

ABSALOM SITS ON THE THROWN IN JERUSALEM

(2 Samuel 16)

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)

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

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

G. David RECEIVES GIFTS from Mephibosheth's servant Ziba (16:1-4)

1. Ziba graciously brought needed provisions for the journey to meet the needs of the king and his men, however Ziba's _____ against his master would prove to be _____.
(2 Sam. 19:24-30)

2. Even though David was suspicious, he was deceived by _____ and he promised to give him _____ that belonged to his _____ Mephibosheth.

H. The Benjamite Shimei CURSES David to his face (16:5-14)

1. As the king and his procession approached a Benjamite village, Shimei a distant relative of King Saul came out and hurled _____ and _____ at David.

* In 1 & 2 Samuel who is the only other individual said to curse David?

2. Shimei accused David of being a _____ man, and he implied that David was somehow _____ and even _____ of Saul's death by the Philistines.

3. Shimei declared that the loss of the king's crown to Absalom was God's _____ for David's past _____.

* Understandably what did Abashai want to do with this man that cursed his king?

* How was David's response to Shimei so different than that of Abashai's?

* Why is it ironic that of all people, Abashai is the man who sought permission to kill this innocent man?

I. The APPALLING COUNSEL of Ahithophel (16:15-23)

1. As Absalom took the throne of his father in Jerusalem, David's friend Hushai _____ into the royal court as one of his personal _____.

* Did Absalom believe Hushai's deceptive reasons for betraying his father?

2. When asked, Ahithophel's advice to Absalom was for him to immediately _____ his father's throne by having _____ sexual _____ with the ten beautiful concubines he had left behind to manage the palace.

* What did Absalom think of this advice?

* How does the narrator describe Ahithophel's council (v. 23)?

* In what way can you apply this chapter in your own life?