

**The Life of King David**  
**Lesson 18 – II Samuel**

**II Samuel Chapter 18 Student Questions**

1. Describe how David organized his army – 18:1,2.
  
2. What plan of David did the people oppose – 18:2-4? What reason did they give? (Think: Who was right: David or the people? Why?)
  
3. What instruction did David give regarding Absalom – 18:5?
  
4. Special Assignment: Would David have given this instruction if the rebellion was led by someone other than one of his sons? What does this reveal about David?
  
5. Describe how the battle progressed – 18:6-8. How many people died? (Think: What does this reveal about the consequences of sin?)
  
6. What strange event occurred to Absalom in the battle – 18:9? (Think: What connection might this have had to Absalom's vanity?)
  
7. What did a man tell Joab about this, and how did Joab respond – 18:10,11?
  
8. What reason did the man give for his conduct – 18:12,13?
  
9. Describe Absalom's death – 18:14,15.
  
10. Special Assignment: What does this reveal about Joab?

11. What did Joab do after Absalom's death – 18:16,17? (Think: How was Absalom's death a benefit to everyone else involved?)

12. What had Absalom done as a monument, and what reason did he give – 18:18? (Think: What does this tell us about Absalom?)

13. Who was Ahimaaz, and what request did he make – 18:19,20? How did Joab respond? (Think: What role had Ahimaaz had earlier in the story?)

14. Who carried the news instead of Ahimaaz – 18:21? What did Ahimaaz do then – 18:22,23? What success did he have?

15. Where was David, and what news was given him – 18:24,25? What did David conclude?

16. What did the watchmen say then, and what did David say – 18:26?

17. What report did Ahimaaz give to David – 18:27,28?

18. What question did David ask, and how did Ahimaaz respond – 18:29,30?

19. What message did the Cushite report – 18:31,32?

20. How did David respond to the news about Absalom – 18:33? 21. Special Assignment: Death of a child is naturally a time of grief, but was David's response here wise and proper? Explain