

## 22 – FAMILY TRAGEDY (2 SAMUEL 13:1-14:33)

### I. Amnon (2 Samuel 13:1-39)

#### A. Love Sick (13:1-6)

- David's son, Absalom, had a lovely sister named Tamar and his brother, Amnon, loved her.
- Amnon was so bothered by his love for Tamar since it was improper to do anything to her.
- Amnon's friend and cousin helped him to devise a plan to get Tamar to come to him.
- So Amnon pretended to be sick on his bed and requested that his father send Tamar to him.

#### B. The Rape (13:7-14)

- David sent his daughter to prepare food for Amnon.
- Amnon devised a way to get Tamar to serve him food alone.
- When she came to him, he invited her to have sex with him.
- She objected to his proposal since it was a disgraceful thing in Israel.
- She suggested that he ask their father for her.
- Amnon did not heed her and forcefully raped her.

#### C. The Humiliation (13:15-20)

- After raping her, Amnon now hated her and threw her out of his home.
- Disgraced and humiliated, she tore her robe of virginity and put ashes on her head.
- Her brother Absalom cared for her and she remained desolate in his house.

#### D. David's Inaction (13:21-22)

- When David heard what had happened to Tamar, he was very angry and did nothing.
- Absalom hated Amnon in his heart because of what he did to Tamar.

#### E. The Murder (13:23-29)

- After two full years, Absalom hosted a feast to celebrate the time of sheep shearing.
- He invited his father to attend, but David declined.

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- Absalom then requested Amnon to attend, which David allowed with their other brothers.
- Absalom devised a plan to kill Amnon when he was drunk from the wine.
- Amnon was killed as the other sons of David escaped on their mules.

## F. The Report to David (13:30-33)

- As the remaining sons were fleeing, David heard that Absalom had kill all of his sons.
- David tore his clothes in mourning and lay on the ground.
- Jonadab, David's nephew, told the king that only Amnon was killed in revenge for Tamar.
- He told the king not to grieve for all of his sons, since only Amnon was dead.

## G. Absalom Flees (13:34-39)

- The writer records that Absalom fled.
- A young lookout saw many people coming from the hillside.
- Jonadab stated that the king's sons were coming as he said so earlier.
- The sons arrived and wept loudly with the king and all of his servants.
- Absalom fled to the king of Geshur and David mourned for him.
- Absalom remained in Geshur for three years.
- David longed to go to Absalom because he had been comforted concerning Amnon's death.

## II. Absalom (2 Samuel 14:1-33)

### A. Joab Intervenes (14:1-3)

- Joab perceived that David was concerned about Absalom.
- He brought a wise woman from Tekoa in order to speak with the king.
- He had the woman wear the clothes of a mourner who has grieved for a long time.
- Joab told her the exact words for her to speak to David.

### B. The Woman from Tekoa (14:4-20)

- The woman came to the king seeking justice from her family.

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- She stated that she had two sons and one killed the other.
- the family demanded his execution for the life that was taken.
- This would result in there being no heir to carry on her husband's name.
- David told her to return to her house and he would send orders concerning her case.
- The woman continued to press her case with the king further.
- David finally expressed that not one hair on her son's head would be harmed.
- The woman then politely challenges David concerning bringing Absalom home.
- David then asks if Joab has put her up to her coming before him.
- The woman admitted that Joab was involved.

### C. Absalom Brought Back (14:21-24)

- David has Joab go and bring Absalom back to Jerusalem.
- However, David would not personally see Absalom.

### D. Absalom's Popularity (14:25-27)

- The writer notes that Absalom was popular in Israel because of his good looks.
- He had long hair that he cut once a year because it was too heavy for him.
- Absalom had three sons and a daughter who was also named Tamar.

### E. Absalom's Frustration (14:28-33)

- Absalom spent two years in Jerusalem and never saw his father the king.
- He tried to get Joab to come to him in order to see his father.
- After two attempts that Joab ignored, Absalom burned Joab's field.
- This brought Joab to Absalom to confront him about the burnt field.
- Absalom expressed his frustration about not seeing the king.
- So, Joab went to David, who in turned called for Absalom.
- When Absalom appeared before the king, he bowed down and David kissed him.