son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David

nd went to Geshur, and was there three years.

into Absalom: for he was comforted concerning

39And the soul of king David longed to go fort

Joab Arranges for a Woman to Feigr

14:1 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived tha

the king's heart was toward Absalom. 2And Joab

and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a

mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and

anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that

ad a long time mourned for the dead: <sup>3</sup>And come

to the king, and speak on this manner unto him. So

<sup>4</sup>¶And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did

aid unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered

dead. 6And thy handmaid had two sons, and they

suffer the revengers of blood to destroy any more

lest they destroy my son. And he said, As the Lord liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the

ord thy God will be with thee

(13:37; 14:28; Steinmann 123)

have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young

an Absalom again. 22And Joab fell to the groun

n his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the

king: and Joab said, To day thy servant knoweth

that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, C

king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request o

brought Absalom to Jerusalem. 24And the king said,

Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see

much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the

sole of his foot even to the crown of his head ther

was no blemish in him. 26And when he polled his

head, (for it was at every year's end that he polled

it: because the hair was heavy on him, therefore he

lled it:) he weighed the hair of his head at tw

ndred shekels after the king's weight. 27And unto

Absalom there were born three sons, and one

Absalom Received Back into David's

(14:28: 15:7: Steinmann 123)

Jerusalem, and saw not the king's face. 29

So Absalom dwelt two full years in

om sent for Joab, to have sent him to the kir

but he would not come to him: and when he sent

again the second time, he would not come

field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and

set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field

on fire. 31 Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom

unto his house, and said unto him. Wherefore have

thy servants set my field on fire? 32And Absalom

answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying,

Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to

say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? it had been good for me to have been there still: now therefore

let me see the king's face; and if there be any

niquity in me, let him kill me. 33So Joah came t

Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himsel

on his face to the ground before the king: and the

<sup>0</sup>Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's

laughter, whose name was Tamar: she was

Absalom's Beauty (14:25-27)

12Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid,

beisance, and said, Help, O king. 5And the king

indeed a widow woman, and mine husband

Joab put the words in her mouth.

Aourning for Her Banished Son (14:1-20)

ned for his son every day, 38So Absalom flee

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## III-D. Troubles with Amnon, Absalom, and Sheba

(2 Samuel 13-20)

## Amnon Rapes Tamar

974-973 BC

(13:23; Steinmann 122)

Amnon Pines for Tamar (13:1-2) 13:1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalor Γamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for hi sister Tamar: for she was a virgin; and Amno

thought it hard for him to do any thing to her. · Amnon's Cousin Jonadab Plans a

13:3But Amnon had a friend, whose name wa lonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: ar nadab was a very subtil man. <sup>4</sup>And he said un him, Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said to him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, an dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand.

13:6 So Amnon lay down, and made himself sic and when the king was come to see him, Amnor said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my siste come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight that I may eat at her hand. Then David sent h to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon' house, and dress him meat. 8So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's hous

and he was laid down. And she took flour, ar meaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. 9And she took a pan, and poure them out before him; but he refused to eat. Ar Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him. 10 And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the mea

into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon he And when she had brought them unto him eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister, 12And she answered him, Nav ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this foll as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools srael. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the

king; for he will not withhold me from thee.

14Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voic

but, being stronger than she, forced her, and la

Amnon Despises Tamar (13:15-18)

the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater that the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnos said unto her, Arise, be gone. <sup>16</sup>And she said unto him, There is no cause: this evil in sending me way is greater than the other that thou didst un called his servant that ministered unto him, an said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt th door after her. <sup>18</sup>And she had a garment of diver colours upon her: for with such robes were th his servant brought her out, and bolted the door

Tamar Goes into Mourning (13:19-22)

her garment of divers colours that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on cryin <sup>0</sup>And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold nov thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; regard ne his thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her <sup>21</sup>¶But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth. <sup>22</sup>And Absalom spake unto his brother Amno

because he had forced his sister Tamar. Absalom Kills Amnon, Flees,

and Is Recalled (2 Samuel 13b-14)

(13:23, 37; Steinmann 122)

13:23¶And it came to pass after two full years, that beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king' sons. 24 And Absalom came to the king, and said Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let th king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with the servant. 25And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him. 26Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. and the king said unto him, Why should he go with nee? <sup>27</sup>But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him. 28 Now Absalom had commanded his servants, with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnor

then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you be courageous, and be valiant. <sup>29</sup>And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled.

 The False Report that All of the King's Sons Have been Killed (13:30-36)

13:30 And it came to pass, while they were in th way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalo them left. 31Then the king arose, and tare hi garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servan stood by with their clothes rent. 32And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's

that they have slain all the young men the king' sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead for Amnon only is dead.

<sup>34</sup>But Absalom fled. And the young man that

kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, king, Behold, the king's sons come: as thy servan said, so it is. 36And it came to pass, as soon as he nad made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept · Absalom Flees to Geshur for Three Years David Flees before Absalom

> (15:7; Steinmann 123) Absalom Flatters the People (15:1-6

15:1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom and horses, and fifty men to run before him. <sup>2</sup>And Absalom rose up early, and stood beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man that had a controversy came to the ng for judgment, then Absalom called unto hi and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Th servant is of one of the tribes of Israel. 3And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are goo hear thee. 4Absalom said moreover, Oh that I wer made judge in the land, that every man which hath e might come unto me, and I would do him justice! 5And it was so, that when any man came nigh to him to do him obeisance, he put forth

the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

his hand, and took him, and kissed him. 6And on

two strove together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slev 15:7¶And it came to pass after forty [or four] him. 7 And, behold, the whole family is risen again: years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life the Lord, in Hebron. 8For thy servant vowed a vow of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also: and so they shall quench my coal while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If the Lord shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I which is left, and shall not leave to my husband will serve the Lord. 9And the king said unto him, ther name nor remainder upon the earth.

8And the king said unto the woman, Go to thin Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron. 10 But Absalom sent spies throughout all the house, and I will give charge concerning thee. 9And tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, My lord of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom reigneth O king, the iniquity be on me, and on my father's house: and the king and his throne be guiltless in Hebron. 11 And with Absalom went two hundred 10 And the king said, Whosoever saith ought unto went in their simplicity, and they knew not any thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more. <sup>11</sup>Then said she, I pray thee, let the king thing. 12And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, evremember the Lord thy God, that thou wouldest no from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the

continually with Absalom.

ay thee, speak one word unto my lord the king. 15:13 And there came a messenger to David And he said, Say on. 13And the woman said Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing Absalom. 14And David said unto all his servants tha against the people of God? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king were with him at Jerusalem. Arise, and let us flee: doth not fetch home again his banished. 14For we speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and must needs die, and are as water spilt on the bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge doth God respect any person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from hin whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint. 16And 15Now therefore that I am come to speak of this the king went forth, and all his household after him hing unto my lord the king, it is because the people And the king left ten women, which w ave made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, I wi ncubines, to keep the house. 17And the king went now speak unto the king; it may be that the king forth, and all the people after him, and tarried in a place that was far off. 18 And all his servants passed king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the hand of the man that would destroy me and my son Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men ogether out of the inheritance of God. 17Then thing which came after him from Gath, passed on before andmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore

<sup>18</sup>Then the king answered and said unto th woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he pu all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid

Joab done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know al David Recalls Absalom from Geshur (14:1 brook Kidron, and all the people passed over

> · The Priests Return to Jerusalem with the Ark with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God:

25 And the king said unto Zadok. Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the Lord, he will bring me again, and shew me both it, and his habitation: 26But if he thus say do to me as seemeth good unto him. 27The king said also unto Zadok the priest, Art not thou a seer? you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son o Abiathar. 28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, until there come word from you to

(15:30-36)

And David went up by the ascent of mount Dlivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that was with him covered every man his head, and And one told David, saying, Ahithophel i among the conspirators with Absalom. And David

id, O Lord, I pray thee, turn the counsel of 32 And it came to pass, that when David was with his coat rent, and earth upon his head: 33Unt whom David said, If thou passest on with me, then thou shalt be a burden unto me: 34But if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father's servant hitherto, so will I now also be thy servant: then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel Ahithophel. 35And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall he that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of th king's house, thou shalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. 36Behold, they have there with them their two sons. Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and

David's friend came into the city, 36b and Absalom came into Jerusalem

16:1 And when David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine. 2And the king said unto tiba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, 'he asses be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the

· David Cursed by Shimei (16:5-14)

behold, thence came out a man of the family of th house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came. And he cast stones at David, and at all the servant of king David: and all the people and all the migh en were on his right hand and on his left. 7And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, com out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial: 8Th Lord hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the Lord hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou art taken in Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto th king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord th king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off hi

shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of m bowels, seeketh my life; how much more now n the Lord will look on mine affliction, and that the

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(2 Samuel 15-17)

· Hushai Attests that He Will Serve Absalom

16:15 And Absalom, and all the people the men of l it came to pass, when Hushai the Archit David's friend, was come unto Absalom, tha Hushai said unto Absalom, God save the king, Go hy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou no with thy friend? 18 And Hushai said unto Absalor Nav: but whom the Lord, and this people, and al him will I abide. 19 And again, whom should I serve should I not serve in the presence of his son? as

1620 Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give ounsel among you what we shall do. 21Ano Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep th nouse; and all Israel shall hear that thou ar abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong. <sup>22</sup>So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and sight of all Israel. 23And the counsel of Ahithopl which he counselled in those days, was as if a mai had inquired at the oracle of God: so was all th l of Ahithophel both with David and with

Ahithophel's Advice that Absalom Take th

Ahithophel's Advice to Immediately Pursu

conspiracy was strong; for the people increased 17.5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai th

 Ittai Refuses to Leave David (15:19-23) 15:19 Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou art a resterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth be

And Ittai answered the king, and said, As the Lord liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be. <sup>22</sup>And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all e little ones that were with him. 23And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the

<sup>24</sup>¶And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites were

went up, until all the people had done passing out of

God again to Jerusalem: and they tarried there.

them that was not gone over Jordan.

Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall sen

unto me every thing that ye can hear. 37So Hushai

· David Divests Mephibosheth of His Estate

<sup>3</sup>And the king said, And where is thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To day shall the Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine are all that pertained unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, mbly beseech thee that I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king.

And when king David came to Bahurim

ead. 10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, becaus he Lord hath said unto him, Curse David, Who

Lord will requite me good for his cursing this day <sup>13</sup>And as David and his men went by the wa him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones a him, and cast dust. 14And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary, and

under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. hAnd the king said unto the people. I will surely go forth with you myself also. <sup>3</sup>But the people inswered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us housand of us: therefore now it is better that thou succour us out of the city. 4And the king said unto

them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands. Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge

Absalom Killed in Battle

with David's Troops

(2 Samuel 18a)

17:1 Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Le me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: <sup>2</sup>And I will ome upon him while he is weary and weak handed nd will make him afraid: and all the people tha nly: 3And I will bring back all the people un thee: the man whom thou seekest is as if al d: so all the people shall be in peace. 4An the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elder Absalom Prefers Hushai's Advice to Firs

Gather All Israel (17:5-14)

chite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith

And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalon

not; speak thou 7And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counse that Ahithophel hath given is not good at this time <sup>8</sup>For, said Hushai, thou knowest thy father and hi nen, that they be mighty men, and they be chafed i their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the ld: and thy father is a man of war, and will n lodge with the people. 9Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some other place: and it will come ss, when some of them be overthrown at the first slaughter among the people that follow Absalom 10 And he also that is valiant, whose heart is as th heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Isra

which be with him are valiant men.

found there.

<sup>14</sup>And Absalom and all the men of Israel said The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than th counsel of Ahithophel. For the Lord had appointed intent that the Lord might bring evil upon Absalor

· Hushai Sends a Report to David to Flee

17:15 Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to

people that are with him. <sup>17</sup>Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by Enogel; for they might not be seen to come into the city: and a wench went and told them; and they went and told king David. 18Nevertheless a lad sa away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bahurim, which had a well in his court; whithe they went down. <sup>19</sup>And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground corn thereon; and the thing was not know <sup>0</sup>And when Absalom's servants came to the woman

over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to 21 And it came to pass, after they were departed that they came up out of the well, and went and tole king David, and said unto David, Arise, and pas quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithoph counselled against you. 22Then David arose, and al the people that were with him, and they passed ov

host instead of Joab: which Amasa was a man's son whose name was Ithra an Israelite, that went in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zeruia loab's mother. 26So Israel and Absalom pitched

the land of Gilead.

17:27 And it came to pass, when David was con to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai th Gileadite of Rogelim, 28 Brought beds, and basin parched pulse, 29And honey, and butter, and sheep and cheese of kine, for David, and for the peop

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David's Reaction to Absalom's Death

 David Organizes His Loyal Troops (18:1-5) 18:1 And David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands and aptains of hundreds over them. 2And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part

me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the said unto him, Thou shalt not bear tidings this day but thou shalt bear tidings another day; but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son i dead. <sup>21</sup>Then said Joab to Cushi, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And Cushi bowed himself unt Joab, and ran. aid Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet agai to Joab, But howsoever, let me, I pray thee, also run after Cushi. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou <sup>23</sup>But howsoever, said he, let me run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the

5 And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and plain, and overran Cushi. (18:24-33)

· David's Troops Defeat Absalom (18:6-8) 6¶So the people went out into the field against srael: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim; <sup>7</sup>Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great aughter that day of twenty thousand men. 8For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the ountry: and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured. Joab Kills Absalom (18:9-18

caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up

10 And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and

said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak.

And Joab said unto the man that told him, And,

behold, thou sawest him, and why didst thou not

smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten shekels of silver, and a girdle. <sup>12</sup>And

the man said unto Joab, Though I should receive a

thousand shekels of silver in mine hand, yet would

not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for

and Ittai, saying, Beware that none touch the young

alsehood against mine own life: for there is no

14Then said Joab. I may not tarry thus with thee

And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust

16And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people

17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into a

great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent. <sup>118</sup>Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and

reared up for himself a pillar, which is in the king's

dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name

name: and it is called unto this day, Absalom's

returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people.

them through the heart of Absalom, while he was

vet alive in the midst of the oak. 15 And ten young

matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest

in our hearing the king charged thee and Abisha

man Absalom. 13Otherwise I should have wrough

9 And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak, and his head

was under him went away.

have set thyself against me.

nen that bare Joab's armour

smote Absalom, and slew him.

spake unto him, saving. Ahithophel hath spoke

knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and the 11Therefore I counsel that all Israel be generall unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine own person. 12So shall w ne upon him in some place where he shall b on the ground: and of him and of all the men that are with him there shall not be left so much as on over, if he be gotten into a city, then shall al Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw i into the river, until there be not one small stone

Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled. 16Now therefore sen nuickly, and tell David, saving, Lodge not this nigh

over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the

· Ahithophel Hangs Himself, Absalon

23¶And when Ahithophel saw that his counse gat him home to his house, to his city, and put hi household in order, and hanged himself, and died and was buried in the sepulchre of his father. 24The

over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him

Shobi Gives Provisions to David (17:27-29)

is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness

19:16 And Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamit · Two Runners Vie to Deliver News to David Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Le

the men of Judah to meet king David. 17And there vere a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fiftee sons and his twenty servants with him; and they went over Jordan before the king. 18 And there wen over a ferry boat to carry over the king's household ad to do what he thought good.

188 And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was come over Jordan; 19 And said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it

to his heart. <sup>20</sup>For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come the first this

day of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet

Mephibosheth Reduced in Property (19:24

David's Return Journe

(2 Samuel 19b)

ny lord the king.

21But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the Lord's anointed? <sup>22</sup>And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day b adversaries unto me? shall there any man be put to death this day in Israel? for do not I know that I an

sware unto him.

watchman went up to the roof over the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold a man running alone. 25 And the watchman crie and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace and drew near. 26 And the watchman saw anothe man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold another man running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings <sup>27</sup>And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings. 28And

David Receives News of Absalom's Death

Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well.

And he fell down to the earth upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the Lord thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their nd against my lord the king. <sup>29</sup>And the king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ahimaaz answered. When Joab sent the king's servant, and me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was. <sup>30</sup>And the king said unto him, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still. 31 And, behold, Cushi came; and Cushi avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee. 32 And the king said unto Cushi, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Cushi answered The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man

Absalom, my son, my son! · Joab Rebukes David for Publicly Mourning

to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he

went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my

19:1 And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom. 2And the the people: for the people heard say that day how the king was grieved for his son. 3And the people being ashamed steal away when they flee in battle <sup>4</sup>But the king covered his face, and the king cried my son, my son! <sup>5</sup>And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy ervants, which this day have saved thy life, and th ives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives

of thy wives, and the lives of thy concubines; 6In that thou lovest thine enemies, and hatest thy friends. For thou hast declared this day, that thou regardest neither princes nor servants: for this day perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well. <sup>7</sup>Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the Lord, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry on ith thee this night: and that will be worse unt thee than all the evil that befell thee from thy youth until now. 8Then the king arose, and sat in the gate and they told unto all the people, saying, Beholo the king doth sit in the gate. And all the people

199¶And all the people were at strife throughou

19:11 And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saving, Why are ye the last to bring the fore then are ye the last to bring back th ting? 13And say ye to Amasa, Art thou not of my bone, and of my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me one man; so that they sent this word unto the king Return thou, and all thy servants. 15So the kin Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king

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Sheba's Rebellion (2 Samuel 19c-20)

1941 And, behold, all the men of Israel came e king, and said unto the king, Why have ou brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and have brought the king, and his household, and al nen with him, over Jordan? 42And all th men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is near of kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all of the king's cost? or hath he given us any gift? 4 nen of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said We have ten parts in the king, and we have als ore right in David than ye: why then did ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had it bringing back our king? And the words of the mer of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men o · Sheba Causes Northern Tribes to Abandon

20:1 And there happened to be there a man o

Belial, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri,

of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to

Kills Amasa to Reclaim His Position (20:-

4Then said the king to Amasa, Assemble m

nich he had appointed him.

6And David said to Abishai, Now shall Sheb

after him, lest he [Sheba ?] get him fenced citie

and escape us. 7And there went out after him Joab

the mighty men: and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

Gibeon, Amasa went before them. And Joab's garment that he had put on was girded unto him,

and upon it a girdle with a sword fastened upon his

loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth i

fell out. 9And Joab said to Amasa, Art thou is

health, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by th

beard with the right hand to kiss him. 10But Amass

took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand

so he smote him therewith in the fifth rib, and she

out his bowels to the ground, and struck him no

again; and he died. So Joab and Abishai his brothe

He that favoureth Joab, and he that is for David, le

him go after Joab. 12 And Amasa wallowed in blood

the midst of the highway. And when the man sa

that all the people stood still, he removed Amass

out of the highway into the field, and cast a clotl

highway, all the people went on after Joab, to

• Joab Besieges Abel, Sheba Killed (20:14-22

20:14¶And he went through all the tribes of Israe

nto Abel, and to Beth-maachah, and all th

Berites: and they were gathered together, and were

also after him. 15 And they came and besieged him in

Abel of Beth-maachah, and they cast up a bank

against the city, and it stood in the trench: and a

the people that were with Joab battered the wall, to

Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come nea

hither, that I may speak with thee. 17 And when he

as come near unto her, the woman said, Art thou

oab? And he answered, I am he. Then she said

unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And

speak in old time, saying, They shall surely asl

ounsel at Abel: and so they ended the matter. 1

m one of them that are peaceable and faithful in

Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of

it from me, that I should swallow up or destro

The matter is not so: but a man of mount Ephrain

Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up h

him only, and I will depart from the city

and against the king, even against David: delive

<sup>21b</sup>And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his

he woman went unto all the people in her wisdon

And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of

Richri, and cast it out to Joah. And he blew

· David's Principal Servants (20:23-26)

23¶Now Joab was over all the host of Israel: and

Cherethites and over the Pelethites: 24And Adoran

was over the tribute: and Jehoshaphat the son o

hilud was recorder: 25 And Sheva was scribe: an

'adok and Abiathar were the priests: 26 And Ira also

the Jairite was a chief ruler about David.

<sup>18</sup>Then she spake, saying, They were wont to

e answered. I do hear.

pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri

And one of Joab's men stood by him, and sa

oursued after Sheba the son of Bichri

8When they were at the great stone which is in

men, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites, and al

David (20:1-2)

(Steinmann 123)

Disnute hetween Tribes over Primacy in

Benjamite: and he blew a trumpet, and said, We have no part in David, neither have we inheritance unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die. And the king in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O Israe so every man of Israel went up from after David

1924 And Mephibosheth the son of Saul cam • David and the Ten Concubines (20:3) down to meet the king, and had neither dressed hi feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothe from the day the king departed until the day he 20:3¶And David came to his house at Jerusales was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the whom he had left to keep the house, and put them it king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou ward, and fed them, but went not in unto them. So with me, Mephibosheth?

<sup>26</sup> And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant ey were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood. deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go to the king because thy servant is lame. <sup>27</sup>And he hat! · Amasa Sent to Assemble the Troops, Joan

lord the king is as an angel of God: do therefore what is good in thine eyes. <sup>28</sup>For all of my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king: the men of Judah within three days, and be the yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did here present. 5So Amasa went to assemble the me eat at thine own table. What right therefore have of Judah: but he tarried longer than the set time <sup>29</sup>And the king said unto him, Why speakes hou any more of thy matters? I have said. Thou and the son of Bichri do us more harm than did

Ziba divide the land. 30 And Mephibosheth said unto

the king, Yea, let him take all, forasmuch as my

urden unto my lord the king? 36Thy servant will go

a little way over Jordan with the king: and why

should the king recompense it me with such a

reward? 37Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back

again, that I may die in mine own city, and be

buried by the grave of my father and of my mother

But behold thy servant Chimham: let him go ove

seem good unto thee.

with my lord the king; and do to him what shall

38 And the king answered, Chimham shall go

over with me, and I will do to him that which shall

seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shall

require of me, that will I do for thee. 39And all the

people went over Jordan. And when the king was

him; and he returned unto his own place. 40 Then the

king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with

him: and all the people of Judah conducted the king

and also half the people of Israel.

me over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed

lord the king is come again in peace unto his own

son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, Barzillai Blessed (19:31-40)

> Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan. 32Now Barzillai was a ery aged man, even fourscore years old; and he had Mahanaim; for he was a very great man. 33And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, d I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem. <sup>34</sup>And Barzillai said unto the king, How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem? 35I am this day fourscore years old: and can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hea any more the voice of singing men and singing women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet

came before the king: for Israel had fled every man to his tent.

· Public Confusion over the Kingship (19:9-

all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us or of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us our of the land for Absalom. 10 And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ve not a word of bringing the king back David Has the Priests Prompt Judah to

Israel is come to the king, even to his house. 12Y are my brethren, ve are my bones and my flesh III-E. David's Late Kingship

(2 Samuel 21 - 24)

Famine and the Gibeonite (2 Samuel 21a)

During about 996-980 B

21:1 Then there was a famine in the days of David

hree years, year after year; and David inquired

the Lord. And the Lord answered, It is for Saul, and

aid unto them; (now the Gibeonites were not of the

3Wherefore David said unto the Gibeonites

make the atonement, that ye may bless the

inheritance of the Lord? 4And the Gibeonites said

unto him, We will have no silver nor gold of Saul

man in Israel. And he said, What ye shall say, that

<sup>5</sup>And they answered the king. The man that

nsumed us, and that devised against us that we

should be destroyed from remaining in any of the

and they hanged them in the hill before the Lord

and they fell all seven together, and were put to

eath in the days of harvest, in the first days, in the

sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from

10¶And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took

children of Israel and Judah.)

will I do for you.

preover the Philistines had yet war agai with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear weighed three hundred shekels of brass in weigh being girded with a new sword, thought to h succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed

Philistine Giants Killed in Battle

(2 Samuel 21b)

him. Then the men of David sware unto him for his bloody house, because he slew the that thou quench not the light of Israel. 18 And it came to pass after this, that there wa children of Israel, but of the remnant of the again a battle with the Philistines at Gob: then Sibbechai the Hushathite slew Saph, which was of hem: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal to the the sons of the giant. <sup>19</sup>And there was again a battle in Gob with the What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I

a Beth-lehemite, slew the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver' 20 And there was yet a battle in Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twent in number; and he also was born to the giant. 21An when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea the brother of David slew him. fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his

2bThe Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and m

deliverer; 3The God of my rock; in him will I trus

he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, m

high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou saves

me from violence. 4I will call on the Lord, who is

the floods of ungodly men made me afraid; 6The

sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of

death prevented me; <sup>7</sup>In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried to my God: and he did hear my

voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into

his ears. 8Then the earth shook and trembled; the

was wroth. 9There went up a smoke out of his

nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coal

were kindled by it. <sup>10</sup>He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness was under his feet. <sup>11</sup>And

he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen

upon the wings of the wind. 12And he made

and thick clouds of the skies. 13Through the

brightness before him were coals of fire kindled

<sup>14</sup>The Lord thundered from heaven, and the mos

High uttered his voice. 15 And he sent out arrows,

and scattered them; lightning, and discomfite

them. <sup>16</sup>And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the

rebuking of the Lord, at the blast of the breath of his

nostrils. 17He sent from above, he took me: he drew

me out of many waters; <sup>18</sup>He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from them that hated me: for

hey were too strong for me. 19They prevented me i

He brought me forth also into a large place: h

delivered me, because he delighted in me. 21The

according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. <sup>22</sup>For I have kept the ways of the

Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my Goo

<sup>23</sup>For all his judgments were before me: and as for

s statutes, I did not depart from them. <sup>24</sup>I was also

upright before him, and have kept myself from min

iniquity. 25Therefore the Lord hath recompensed m

according to my righteousness; according to my

wilt shew thyself merciful, and with the upright

man thou wilt shew thyself upright. 27With the pur

thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the frowar

people thou wilt save: but thine eyes are upon the

my darkness. 30 For by thee I have run through a

God, his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all them that trust in him.

<sup>32</sup>For who is God, save the Lord? and who is a rock

save our God? 33God is my strength and power: an

hinds' feet: and setteth me upon my high places

<sup>15</sup>He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of

hath made me great. 37Thou hast enlarged my steps

under me; so that my feet did not slip. 38I have

turned not again until I had consumed them. 39A1

I have consumed them, and wounded them, that

battle: them that rose up against me hast thou

subdued under me. 41Thou hast also given me the

necks of mine enemies, that I might destroy them that hate me. <sup>42</sup>They looked, but there was none to

ve; even unto the Lord, but he answered them no

Then did I beat them as small as the dust of th

did spread them abroad. 44Thou also hast delivered

me from the strivings of my people, thou hast kept

me to be head of the heathen: a people which I knew not shall serve me. <sup>45</sup>Strangers shall submit

themselves unto me: as soon as they hear, they shall

The Lord liveth; and blessed be my rock; and

rom mine enemies: thou also hast lifted me up on

high above them that rose up against me: thou has

will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the

heathen, and I will sing praises unto thy name. 51H

is the tower of salvation for his king; and shewet

mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed

David's Last Psalm

23:1 Now these be the last words of David. David

<sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the Lord spake by me, and his

vord was in my tongue. 3The God of Israel said, the

Rock of Israel spake to me. He that ruleth over me

must be just, ruling in the fear of God. <sup>4</sup>And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth,

even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass

springing out of the earth by clear shining after

in all things and sure; for this is all my salvation

thorns thrust away, because they cannot be take

with hands: 7But the man that shall touch them

must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the

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d all my desire, although he make it not to grow.

<sup>6</sup>¶But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as

ath made with me an everla

the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raise

up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and

exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation. 48It is God that avengeth me, and that bringeth down the people under me, <sup>49</sup>And that bringeth me forth

be obedient unto me. 46Strangers shall fade away

ey could not arise; yea, they are fallen under m

troop: by my God have I

aughty, that thou mayest bring them down. 29Fo

Lord rewarded me according to my righteousnes

the day of my calamity: but the Lord was my stay

worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from a

coasts of Israel, 6Let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the Lord in Gibeah of Saul, whom the Lord did choose. And the king said. I will give them. 7But the David's Song to the Lord on of Saul, because of the Lord's oath that was of Deliverance etween them, between David and Jonathan the so of Saul. 8But the king took the two sons of Rizpah (2 Samuel 22) the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of 22:1 And David spake unto the Lord the words of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up this song in the day that the Lord had delivered hir for Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite: 9And out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of th hand of Saul: 2And he said,

e beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven, and suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had 12¶And David went and took the bones of Saul Jabesh-gilead, which had stolen them from the street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had anged them, when the Philisti Gilboa: <sup>13</sup>And he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they athered the bones of them that were hanged. 14And in the country of Benjamin in Zelah, in the

sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed al

that the king commanded. And after that God was

The Mighty Men of David (2 Samuel 23b)

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David had: The Tachmonite that sat in the seat chief among the captains; the same was Adino th znite: he lift up his spear against eight hundre whom he slew at one time. 9And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there

Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the Lord wrought a great I may know the number of the people. 3And Joa ictory that day; and the people returned after him said unto the king, Now the Lord thy God add unto And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered ogether into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines. 12But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: nd the Lord wrought a great victory.

13 And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of

Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim. 14And David was then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-lehem. 15And David longed, and said, Oh that midst of the river of Gad, and toward Jazer: 6The hey came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtin e would give me drink of the water of the well of mighty men brake through the host of the Zidon, 7And came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brough and they went out to the south of Judah, even to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereo but poured it out unto the Lord. 17 And he said, Be it land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of ninfar from me, O Lord, that I should do this: is not months and twenty days. 9And Joab gave up the sun this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant me things did these three mighty men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five 18 And Abishai, the brother of Joah, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among three. And he lifted up

his spear against three hundred, and slew them, and

had the name among three. 19Was he not most

honourable of three? therefore he was their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the first three.

valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts

20 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a

also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly snow: 21 And he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man 11For when David was up in the morning, the and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the word of the Lord came unto the prophet G David's seer, saying, 12Go and say unto David, Thu spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with saith the Lord, I offer thee three things; choose the his own spear. 22 These things did Benaiah the son of one of them, that I may do it unto thee. 13So Gao hoiada, and had the name among three mighty Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in the men. 23He was more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the first three. And David set him land? or wilt thou flee three months before thin enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise, and <sup>24</sup>Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem, see what answer I shall return to him that sent me Shammah the Harodite, Elika the Harodite, 14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: le us fall now into the hand of the Lord; for h Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the mercies are great: and let me not fall into the hand Hushathite, 28Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the of man. Netophathite, 29Heleb the son of Baanah, etophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, 30 Benaiah the Pirathonite 24:15¶So the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash, 31Abi-albon the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite, 32Eliahba the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen, Jonathan, from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar sheba seventy thousand men. 16And when the ange

he Hararite. 34Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son

Gilonite, 35Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

36Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,

<sup>7</sup>Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothit

Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite, 39Uriah the Hittite: thirty

and seven in all.

armourbearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah, 38Ira an

David's Census and Plagu (2 Samuel 24)

(Steinmann 123) David Orders a Census (24:1-4) 241 And again the anger of the Lord was kindle to Joab the captain of the host, which was with hin gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel Go now through all the tribes of Israel, from Day e gone away: 10He arose, and smote the

> Abishag Cares for David (1:1-4) people, how many soever they be, as Now king David was old and stricken in year may see it: but why doth my lord the king delight and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat. <sup>2</sup>Wherefore his servants said unto him, this thing? 4Notwithstanding the king's work ailed against Joab, and against the captains there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin and let her stand before the king, and let her cheris him, and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord th out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel hroughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Joab Conducts the Census (24:5-9) Abishag a Shunammite, and brought her to the king. 4And the damsel was very fair, and ch 5¶And they passed over Jordan, and nitched in the king, and ministered to him: but the king knew roer, on the right side of the city that lieth in the

David to Must Choose His Punishment

had numbered the people. And David said unto the

Lord, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: and

stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy

angel that destroyed the people, It is enough: sta

now thine hand. And the angel of the Lord was b

David spake unto the Lord when he saw the ango

that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned

and I have done wickedly: but these sheep, wha

ave they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, b

· David Builds an Alter and the Plague I

18¶And Gad came that day to David, and said

unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the Lord in the threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite. 19And

David, according to the saying of Gad, went up as

he Lord commanded. 20 And Araunah looked, an

him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himse

before the king on his face upon the ground. 21 And

Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the

hreshingfloor of thee, to build an altar unto th

Lord, that the plague may be stayed from the p

against me, and against my father's house.

 Adonijah Proclaims Himself King (1:5-10) 15 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted hariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run

> him after Absalom. And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest: and they following <sup>8</sup>But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son o Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which belonged to David were not with Adonijah. 9And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zoheleth, which is by Enogel, and called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servant

10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the

mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called

before him. 6And his father had not disple

at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and

· Nathan and Bathsheba Inform David of

Wherefore Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not? 12Now therefor come, let me. I pray thee, give thee counsel, that hou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. 13Go and get thee in unto king David and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign? 14Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after thee, and confirm thy 15¶And Bath-sheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old: and

king. And the king said, What wouldest thou? 17An he said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the ord thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. 18 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; and now, my lord the king, tho knowest it not: <sup>19</sup>And he hath slain oxen and fa cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath called al he sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and servant hath he not called. 20 And thou, my lord, king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that tho shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of m lord the king after him. <sup>21</sup>Otherwise it shall come pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with hi fathers, that I and my son Sol <sup>22</sup>¶And, lo, while she yet talked with the kin Nathan the prophet also came in. 23 And they to the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowe

himself before the king with his face to the groun-

24And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said

my throne?25For he is gone down this day, and hatl

128 Then king David answered and said, Call m

Bath-sheba. And she came into the king's presenc

and stood before the king. 29And the king sware, and

out of all distress, 30 Even as I sware unto thee by th

son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon m

throne in my stead; even so will I certainly do thi

lay, 31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to th

Solomon Anointed as King (1:32-40)

1:32 And king David said, Call me Zadok the

priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the so of Jehoiada. And they came before the king. <sup>33</sup>Th king also said unto them, Take with you th

servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son

ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon: <sup>34</sup>And let Zadok the priest and Nathan the

prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow

may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall b

king in my stead; and I have appointed him to b

ruler over Israel and over Judah. <sup>36</sup>And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen:

the Lord God of my lord the king say so too. 37

the Lord hath been with my lord the king, even se

be he with Solomon, and make his throne greate

and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and th

caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule

and brought him to Gihon. 39 And Zadok the pries

all the people said, God save king Solomon. 40 And

all the people came up after him, and the peop

piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so tha the earth rent with the sound of them.

· Adonijah Informed that Solomon Has Been

141¶And Adonijah and all the guests that were

with him heard it as they had made an end

eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the

trumpet, he said, Wherefore is this noise of the cit

being in an uproar? 42And while he yet spak

behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest

came: and Adonijah said unto him, Come in; for

Verily our lord king David hath made Solomon

king. 44 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the sor of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites, and the Pelethites

and they have caused him to ride upon the king's

mule: 45And Zadok the priest and Nathan th

are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard

46And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the

ingdom. 47And moreover the king's servants can

to bless our lord king David, saying, God make th

name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed. <sup>48</sup>And also thus said

the king, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, which

hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine

eyes even seeing it.

49And all the guests that were with Adonijah

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were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his

thou art a valiant man, and bringest good tidings

anointed King (1:41-49)

ook an horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and

38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet

than the throne of my lord king David.

ve with the trumpet, and say. God save king

my lord king David live for ever.

said, As the Lord liveth, that hath redeemed my so

And Bath-sheba bowed, and did obeisance unto t

king take and offer up what seemeth good unto his slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundanc behold, here be oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and other instruments of the oxen for wood. <sup>23</sup>All these things did Araunah, as a they eat and drink before him, and say, God say king, give unto the king. And Araunah said unto th king Adonijah. 26But me, even me thy servant, and ng. The Lord thy God accept thee. and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called. 2 will surely buy it of thee at a price: neither will this thing done by my lord the king, and thou ha offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of tha not shewed it unto thy servant, who should sit or which doth cost me nothing. So David bought the threshingfloor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25 And David built there an altar unto th · David Reaffirms that He Will Be Succeeded

and the plague was stayed from Israel.

Lord, and offered burnt offerings and pead

 Solomon Pardons Adonijah (1:50-53) III-F. Solomon's Succession (1 Kings 1-2)

Adonijah's Revolt Put Down.

Solomon Becomes Co-Regent

(1 Kings 1)

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150¶And Adonijah feared because of Solomo and arose, and went, and caught hold on the horn of the altar. 51 And it was told Solomon, saying Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, h Let king Solomon swear unto me to day that he wi not slay his servant with the sword. 52And Solomo said, If he will shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but it wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die. 53So ting Solomon sent, and they brought him dov

thine house.

David's Charge to Solomon (1 Kings 2a)

2:1 Now the days of David drew nigh that he 2I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; 3And keep th charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written i the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in al thyself: 4That the Lord may continue his wor which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before

Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet. 6Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not hi hoar head go down to the grave in peace.

 Solomon to Execute Shimei (2:8-9) nim not guiltless: for thou art a wise man, ar

Death of David (2:10-11)

2:10 So David slept with his fathers, and wa buried in the city of David, 11 And the days that

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Solomon's Reign (1 Kings 2b-11)

Solomon Reigns

and Fulfills David's Charge (1 Kings 2b) Solomon Established as King (2:12)

his father; and his kingdom was established

· Solomon's Principal Servants (2:35)

in truth with all their heart and with all their sou there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the

Solomon to Show Kindness to Barzillai (2:7)

son of Gera, a Benjamite of Bahurim, which cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went t and I sware to him by the Lord, saying, I will no put thee to death with the sword. 9Now therefor owest what thou oughtest to do unto him; but h

(Steinmann 123-25)

David reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalen

the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled because of

hoar head bring thou down to the grave with blood

king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to

Solomon Executes Adonijah for Requesting Abishag to Wife (2:13-25)

Solomon Exiles Abiathar (2:26-27)

Solomon Executes Joab for His Murders of

House Arrest (2:36-46a)