

The Life of King David
II Samuel Chapters 11-19 REVIEW

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CHAPTER 11 – David and Bathsheba

1. What message did Bathsheba send to David – 11:5? Why was this a complication?
2. What was the penalty for adultery under the Law? Give book/chapter/verse.
3. Application: What can we learn from these events about the progressive nature of sin – that is, how does sin often lead people deeper and deeper into further sin?

CHAPTER 12 – God sends Nathan: David Rebuked. Solomon Born

1. In your own words, tell the story that Nathan told to David – 12:1-4.
2. What was David's reaction to the story – 12:5,6? What reasons did he give?
3. What confession did David make and how did Nathan respond – 12:13?
4. What consequence did Nathan say would still occur – 12:14?
5. Application: What did Nathan mean when he said David gave the enemies of God occasion to blaspheme? What should we learn?

CHAPTER 13 – Family Conflict: The Rape of Tamar by Amnon

1. What demand did Amnon make of his sister Tamar in 13:11? (Think: At this point was he trying to force her or was he seeking her consent?)
2. How did Tamar respond and what reasons did she give – 13:12,13?
3. Special Assignment: Discuss Tamar's reasons for refusing. Were these good responses to the temptation?

4. What did Amnon do when Tamar objected – 13:14?
5. What did Amnon think of Tamar afterwards – 13:15? What did he say to her?
6. What did Tamar say to Amnon then – 13:16? Why would she say that? Give Scripture that explains her answer.
7. Application: What does Amnon's response illustrate about the results of sin? What lessons should we learn?

CHAPTER 14 - Absalom's Murder, Flight and Return.

1. Describe the story that the woman told about her sons -- 14:6,7.
2. What problem would this have caused for the woman?
3. In what way was the story the woman described like David's case with Absalom? In what way was it different? (Think: Was Absalom next in line for the throne, and how might this affect the situation?)
4. What commitment did David make in 14:8? Explain the woman's response in 14:9.
5. What assurance did the woman want in 14:10,11, and what did David promise?

CHAPTER 15 – Absalom's Conspiracy and David's Flight from Jerusalem

1. How did Absalom choose to travel – 15:1? What was the purpose?
2. What did he do for people who came to the king for judgment – 15:2-4?
3. If Absalom was really concerned about better justice for the people, what could he have done to help David?

4. How did Absalom treat people according to 15:5?
5. Who joined Absalom's conspiracy – 15:12? How would this help Absalom's plans?
6. What message did David receive, and what did he decide to do – 15:13,14?

CHAPTER 16 to 18 – Absalom takes the Throne, Briefly Rules, Killed by Joab

CHAPTER 16

1. What man confronted David? Of whose family was he – 16:5?
2. What did he do and what accusations did he make against David – 16:6-8?
3. What did David say should be done and why – 16:10,11?
4. What did Absalom ask him – 16:17?
5. What reason did Hushai give for being loyal to Absalom – 16:18,19?

CHAPTER 17

1. What did Ahithophel advise Absalom to do – 17:1?
2. Who else was called and what was he asked – 17:4-6?
3. How did Hushai describe David and his men – 17:7,8?
4. Why did he say Ahithophel's advice would not work, and what did he say would happen if Ahithophel's advice was followed – 17:8-10?
5. Describe the advice that Hushai gave instead – 17:11-13.

6. What did Ahithophel do when his advice had been rejected – 17:23? (Think: Why might he have gone to such an extreme?)

CHAPTER 18

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?
3. What instruction did David give regarding Absalom – 18:5?
4. Describe Absalom's death – 18:14,15.
5. What did Joab do after Absalom's death – 18:16,17? (Think: How was Absalom's death a benefit to everyone else involved?)

CHAPTER 19 -David Returns from Exile to Jerusalem

1. What two men met David as he was returning – 19:16,17?
2. What confession and what request did Shimei make of David – 19:18-20? (Think: What wrong had Shimei done to David?)
3. What offer did David make to him – 19:33?
4. How did Barzillai respond, and what reasons did he give – 19:34-36?
5. What request did Barzillai make, and what did David respond – 19:37,38?