

2 Samuel 14 - 18:18

Stealing the Kingdom

Lesson 15

The consequence of David's sin resulted in a family in crisis. When David did not take action after his son Amnon raped his half-sister Tamar, her brother Absalom did. Absalom murdered his brother Amnon and then fled to his grandfather in Geshur.

Joab Takes Action - 14:1-23

1. What did Joab know about David? (vs. 1)
2. Whose help did Joab enlist to help change this? (vs. 2a)
3. She was told to "pretend you are mourning," then go to the king with the story Joab made up about one son murdering her other son and the trouble that caused within her family. (vs. 14:3-7) How did the king respond to her story? (vs. 8)
4. What did she say to the king's offer? (vs. 9)
5. The king assured her a second time with what additional promise? (vs. 10)
6. Before she accepted, what did she want the king to do? (vs. 11a)
7. He did as she requested, and when he was done, she requested and was granted permission to speak further. What did she ask the king? (vs. 13)
8. What wisdom did the woman share with David? (vs. 14)
9. What did she say about David? (vs. 17)
10. The king realized something was going on and asked her to give him a truthful answer. What did David ask the woman? (vs. 19a)

11. She said "yes." What explanation did she give the king? (vs. 20a)
12. What words of encouragement did she add? (vs. 20b)
13. Knowing he had been tricked, what was David's reply to Joab? (vs. 21)
14. Joab did as the king instructed, but what condition did David add? (vs. 24)

Prince Absalom - 14:25-33

15. Using 2 Samuel 14:25-27, describe Absalom's:
 - Appearance
 - Family
16. Using 2 Samuel 14:28-30
 - How long was Absalom in Jerusalem before he sent for Joab?
 - Why did he want to speak to Joab?
 - How many of Absalom's requests did Joab reject?
 - How did Absalom finally get Joab to come?
17. What did Absalom want Joab to do for him? (vs. 32)
18. Joab went to the king and received permission for Absalom to see David. How would you describe that first meeting? (vs. 33)

The Conspiracy - 15:1-12

19. How did Absalom demonstrate his assumed position as eldest son and heir to the throne? (vs. 1)
20. Summarize how Absalom was able to steal the hearts of Israel. (vs. 2-6)
21. After four years, Absalom went to the king and asked for permission to go to Hebron. What did he tell David he planned to do there? (vs. 7-8)
 - What was David's answer? (vs. 9)
22. What did Absalom do before he left? (vs. 10)
23. Who was invited to go with Absalom to Hebron? (vs. 11-12)
_____ men from Jerusalem and Ahithophel, David's _____.

David Leaves Jerusalem - 15:13-16-14

24. When David was informed of Absalom's plan, what was his response? (vs. 13-14)
25. Who went with David? (vs. 16a & 18)
 - Who stayed behind and why? (vs. 16b, 19-22)
26. What was the reaction of the people as the king passed by? (vs. 23)
27. Zadok and the Levites also were walking with David, carrying the Ark of God. What were David's instructions regarding the Ark? (vs. 25-26)

28. What were David's instructions to the priests Zadok and Abiathar? (vs. 27-29)
29. What did David pray regarding his former adviser Ahithophel? (vs. 31)
30. Hushai the Arkite met David on the Mount of Olives dressed in mourning. What were David's instructions to Hushai? (vs. 32-35)

David's Journey - 16:1-14

31. As David (and the people) continued to walk away from Jerusalem, he was met by several people. what is mentioned about:

- Ziba? (vs. 1-4)

He brought David:

His master Mephibosheth had:

David gave Ziba:

- Shimei (vs. 5-8)

From the clan of:

_____ David and pelted with stones _____ and all the king's _____.

His reason:

32. What did Abishai ask David for permission to do? (vs. 9)
33. What was David's amazing answer? (vs. 10-12)

Absalom in Jerusalem - 16:15-17:29

34. When Absalom was back in Jerusalem, Hushai followed David's instructions and offered his services. When questioned about his loyalty to David, how did Hushai answer? (vs. 18)

35. Absalom accepted Hushai into his service as one of his advisors. Absalom asked Ahithophel what he should do. What was Ahithophel's advice? (vs. 21)

- What did Absalom do? (vs. 22)

36. How did people view advice from Ahithophel? (vs. 23)

37. What else did Ahithophel tell Absalom to do? (vs. 17:1-3)

Choose _____ men

Set out _____

Attack David _____

Strike down only _____

38. This plan met with Absalom's approval, but whom did he call for a second opinion? (vs. 4, 5)

39. What was his opinion? (vs. 6-10)

Ahithophel's advice is _____

Your father is an _____

40. What was his advice to Absalom? (vs. 11-13)

Let _____ be gathered.

Attack him _____

Neither he nor any of his men _____

41. Which plan did Absalom decide to follow? (vs. 14a)

- Why? (vs. 14b)

42. Using the network David had set up, word of the plan was sent out. But what happened when Absalom was informed of the messengers? (vs. 15-20)
43. After a close call, Jonathan and Ahimaaz were able to reach David with the plan. As a result, David and his people moved across the Jordan. What did Ahithophel do when his advice was rejected? (vs. 23)
44. What three men were noted as bringing much needed supplies to David? (vs. 27-29)

Absalom Pursues David - 18:1-18

45. Who did David appoint as commanders of his troops? (vs. 1-2a)
46. David planned to go with them to battle but was told "no". What instructions did David give his commanders? (vs. 5)
47. How did the battle go? (vs. 6-8)
48. What happened to Absalom? (vs. 9)
49. How did Absalom die? (vs. 14-15)
50. Joab sounded the trumpet to end the battle. How was Absalom buried? (vs. 17)
51. Prior to his attempt at stealing the throne, what had Absalom done for himself? (vs. 18)