

Fall of David

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Man after God's own heart Acts 13:22
Did all that God commanded except in
the case of Uriah the Hittite 1 Kings 15:5

Does that mean that David only "sinned"
with Uriah?

Start with 2 Samuel 7 and
God's promises to David:
Also known as the "Davidic Covenant"
The promises are what God will do for
David and "his house". David wants to
"build a house" for LORD. "Would you
build a house for me to dwell in?"

8 Thus says the LORD of
hosts, I took you from the pasture,
from following the sheep, that you
should be ruler over My people Israel.
9 and I have been with you wherever
you have gone, and have cut off all
your enemies from before you;

and I will make you a great
name, like the names of the great
men who are on the earth.
10 I will also appoint a place for My
people Israel and will plant them....
11 And I will give you rest from all
your enemies.

The LORD also declares to you
that the LORD will make a **house** for you.
12 When your days are complete and
you lie down with your fathers, I will
raise up your seed after , who will come
forth from you, and I will establish his
kingdom

13 He shall build a **house** for
My name, and I will establish the throne
of his kingdom forever.

16 And your **house** and your kingdom
shall endure before Me forever; **your
throne shall be established forever.**

I will make you a great name
I will appoint a place for My people Israel
The LORD will make a HOUSE for you
I will raise up your seed (Christ) after you, who
will come from you, and I will establish his
kingdom
Your HOUSE and your kingdom shall endure
before Me forever. **FULFILLED IN CHRIST
ULTIMATELY**

CHAPTERS 11 REALLY THROUGH
21:17 TELL US OF THE
FALL OF **DAVID INTO SIN**, AND IT'S
RESULTS ON **HIS FAMILY**, AND
ULTIMATELY **THE NATION.**

NONE OF THIS IS RECORDED IN THE ACCOUNT IN 1 CHRONICLES.

WHY IS IT HERE ?

THOUGHTS:

- TO SHOW THE DEVASTATING EFFECTS OF THE FLESH
- EVEN IN A "MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART" YOU CAN'T FIGHT THE FLESH AND WIN
- ONE NEVER SINS ONLY TO HIMSELF
- AFFECTS OTHERS, FAMILY AND ALL ISRAEL

- BY GOD'S GRACE THROUGH THE DEATH OF LJC, OUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN AND WE ARE RESTORED TO FELLOWSHIP
- WE COMBAT THE FLESH BY WALKING IN THE SPIRIT GAL. 5:16

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2 SAM. 11-18 IS GOD'S COMMENTARY ON EPH. 2:5, "...HE LOVED US, EVEN WHEN **WE WERE DEAD IN TRESPASSES AND SIN...**" AND MADE US ALIVE IN CHRIST.

Chapter 11 David's sin

Well established in his reign, probably in mid 50s, maybe older.

Destroyed the sons of Ammon and besieged Rabbah with Joab in charge, BUT David stayed in Jerusalem.

David "arose from his bed and walked around on the roof"

And he **SAW** a woman bathing; and the woman was **very beautiful**. FULL STOP !!!! FLEE, RUN, GET AWAY !! FLEE THE TEMPTATION 1 COR. 10:12

INQUIRED about the woman, found her name, **Bathsheba**, **MARRIED** to **URIAH** the Hittite, one of David's **OWN** elite mighty men who was at war for him.

"Sent" for her, "took" her, committed adultery.

Like Adam and Eve Gen. 3:6 - woman **"Saw"** the tree, a **"delight"** to the eyes, And **"took"** of its fruit and **"ate"** AFTER 30 DAYS BATHSHEBA ANNOUNCES **"I'M PREGNANT"**

NOW DAVID HAS A HUGE PROBLEM. GOES FROM BAD TO WORSE

DECIDES WANTS TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE URIAH IS THE FATHER, "SENDS" FOR HIM R&R DOESN'T WORK, GETS HIM DRUNK STILL DOESN'T WORK

MAKES URIAH CARRY HIS OWN DEATH WARRANT TO JOAB TO PUT HIM IN FRONT OF BATTLE AND THEN WITHDRAW AND LET HIM BE KILLED.

NOTICE v.17 "SOME OF THE PEOPLE AMONG DAVID'S SERVANTS FELL."

YOU NEVER SIN TO YOURSELF

"BUT THE THING THAT DAVID HAD DONE WAS EVIL IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD."

FIRST TIME THE "LORD" IS MENTIONED IN THE CHAPTER

"SHE BORE HIM A SON" v 27

TAKE AWAYS:

BEWARE OF THE FLESH AND IT'S CONSTANT WARFARE

WE DON'T "OUTGROW" THE FLESH

1 Cor. 10:12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.

13 No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and GOD IS FAITHFUL, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able; but with the temptation will **provide the way of escape**, that you may be able to endure.

2 Tim 2:22 **Flee** youthful lusts

Rom. 6:7 HE WHO HAS DIED HAS BEEN FREED FROM (POWER OF) SIN

Gal. 5:16 **Walk in the Spirit**, and you shall not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

GOD PROMISED IN 7:12 THAT DAVID'S KINGDOM WOULD LAST FOREVER. HOW CAN THIS BE WITH A FLAWED ONE AS DAVID, JUST LIKE THE REST OF US ONLY THROUGH THE "SON OF DAVID", CHRIST, **WHO WAS WITHOUT SIN** HEB. 4:15

CHAPTER 12 SIN REVEALED

BEEN AT LEAST A YEAR, MAYBE 2, SINCE DAVID'S SIN, THE BABY BORN, BUT A MISERABLE TIME FOR DAVID PS. 34 **"WHEN I KEPT SILENT ABOUT MY SIN, MY BODY WASTED AWAY..."**

LORD “sent” Nathan the prophet,
THE WORD OF THE LORD

Parable of rich man and poor man and
“only ewe”. Rich man “took” poor man’s
ewe. David angry. Man “deserves to die”

Restitution fourfold – David will
lose 4 sons – COINCIDENCE ??
Nathan reponds **“YOU ARE THE MAN”**

IMAGINE THE LOOK NATHAN GAVE TO
DAVID.
THIS TOOK **AT LEAST A YEAR**

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 **I gave you the house of Israel
and Judah.** And if that had been too
little, **I** also would have **given** you much
more! (GOD “gave” David “took”)

9 Why have you **DESPISED THE WORD
OF THE LORD** to do evil in His sight.

THREE KEYS TO THE REST
OF 2 SAMUEL:

10 Now therefore, (1) **THE SWORD SHALL NEVER DEPART FROM YOUR HOUSE,** because you have **DESPISED ME.**

NOTICE "WORD OF THE LORD" = "ME"

11 Thus says the LORD, "Behold I WILL (2) **RAISE UP EVIL AGAINST YOU FROM YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD.** I will even take your wives before your eyes, and **GIVE THEM TO YOUR COMPANION, AND (3) HE SHALL LIE WITH YOUR WIVES IN BROAD DAYLIGHT.**

13 David responds, "I have sinned against the LORD"

PS 51 "WASH ME THOROUGHLY FROM MY SIN. FOR I KNOW MY TRANSGRESSIONS, AND MY SIN IS EVER BEFORE ME. **AGAINST THEE AND THEE ONLY HAVE I SINNED.**"

Nathan says The LORD also (in addition to the 3 consequences) has "taken away your sin" LITERALLY **"CAUSED YOUR SIN TO PASS OVER"** meaning to Christ **"You shall not die"** **BUT SOMEONE HAS TO DIE- CHRIST**

NATHAN CONTINUES:

14 HOWEVER, because by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, **THE CHILD ALSO THAT IS BORN TO YOU SHALL SURELY DIE**

Penalty for David's sin taken on by Christ

Child shall "surely die" a double to make it sure.

A picture of a totally innocent son of David dying for his sin – CHRIST

David then mourns for his son.
Do we not see the anguish of the FATHER OVER CRUCIFIXION OF HIS BELOVED SON, LORD JESUS CHRIST ??

V.24,25 David "comforts" his wife, God has "put away David's sin" and now blesses his marriage with Solomon.

Even out of all this mess God blesses David in His grace with another son Solomon (peaceful) with "his wife Bathsheba" (first time she's called his wife, always before "Wife of Uriah")

24 Now the LORD loved him (Solomon).

Nathan from Word of the LORD names him "Jedidiah" (beloved of the LORD): Solomon is the fourth son with Bathsheba. (5th if count the one who died after adultery – grace)

Query: WILL DAVID BE ABLE TO "PUT AWAY ABSALOM'S SIN" IN CHAP. 14?

WHAT STATE IN AMERICA DO MOSQUITOES LIKE BEST?

ITCHI-GAN

WHAT'S THE MICHIGAN STATE BIRD ?

"CONSTRUCTION CRANE"

What's the difference between an optimist and a pessimist?

An optimist created the airplane, and the pessimist equipped it with seat belts

CHAPTER 13 RAPE OF
TAMAR – EXTENDS TO FAMILY

SIN IS FORGIVEN, BUT
CONSEQUENCES THE LORD
PROMISED ARE JUST STARTING.

LIKE FATHER LIKE SON

Amnon (Faithful – NOT) is
David's first born HEIR TO THRONE
Absalom (Father of peace – NOT) is
David's third son (2nd was Chileab–2
Sam 3:3 and probably died young since
never mentioned)

See CHART OF KIDS

Lustful Amnon consumed
with lust for Tamar, his half sister, full
sister of Absalom.

Devises a plot to get her alone in his
bedroom, with **David's approval**, "takes"
her and rapes her, throws her out of the
room.

**DAVID ANGRY BUT DOES
NOTHING. FEELS "USED"**

DAVID TRIED TO HIDE HIS SIN,
AMNON JUST THREW HER ASIDE .
She lives with Absalom, who is seething
because David has done nothing, so
plots his revenge against AMNON for 2
years

Absalom plans a sheep-shearing party and invites king's sons, and David himself. David declines but "sends" Amnon in his stead, EVEN THOUGH DAVID QUESTIONED WHY HE SHOULD GO. (v.26)

Absalom has him killed in cold blood

then runs to his grandfather's place in Geshur (over Jordan River and far from Jerusalem. THERE FOR THREE YEARS.

AGAIN DAVID DOES NOTHING AFTER AMNON'S MURDER "USED" BY ABSALOM

TAKE AWAYS:

- (1) Scriptures are inspired. Didn't white-wash David's sin and its consequences
- (2) In spite of all the rottenness, God's promises to David of chapter 7 will be fulfilled "your throne will be

TAKE AWAYS cont'd

established forever" THROUGH CHRIST. THE "SON OF DAVID"

- (3) God will also fulfill his promise that "I will raise up evil against you from your own household"

CHAPTER 14 ABSALOM BROUGHT BACK TO JERUSALEM

Absalom has been in **exile for 5 years** with virtually no communication with David, and he is now first in line to the throne.

Joab, David's military commander and close advisor, realizes this is a growing problem, now for all of Israel. David's not getting any younger, need to patch things up between David and Absalom

JOAB, WHO IS HE?

David's nephew, son of David's sister Zeruiah
Loyal to David, but a military man, sees things black and white
DOESN'T ALWAYS LISTEN TO DAVID

Kills Abner, commander of Saul's army because Abner killed Joab's brother Asahel, albeit in battle.
Helps David carry out murder of Uriah, **CONSIDERS IT collateral damage**
Kills Absalom, Amasa (who replaced Joab) and Sheba, **LATER ON**

Gets a woman of Tekoa (near Jerusalem), unknown to David, to act out a story. (Nathan's "playbook")
Claims to be a widow, and has two sons who fought in the field and one accidentally kills the other.

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Now family is out to kill her other son, destroying her family name and inheritance.

Gets David to promise protection — baits the hook.

THEN WHY WILL YOU LET ISRAEL DIE AND NOT DEAL WITH YOUR "BANISHED SON"

David relents and tells Joab to "Go therefore, bring back "the young man" Absalom." (won't call him "my son")

v.24 "LET HIM RETURN TO HIS HOUSE, BUT DO NOT LET HIM SEE MY FACE."

v.28 and Absalom DWELT 2 FULL YEARS IN JERUSALEM but did not see the king's face. (7 YRS SINCE TAMAR'S RAPE)

DAVID CAN'T BRING HIMSELF TO RECONCILE WITH HIS SON
A ROYAL KISS BUT NO WORDS SPOKEN

TAKE AWAYS:

(1) God dealt graciously with David in forgiving him, BUT David can't do the same with his son.

(2) MAN CAN'T TRULY FORGIVE SIN AND RESTORE FULL FELLOWSHIP – WORK OF LORD AND HOLY SPIRIT

(3) IF OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD IS BROKEN, IT IS US WHO HAVE MOVED – NOT GOD, HE REMAINS FAITHFUL

(4) EFFECTS OF DAVID'S SIN NOW EXPANDING TO WHOLE NATION AND KINGDOM IS IN JEOPARDY.

(5) IN ABSALOM'S MIND, SINCE DAVID DIDN'T DEAL WITH AMNON'S RAPE OF SISTER, HE HAD EVERY RIGHT, AND IN FACT DUTY TO KILL AMNON FOR WHAT HE'D DONE TO TAMAR. HE'D DONE NOTHING WRONG, BITTER TOWARD HIS FATHER DAVID AFTER 7 YRS.

CHAPTER 15

ABSALOM – WHO IS HE?

Wildly popular, handsome, charismatic, great politician, deceitful, selfish, accustomed to getting own way, a murderer, bitter, holds a grudge, no morals

REBELLION OF ABSALOM:

Been 7 years since Tamar's rape, plotting overthrow of David's kingship. Takes a limo (chariot) horses and 50 runners – ROYAL POMP
Spends 4 years MAKING PROMISES HE CAN'T KEEP

I CAN DO BETTER, I WOULD GIVE YOU JUSTICE (which you're not getting with current administration), GLAD HANDING, ACTING ROYALLY, STEALING THE HEARTS OF MEN OF ISRAEL.

USES FALSE RELIGION AND DECEIT to get David to "allow him to go pay a vow in Hebron to SERVE THE LORD" where he was born, (used David again) David had left HEBRON high and dry in moving capital to Jerusalem after first 7 years of reign, SO ABSALOM HAS FRIENDS THERE.

- Sent spies throughout land to work the crowd
- Invited 200 luminaries of David's kingdom to party in Hebron. They have no idea what's about to go down
- Got Ahithophel, David's advisor, to join the conspiracy (grandfather of Bathsheba, and bitter of what David did)

David understands the gravity of the situation, and feels he has no choice but to flee the city, to save Jerusalem from destruction.

Leaves 10 concubines behind to keep house, hoping he won't be gone long.

Crosses the brook Kidron in sackcloth and dust on his head, Barefoot and in mourning ascending Mt. of Olives **to worship**. (DAVID FINALLY TRUSTING LORD.) SAME AS CHRIST ON NIGHT OF HIS BETRAYAL BOTH ARE REJECTED BY ISRAEL AS KING AND CHRIST AS MESSIAH

ON THE WAY UP THE SLOPES MEETS:

- ITTAI, A Philistine warrior who, like Ruth, pledges loyalty
- ZADOK AND ABIATHAR, priests with ark, sends them back to Jerusalem, WHERE ARK SHOULD STAY.

- HUSHAI, an old friend of David's who will become key in helping David against Absalom.

TAKE AWAYS:

- Prophetic picture of Christ's first advent, rejection by Jews and trip up Mt. of Olives
- David realizes the depth of effects of his sin, and FINALLY completely trusts and rests in God's grace.

Maybe he'll return and maybe not
v. 26 Let Him do to me as seems good

- Absalom is type of Jews, related to Christ, but plotting to kill him, and hated David and Christ. Didn't work for either Absalom or Jews.

Man parachuted out of an airplane and his chute didn't open. As he hurtled to almost certain death, he saw a man coming up toward him from the ground at an alarming rate. As they passed each other, the one falling down said, "you know anything about parachutes?"

The guy going up replied, "Nope... you know anything about gas stoves?"

CHAPTER 16 ABSALOM TAKES
CITY

As David flees, Ziba, who takes care of Mephibosheth, crippled relative of Saul's that David extends mercy to in Chap. 9. Ziba is a money grubber, and lies to David, eventually casts his lot with Absalom.

Also meets Shimei, another relative of Saul's who loudly curses David all along the route, throwing stones at him. DAVID SAYS LET HIM ALONE. MAY BE GOD HAS SENT HIM

SCENE THEN TURNS BACK
TO JERUSALEM
CONVERSATION BETWEEN ABSALOM
AND HUSHAI OVER HIS LOYALTY TO
DAVID OR NOW SERVING ABSALOM
SEE NOTES ON VS. 16 -19

ASKS AHITHOPHEL FOR ADVICE
(BUT NOT HUSHAI)
ADVISES TO GO OPENLY LAY WITH
DAVID'S CONCUBINES WHICH HE
DOES. I THINK GOD PROTECTS
HUSHAI BY NOT LETTING ABSALOM
ASK HIS ADVICE.

FULFILLS PROMISE OF GOD OF 12:11 THAT "HE SHALL LIE WITH YOUR WIVES IN BROAD DAYLIGHT"

MAKES ANY POSSIBILITY OF "RECONCILIATION" WITH DAVID NOW IMPOSSIBLE.

CHAPTER 17 CONFLICTING BATTLE PLANS

Ahithophel says hit him quick and hard TONIGHT while he's still reeling from running (as in leaving Jerusalem was all in one day) which is recorded as "good advice" v. 14

THWARTED BY THE LORD and took Hushai's counsel (OF THE LORD) to take some time to gather troops from all of Israel and YOU, Absalom, lead the charge (and get the glory)

Hushai is trying to buy David time to get across the Jordan River, and out of immediate harm's way.

Plays to Absalom's pride and makes it all about him whereas Ahithophel was going to lead a smaller party without

Absalom and take out just David.

BUT “the LORD had ordained to thwart the good counsel of Ahithophel, in order that the LORD might bring calamity on Absalom.” v. 14

David escapes after some drama fit for a Hollywood chase scene, with spies being seen by Absalom’s people, hiding in a well with sheet with grain on it over the well, the lady of the house saying they went “that-a-way”, sending the pursuers on a wild goose chase

letting the spies make it to David in the nick of time WHEW !!

GOD HAS BEEN SOVEREIGN THROUGHOUT !! EVEN IN LITTLE THINGS, YOU AND I TOO. PRAISE HIS NAME.

CHAPTER 18 ABSALOM IS KILLED

Some time has passed and David has organized his troops into three companies headed by Ittai the Gittite, Joab and his brother Abishai.

A HORRIBLE BATTLE WITH 20,000 OF ABSALOM'S TROOPS KILLED AND WHO KNOWS HOW MANY OF DAVID'S, ALL STEMMING FROM DAVID'S SIN.

"THE SWORD SHALL NEVER DEPART FROM YOUR HOUSE" 12:10

In the battle Absalom's head gets caught in the branches of a great oak tree, and his mule sauntered on, leaving him hanging helpless.

David had specifically told his three commanders to "deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom."

Joab seizes the opportunity and kills Absalom, I'm sure thinking that if he lets him live, he'll continue the rebellion.

WHEN DAVID FINALLY HEARS THE BAD NEWS HE IS "DEEPLY MOVED", AND WEEPS BITTERLY SAYING

"O MY SON ABSALOM, MY SON, MY SON ABSALOM! WOULD I HAD DIED INSTEAD OF YOU, O ABSALOM, MY SON, MY SON" – 18:33

DAVID AS A TYPE OF CHRIST AS **SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH FOR ME !!**

ABSALOM IS YOU
AND I, DEAD IN OUR
TRESPASSES AND SINS AND
IN REBELLION TO OUR GOD.

EPH.2:5 "... HE LOVED US,
EVEN WHEN WE WERE
DEAD IN TRESPASSES, MADE
US ALIVE TOGETHER WITH
CHRIST..."

COL. 1:21 AND YOU
WHO WERE **ALIENATED AND**
ENEMIES IN YOUR MIND BY
WICKED WORKS, **YET NOW HE**
HAS RECONCILED IN THE
BODY OF HIS FLESH

PURPOSE OF THESE LAST 4
CHAPTERS (15 - 18) IS TO GIVE US A
VIVID DESCRIPTION OF WHAT "DEAD
IN TRESPASSES AND SIN" LOOKS LIKE.

ABSALOM IS A PRETTY BAD DUDE,
REBELLIOUS, HATES HIS FATHER,
FILLED WITH DECEIT, ENVY,
BITTERNESS, A MURDERER, ETC ETC.
SO ARE WE, AND YET CHRIST DIED
FOR US. WOW PRAISE HIS NAME.

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 FAMILY AND ALL
THOSE AROUND US, HERE ISRAEL
- WE SEE THE GRACE OF GOD IN THE
LJC FORGIVING OUR SIN AND
RESTORING US TO FELLOWSHIP

- WE SEE THAT DAVID ISN'T "PUT ON
THE SHELF" AFTER HIS SIN, BUT
STILL WORKS IN HIS LIFE, AND
THROUGH HIM COMES JESUS
CHRIST, WHOSE THRONE IS
FOREVER

– WE SEE THAT MAN, EVEN THE BEST OF KINGS, CAN'T LEAD OR SAVE HIS PEOPLE, ONLY OUR LORD

– WE SEE IN VIVID DETAIL WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TO BE "DEAD IN TRESPASSES AND SIN"

– ADAM WAS THE PINNACLE OF CREATION OF MAN AND HE SINNED. DAVID WAS THE PINNACLE OF KINGS, CHOSEN BY GOD, AND YET HE COULDN'T KEEP FROM SINNING AND COULDN'T LEAD HIS PEOPLE.

DAVID A "MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART"

NOT DAVID'S HEART, IT WAS WICKED & DECEITFUL LIKE EVERYONE, BUT GOD GAVE HIM A "CLEAN HEART" PS 51. WE HAVE THE SAME NEW HEART AND BECAUSE OF THAT WE COMMUNE WITH OUR HEAVENLY FATHER

"...IN ALL HIS WAYS EXCEPT URIAH THE HITTITE." 1 KINGS 15:5 ONLY BY GOD'S GRACE AND LJC DOES HE SEE DAVID AS BLAMELESS, AS HE DOES US, AND IN FACT EVEN ISRAEL WITH ALL OF THEIR REBELLION AGAINST THEIR GOD.

IS 43:25 I, EVEN I, AM THE
ONE WHO WIPES OUT YOUR
TRANSGRESSIONS FOR MY OWN SAKE
AND **I WILL NOT REMEMBER YOUR
SINS.**

SPOKEN OF ISRAEL, AND YOU AND I.

POINTS TO THE NEED FOR CHRIST.
ONLY HE CAN REDEEM HIS PEOPLE
AND MAKE US RIGHTEOUS WITHOUT
SIN AND RULE HIS PEOPLE ;
HIS THRONE WILL LAST FOREVER.

– WE SEE THAT EVEN IN THAT
STATE OF REBELLION AND SIN, LORD
LOVED US ENOUGH TO DIE FOR HIS
CHILDREN WHEN WE WANTED
NOTHING TO DO WITH HIM. YET HE
DIED FOR US SO THAT WE MIGHT
HAVE LIFE.

ROM. 5:10
FOR IF **WHILE WE WERE ENEMIES,** WE
WERE RECONCILED TO GOD THROUGH
THE DEATH OF HIS SON, **MUCH MORE,**
HAVING BEEN RECONCILED, WE
SHALL BE SAVED BY HIS LIFE.

AMEN AND AMEN !!