

DAVID ON THE RUN AND IN EXILE—AGAIN

(2 Samuel 15)

I. DAVID'S MOVE TO HEBRON (2 Samuel 1-4:12)

II. DAVID'S REIGN OVER ALL ISRAEL AT JERUSALEM (2 Samuel 5-10:19)

III. DAVID'S MANY TROUBLES (2 Samuel 11-20:26)

A. Joab ARRANGES to have Absalom brought home (14:1-23)

B. King David REFUSES to see Absalom (14:24)

C. David and Absalom are RECONCILED (14:25-33)

D. Absalom CONSPIRES against his father the king (15:1-12)

1. Even though David had graciously restored Absalom, it is evident that this son _____ his father and _____ and _____ to overthrow his kingdom.

2. Absalom spent a great deal of _____ and _____ in “campaigning” with the people; to the point where we are told, “*Absalom stole the _____ of the men of Israel.*”

3. Absalom put a “spiritual twist” on his reasons for going to Hebron, he told his father it was to keep an _____ to the Lord, but in reality it was to set in motion his rebellious _____.

* Who was Ahithophel, and why was he willing to become a traitor to the king (v. 12)?
2 Samuel 11:3; 23:34

E. David's FLIGHT from Jerusalem (15:13-30)

1. The unsuspecting king of Israel was _____ when he was told the distressing news, “*the hearts of the men of Israel are _____ Absalom.*”

* Why did David the fearless warrior who never lost a battle chose to run for it?

2. Panic overtook the king's palace and the entire city of Jerusalem, as people _____ their homes and _____ to exit the city before Absalom arrived.

* How did Ittai the Gittite show his devotion to the king?

3. In David's hour of need, Zadok the priest and all the Levites were there to _____ him with the Ark of the Covenant, but David told Zadok to _____ to Jerusalem with the Ark.

* What point was David trying to get across to Zadok in verses 25 and 26?

* In what mental posture did the king and his people ascend the Mount of Olives?

F. Ahithophel is among the CONSPIRATORS (15:31-37)

1. Compounding David's heartache he heard the dreadful news that his most _____ counselor Ahithophel was now on Absalom's side— he immediately prayed, "*O Lord, I pray, _____ the counsel of Ahithophel into _____!*"

* How did the Lord instantly answer David's prayer?

2. David counseled his good friend Hushai to go back to Jerusalem with the purpose to _____ the wise council of Ahithophel, and then to secretly send him valuable _____ via the priesthood.

* What can you personally apply from this chapter?