit came to the king for a decision, that Absalom would call to him and say, "What city are you from?" And he would say, "Your servant is from such and such a tribe of Israel."

3 Then Absalom would say to him, "Look, **your case is good and right; but there is no deputy of the king to hear you.**"

MAKING PROMISES HE CAN'T KEEP

4 Moreover Absalom would say, "**Oh, that I were made judge in the land, and everyone who has any suit or cause would come to me; then I would give him justice.**" **UNDERMINING THE AUTHORITY OF KING ---I CAN DO BETTER**

5 And so it was, whenever anyone came near to bow down to him, that he would **put out his hand and take him and kiss him.**

ACTING ROYALLY AND KISSING THE BABIES

6 In this manner Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom **STOLE THE HEARTS OF THE MEN OF ISRAEL.**

A POLITICIAN THAT STOLE THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE AND TURNED THEM AGAINST DAVID

LAYS THIS GROUNDWORK FOR 4 YEARS (V.7)

THEN USES FALSE "RELIGION" TO PURSUADE DAVID TO LET HIM GO TO HEBRON (HIS BIRTH

PLACE AND PROBABLY FOLLOWERS THERE) TO "PAY MY VOW TO SERVE THE LORD"

v.8

David says "Go in Peace" v.9

But in preparation Absalom had done THREE SAVY things:

- (1) had sent out SPIES throughout the land to tell the people that when they heard the trumpet blast to YELL, "ABSALOM IS KING IN HEBRON" (WHERE DAVID STARTED)
- (2) Invited 200 special guests to be there, dignitaries form Jerusalem, who were left

completely in the dark, but will have a real problem when his kingdom is announced and THEY'RE SEATED AT THE BANQUET. AWKWARD!!

- (3) He got Ahithophel, David's most trust advisor on board as well. Ahithophel was Bathsheba's grandfather, and not pleased at all with what David did, so he's quick to abandon David and side with Absalom.

SO HE GOT THE POPULAR BACKING OF THE PEOPLE, NEUTRALIZED THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE OF JERUSALEM, AND GOT DAVID'S TRUSTED ADVISOR ON BOARD TO MAKE IT ALL LOOK LEGIT. BRILLIANT

DAVID SEES HOW STRONG THIS COUP IS AND DECIDES HE HAS NO OPTION BUT TO FLEE.

v.14 So David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee; or we shall not escape from Absalom. Make haste to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly and bring disaster upon us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword."

16 Then the king went out with all his household after him. But the king **left ten women, concubines, to keep the house.**
HE HOPED HE WOULDN'T BE GONE LONG

LEAVES JERUSALEM WITH THE SAME SOLDIERS (600 FROM GATH) THAT HE HAD WHILE BEING CHASED BY SAUL, INTERESTING AND REDUCED TO TRUSTING GOD ONLY

DAVID CROSSES THE BROOK KIDRON AND GOES UP THE MOUNT OF OLIVES JUST LIKE CHRIST DID THE NIGHT HE WAS BETRAYED. (JOHN 18:1) PICTURE OF CHRIST BEING REJECTED BY ISRAEL IN FIRST ADVENT AND SCORNE BY ISRAEL, MOCKED BY OTHERS AND CRUCIFIED.

30 So David went up by the Ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went up; and he had his head covered and went BAREFOOT. And all the people who were with him covered their heads and went up, weeping as they went up.

FINDS OUT THAT AHITHOPHEL AS GONE OVER TO ABSALOM'S SIDE (ONE OF DAVID'S MOST TRUSTED ADVISORS) 16:23

23 Now the advice of Ahithophel, which he gave in those days, was as if one had inquired at the oracle of God. So was all the advice of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

DAVID IS SHOCKED AT THIS NEWS AND GOES TO THE LORD 15:31 "O LORD, I PRAY, MAKE THE COUNSEL OF AHITHOPHEL FOOLISHNESS." (HIS NAME MEANS "BROTHER OF FOOLISHNESS")

FIRST TIME DAVID HAS SOUGHT THE LORD SINCE CHAPTER 7

DAVID MEETS 5 PEOPLE ON THE WAY:

(1) ITTAL, A GITTITE (PHILISTINE) WARRIOR WHO LIKE RUTH WANTS TO

STAY WITH DAVID AND ULTIMATELY LEADS A DIVISION OF HIS ARMY

- (2) ZADOK AND ABIATHAR PRIESTS WITH IEVITES AND ARK. DAVID SEND THEM BACK TO JERUSALEM AND SAYS ARK SHOULD STAY THERE AS GOD'S PRESENCE IN THE CITY, AND IF DAVID'S ALLOWED BACK BY GOD SO BE IT. ZADOK'S 2 SONS BECOME SPIES AND INFORMANTS**
- 3) HUSHAI (MEANS QUICK) AND OLD FRIEND OF DAVIDS, IN MOURNING WITH DAVID TOO OLD TO TRAVEL (A BURDEN) WITH DAVID, BUT RETURN TO THE CITY AND DEFEAT THE ADVISE OF AHITHOPHEL.**
- (4) ZIBA, A SERVANT OF MEPHIBOSHETH (CHAP 9), LIES TO DAVID AND LATER WE FIND HIM WITH ABSALOM (19:17) TRIES TO FLATTER HIM WITH PROVISIONS FOR THE WILDERNESS JOURNEY. CHRIST TO THE FALSE FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST "WHEN DID WE SEE THEE NAKED OR THIRSTY" I NEVER KNEW YOU !!**
- (5) SHIMEI, (MEANS FAMOUS) A DEXCENDANT OF SAUL, WHO CURSES DAVID AND ACCUSES HIM OF TAKING WRONGFULLY SAUL'S THRONE --- LIKE THOSE AT THE CROSS RAILING AGAINST THE LORD, "HE SAVED OTHERS, LET HIM SAVE HIMSELF"**

TAKE AWAYS:

- (1) PROPHETIC PICTURE OF CHRIST'S REJECTION BY THE JEWS IN HIS FIRST ADVENT, CROSSING THE KIDRON AND UP MOUNT OF OLIVES IN SACK CLOTH AND ASHES, CURSED AS HE WENT**
- (2) DAVID REALIZES THE DEPTH OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF HIS SIN, AND ACCEPTS THAT, REALIZING THAT GOD IS DEALING WITH HIM IN GRACE MAYBE GOD WILL RETURN HIM AND MAYBE NOT. THAT'S OKAY**

25 Then the king said to Zadok, "Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the LORD, He will bring me back and show me both it and His dwelling place

26 "But if He says thus: 'I have no delight in you,' HERE I AM, LET HIM DO TO ME AS SEEMS GOOD TO HIM."

- (3) AGAIN NOT WHITE-WASHING DAVID'S SIN, BUT SHOWING US ALL THE UGLY CONSEQUENCES, NOW NOT JUST FAMILY BUT NATION IS BEING TORN APART.**
- (4) ABSALOM A TYPE OF THE PHARISEES, PLOTTING TO OVERTHROUGH CHRIST, SILENCE HIM, KILL HIM. THEY WERE RELATED TO CHRIST AS JEWS, BUT HATED HIM. DIDN'T WORK OUT IN EITHER CASE.**

CHAPTER 16 ABSALOM TAKES JERUSALEM

DAVID has left Jerusalem in a HUGE hurry (15:14)

ARISE AND LET US FLEE, FOR OTHERWISE NONE OF US SHALL ESCAPE FROM ABSALOM GO IN HASTE, LEST HE OVERTAKE US QUICKLY, AND BRING DOWN CALAMITY ON US AND STRIKE THE CITY WITH THE EDGE OF THE SWORD.

So left with families, little ones, and basically the clothes on their backs, with not much in the way of provisions or planning.

ALONG COMES ZIBA BEARING MUCH NEEDED SUPPLIES

17:29 FIND THAT "THE PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY AND WEARY AND THIRSTY IN THE WILDERNESS"

ZIBA LIES TO DAVID ABOUT HIS MASTER MEPHIBOSHETH, AND GOES BACK TO ABSALOM ---- HE'S "FOLLOWING WHOMEVER SEEMS TO BE THE WINNER" AND RIGHT NOW THAT APPEARS TO BE ABSALOM. BY 19:17 HE'S TRYING IT INGRATIATE HIMSELF WITH DAVID AGAIN AS HE RE-ENTERS JERUSALEM.

DAVID MEETS SHIMEI, RELATIVE OF SAUL'S WHO CURSES DAVID ABISHAI, JOAB'S BROTHER, ANOTHER SON OF ZERUIAH (LIKE PETER IN THE GARDEN) WANTS TO "TAKE HIS HEAD OFF AND SHUT HIM UP"

DAVID RESPONDS:

16:11 And David said to Abishai and all his servants, "See how my son who came from my own body seeks my life. How much more now may this Benjamite? LET HIM ALONE, AND LET HIM CURSE; FOR SO THE LORD HAS ORDERED HIM.

V 15 TO END OF CHAPTER AND INTO CHAP. 17 FOCUSES ON HUSHAI AND AHITHOPHEL AND THEIR ADVISE TO ABSALOM, ALL UNDER THE SOVEREIGN CONTROL OF GOD

15 ¶ Meanwhile Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem; and Ahithophel was with him.

16 And so it was, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, came to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, "Long live the king! Long live the king!"

17 So Absalom said to Hushai, "Is this your loyalty to your friend? Why did you not go with your friend?"

18 And Hushai said to Absalom, "No, but whom the LORD and this people and all the men of Israel choose, his I will be, and with him I will remain.

19 "Furthermore, whom should I serve? Should I not serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father's presence, so will I be in your presence."

MOST COMMENTATORS VIEW HUSHAI AS DECEIVING ABSALOM ON BEHALF OF DAVID. BUT LOOK CLOSELY AT WHAT HE SAYS. I THINK HE'S ACTUALLY

TELLING THE TRUTH AND ABSALOM, FULL OF HIMSELF AND PRIDE THINK IT'S ALL ABOUT HIM, WHEN IN REALITY HUSHAI IS PLEDGING ALLEGIANCE TO DAVID.

v.16 HEB. IS "LET THE KING LIVE, LET THE KING LIVE"

ABSALOM THINKS HE'S TALKING ABOUT HIM, COULD JUST AS WELL BE SAYING, "LET DAVID, THE KING LIVE"

v18 "WHOM THE LORD AND THIS PEOPLE AND ALL THE MEN OF ISRAEL CHOOSE, HIS I WILL BE, (AGAIN COULD MEAN DAVID AS HE'S THE ONE THE LORD HAS CHOSEN, NOT ABSALOM), AND WITH HIM I WILL REMAIN (I'M STILL LOYAL TO DAVID)

v19 "SHOULD I NOT SERVE IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS SON (AGAIN MEANING DAVID) "AS I HAVE SERVED IN YOUR FATHER'S PRESENCE, SO **WILL I BE IN YOUR PRESENCE**" (NOTICE HE SAID "BE" NOT "SERVE" ---- I'LL BE HERE, BUT I'M "SERVING" DAVID NOT YOU)

**ABSALOM SEEKS ADVICE TWICE, BUT THE FIRST TIME, NOT FROM HUSHAI
(1) ASKED AHITHOPHEL, "WHAT SHALL WE DO"**

AHITHOPHEL SAYS TAKE DAVID'S HAREM

---- **MAKES YOURSELF ODIOS TO DAVID. WHEN AN EASTERN KING IS DEFEATED CONQUERING KING GETS OPPONENTS WIVES, AS DAVID DID SAUL'S (12:8)**

---- **MAKES POSSIBILITY OF ANY RECONCILIATION WITH DAVID IMPOSSIBLE**

---- **SHOWS ALL OF ISRAEL THAT HE IS NOW THE RULER, NOT DAVID**

---- **FULFILLS GOD'S WARNING TO DAVID: 12:11"Thus says the LORD: 'Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun.**

NOTICE THAT ABSALOM **DOESN'T ASK HUSHAI FOR ADVICE**. I THINK GOD IS PROTECTING HUSHAI FROM HAVING TO COMMENT ON THIS WRETCHED SIN BECAUSE GOD HAS ALREADY ORDAINED THIS AND IN FACT TOLD DAVID THIS IS WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN.

(2) BUT STRANGELY ABSALOM **DOES ASK HUSHAI FOR ADVICE AS TO HOW TO ATTACK DAVID** IN CHAPTER 17.

CHAPTER 17 CONFLICTING BATTLE PLANS

AHITHOPHEL WANTS TO TAKE 12,000 MEN AND HIT DAVID QUICK AND TONIGHT ---- LIGHTNING AND JUST TAKE OUT DAVID

v 2 I will come upon him while he is weary and exhausted and will terrify him so that all the people who are with him will flee. Then I will strike down the king alone

3 and I will bring back all the people to you.

4 So the plan pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel.

SO WHY DIDN'T HE GO WITH THAT PLAN. NO, BUT THIS TIME HE WANTS TO HEAR WHAT HUSHAI HAS TO SAY. SOVEREIGNTY OF THE LORD !!!

HUSHAI is trying to buy David time to get away and knows that militarily what Ahithophel has proposed is exactly what SHOULD BE DONE

So he plays to Absaloms pride and arrogance and says "THIS TIME AHITHOPHEL'S ADVISE IS NOT WISE"

YOU know what a mighty and cunning warrior David is and YOU won't be able to surpirse him, he'll be waiting for you and HE'LL set a trap

**YOU should gather an overwhelming force of all of Israel
YOU should lead them into battle, and utterly destroy David
and all his men.**

v. 14 So Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The advice of Hushai the Archite is better than the advice of Ahithophel." For the LORD had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, IN ORDER THAT THE LORD MIGHT BRING DISASTER ON ABSALOM.

LOOK WHO'S IN CONTROL !!

HUSHAI DOESN'T KNOW WHICH WAY ABSALOM WILL DECIDE AFTER GIVING HIS ADVISE, BUT HE QUICKLY ENGAGES THE SECRET NETWORK TO LET DAVID KNOW "MOVE AND MOVE NOW, TONIGHT"

HUSHAI TELLS THE PRIEST ZADOK AND ABIATHAR, WHO TELL THEIR SONS (RUNNERS) TO GO TELL DAVID

v. 16 "Now therefore, send quickly and tell David, saying, 'Do not spend this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily cross over, lest the king and all the people who are with him be swallowed up.'"

THEY TAKE OFF RUNNIG, BUT "A LAD" SEES THEM AND IS SUSPICIOUS

SO THEY HIDE IN A WELL COVERED WITH A BLANKET AND GRAIN. THE

MAID OF THE HOUSE (UNKNOWN NAME, BUT FOREVER RECORDED IN GOD'S WORD, HELPING KING DAVID) TELLS THE PURSUERS "THEY WENT THAT-A-WAY" SENDING THEM ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE. THE TWO BOYS CLIMB OUT OF THE WELL AND RUN TO DAVID SO THAT HE'S WARNED.

v. 22 So David and all the people who were with him arose and crossed over the Jordan. By morning light not one of them was left who had not gone over the Jordan.

v. 23 Now when Ahithophel saw that his advice was not followed, he saddled a donkey, and arose and went home to his house, to his city. Then he put his household in order, and HANGED HIMSELF AND DIED; and he was buried in his father's tomb.

MUCH LIKE JUDAS, AND PS. 69 AND 109 IN NEAR FULFILLMENT PROBABLY REFER TO AHITHOPHEL. CHRIST QUOTED THEM AS REFERRING TO JUDAS.

AHITHOPHEL KNEW ONCE HIS ADVISE WAS NOT TAKEN THAT DAVID WOULD PROBABLY DEFEAT ABSALOM (HE WAS NO MATCH FOR DAVID IN A FAIR BATTLE, AND GIVE DAVID TIME, DAVID WILL BEAT ABSALOM)

SINCE AHITHOPHEL THREW HIS WEIGHT BEHIND ABSALOM (AND TOLD HIM TO TAKE DAVID'S HAREM OF CONCUBINES) WHEN DAVID RETURNED TO POWER, **AHITHOPHEL IS A DEAD MAN.**

AFTER DAVID CROSSED THE JORDAN RIVER THEY COME TO MAHANAIM (A city given to Levites, and where Ishbosheth son of Saul set up to reign for 2 years) A TOWN 40 MILES FROM JERUSALEM AND GOD PROVIDES PROVISIONS FROM 3 GUYS SHOBI FROM RABBAH (THAT JOAB JUST DESTROYED) MACHIR FROM LO-DABAR (WHERE MEPHIBOSHETH LIVED) BARZILLAI, A GILEADITE, 80 YEARS OLD

TAKE AWAYS

GOD IS IN CONTROL OF EVERY LITTLE DETAIL DOWN TO GRAIN ON A BLANKET AND A MAID SERVANT TO HIDE THE BOYS FROM ABSALOM TO PLENTIFUL PROVISIONS IN THE WILDERNESS FROM AN OLD GUY BARZILLAI OF GILEAD WHEN THEY WERE WEARY AND EXHAUSTED.

ABSALOM DIDN'T ASK HUSHAI FOR ADVISE REGARDING THE CONCUBINES BUT BY GOD'S PROVIDENCE DID TO THWART THE "GOOD COUNSEL" OF AHITHOPHEL, TO SAVE DAVID

CHAPTER 18 ABSALOM KILLED IN BATTLE

DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH TIME HAS ELAPSED BUT DAVID IS MUCH MORE ORGANIZED. DIVIDES HIS TROOPS INTO 3 COMPANIES LED BY ITTAI THE GITTITE, JOAB AND JOAB'S BROTHER ABISHAI.

THE PEOPLE GO OUT TO BATTLE.

v.5 Now the king had commanded Joab, Abishai, and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains orders concerning Absalom

DAVID KNOWS THERE'S GOING TO BE A BLOODY BATTLE BUT STILL LOVES HIS SON ABSALOM

v. 7 The people of Israel were overthrown there before the servants of David, and a GREAT SLAUGHTER OF 20,000. took place there that day.
8 For the battle there was scattered over the face of the whole countryside, and the woods devoured more people that day than the sword devoured .

WOW DAVID'S SIN HAS NOW CONSUMED 20,000 ISRAELITES AND WHO KNOW HOW MANY OF DAVIDS TROOPS SAD!!

9 ¶ Then Absalom HAPPENED TO MEET the servants of David. Absalom rode on a mule. The mule went under the thick boughs of a great terebinth tree, and his head caught in the terebinth; so he was left hanging between heaven and earth. And the mule which was under him went on.

JOAB AND 10 "YOUNG MEN" WASTE NO TIME IN KILLING ABSALOM AGAINST DAVID'S EXPRESS ORDERS. JOAB KNEW THAT IF HE WASN'T DEALT WITH IN THIS WAY, HE WOULD JUST REBEL AGAIN.

WHEN DAVID FINALLY HEARS THE NEWS

v 33 THEN THE KING WAS DEEPLY MOVED, AND WENT UP TO THE CHAMBER OVER THE GATE, AND WEPT. AND AS HE WENT, **HE SAID "O MY SON ABSALOM MY SON, MY SON ABSALOM IF ONLY I HAD DIED IN YOUR PLACE!! O ABSALOM MY SON MY SON"**

O MY SON ABSALOM MY SON, MY SON ABSALOM, IF ONLY I HAD DIED IN YOUR PLACE

WOW THAT'S WHAT CHRIST DID FOR US.

THE WHOLE PURPOSE OF THESE LAST 4 CHAPTERS 15 -18 IS TO SEE WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO "BE DEAD IN SIN" AND SO THAT WE SEE THAT "EVEN WHEN WE WERE CONTRARY TO HIM, HE LOVED US AND GAVE

HIMSELF FOR US"

EPH.2: 1 And you He made alive, who were DEAD IN TRESPASSES AND SINS
2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the
prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,
3 among whom also we all once CONDUCTED OURSELVES IN THE LUSTS OF
THE FLESH, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature
children of wrath, just as the others.
4 **BUT GOD**, who is rich in mercy, **because of His great love with which He
loved us,**
5 **even when we were dead in trespasses**, made us alive together with Christ
(by grace you have been saved)
6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places
in Christ Jesus

COL.1: 21 And you, who once WERE ALIENATED AND ENEMIES IN YOUR
MIND by wicked works, **yet now He has reconciled**
22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless,
and above reproach in His sight

CONCLUSIONS

--- WE SEE THE AWFULNESS OF OUR SINFUL FLESH AND WHAT IT'S
CAPABLE OF, THE DEPTHS TO WHICH EVEN "A MAN AFTER GOD'S
OWN HEART" CAN GO

--- WE SEE HOW SIN LEFT UNCHECKED EXTENDS TO OUR FAMILIES
AND ALL THOSE AROUND US, HERE ALL OF ISRAEL

--- WE SEE THE GRACE OF GOD BECAUSE OF LJC IN FORGIVING OUR
SIN AND RESTORING OUR FELLOWSHIP

--- WE SEE THAT DAVID ISN'T PUT ON THE SHELF AFTER HIS SIN, BUT
GOD STILL WORKS IN HIS LIFE HIS SOVEREIGN PLAN TO RESTORE
HIM, AND THROUGH HIM WILL COME LORD JESUS CHRIST.

--- WE SEE THAT MAN, EVEN THE BEST OF KINGS, CAN'T LEAD OR SAVE
HIS PEOPLE. ADAM WAS PINNACLE OF CREATION OF MAN, AND DAVID
WAS PINNACLE OF KINGS, "MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART"
CAN ONLY BE DONE THROUGH CHRIST

--- WE SEE IN VIVID DETAIL WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO BE DEAD IN OUR
TRESPASSES AND SIN

--- AND WE SEE THAT EVEN IN THAT STATE, HE LOVES ENOUGH TO
DIE FOR HIS CHILDREN WHEN WE WANTED NOTHING TO DO WITH
HIM, DIE IN OUR PLACE SO THAT WE MIGHT HAVE LIFE.