

NOON BIBLE STUDY: 2 SAMUEL 13

2 SAMUEL 12:26-31 - AMMONITE WAR CONCLUDES

V. 29 - DAVID RETURNS TO THE BATTLE

V. 31 - "MADE THEM PASS THROUGH THE BRICKKILN" - MADE THEM WORK AT MAKING BRICKS

REMEMBER FROM NATHAN'S CONFRONTATION OF DAVID'S SIN WITH BATHSHEBA, SOME OF THE CONSEQUENCES RELATED TO TURMOIL IN DAVID'S FAMILY.

2 SAMUEL 12:11-12 - "THUS SAYS THE LORD, 'BEHOLD, I WILL RAISE UP EVIL AGAINST YOU FROM YOUR OWN HOUSEHOLD; I WILL EVEN TAKE YOUR WIVES BEFORE YOUR EYES AND GIVE THEM TO YOUR COMPANION, AND HE WILL LIE WITH YOUR WIVES IN BROAD DAYLIGHT. 12 'INDEED YOU DID IT SECRETLY, BUT I WILL DO THIS THING BEFORE ALL ISRAEL, AND UNDER THE SUN.'"

WE BEGIN TO SEE THIS COME TO PASS IN CHAPTER 13.

2 SAMUEL 13:1 - DAVID'S SONS - 1 CHRONICLES 3:1-9 (NLT)

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AMNON IS DAVID'S 1ST BORN. AMNON & ABSALOM ARE HALF BROTHERS. TAMAR IS DAVID'S DAUGHTER AND THE FULL SISTER OF ABSALOM.

2 SAMUEL 13:2-6 - AMNON'S TRICK

V. 3 - **JONADAB** - DAVID'S NEPHEW, SON OF DAVID'S BROTHER SHIMEAH (SHAMMAH), IS CALLED "SHREWD" BUT "CRAFTY" IS A BETTER TRANSLATION. MW TRANSLATES "CRAFTY": CLEVER IN USUALLY A DECEPTIVE OR DISHONEST WAY."

Q - WHAT WOULD BEEN MORE GODLY ADVICE JONADAB SHOULD HAVE GIVEN AMNON?

- BE CAREFUL FOR FRIENDS WHO HELP YOU JUSTIFY SINFUL BEHAVIOR...
- KEEP COMPANIONS WHO WILL TELL YOU THE TRUTH, AND HELP YOU WALK THE RIGHT WAY...
- DON'T JUST SPEND TIME WITH PEOPLE WHO AGREE WITH YOU...

2 SAMUEL 13:7-14 - AMNON'S EVIL

V. 7 - DAVID'S INVOLVEMENT - I DON'T THINK DAVID COULD HAVE IMAGINED THE EVIL INTENTION IN HIS SON'S HEART. DAVID, THOUGH INVOLVED IS NOT COMPLICIT WITH THIS STAGE OF THE SIN.

V. 13 - "HE WILL NOT WITHHOLD ME FROM YOU" - IT IS UNLIKELY THAT DAVID WOULD HAVE GIVEN TAMAR TO AMNON AS A WIFE AS THIS PRACTICE WAS STRICTLY FORBIDDEN:

LEVITICUS 18:9 (NIV) - "DO NOT HAVE SEXUAL RELATIONS WITH YOUR SISTER, EITHER YOUR FATHER'S DAUGHTER OR YOUR MOTHER'S DAUGHTER, WHETHER SHE WAS BORN IN THE SAME HOME OR ELSEWHERE.

INSTEAD, SHE MAY BE PROPOSING THIS AS A WAY TO ESCAPE.

2 SAMUEL 13:15-19 - AMNON'S GUILT, TAMAR'S CONFRONTATION & MOURNING

V. 16 - "THIS WRONG IN SENDING ME AWAY IS GREATER THAN THE OTHER THAT YOU HAVE DONE" - "IF A MAN SEDUCED AN UNMARRIED (OR UNBETROTHED) WOMAN, HE HAD TO MARRY HER, UNLESS HER FATHER REFUSED; IF HE RAPED HER, HE WAS NOT PERMITTED TO DIVORCE HER (EX. 22:16; DEUT. 22:28—29). HAVING RUINED HER LIFE, HE HAD A RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD HER." (ESV STUDY BIBLE ON 2 SAMUEL 13:16)

DEUTERONOMY 22:28-29 - IF A MAN HAPPENS TO MEET A VIRGIN WHO IS NOT PLEDGED TO BE MARRIED AND RAPES HER AND THEY ARE DISCOVERED, 29 HE SHALL PAY THE GIRL'S FATHER FIFTY SHEKELS OF SILVER. HE MUST MARRY THE GIRL, FOR HE HAS VIOLATED HER. HE CAN NEVER DIVORCE HER AS LONG AS HE LIVES.

2 SAMUEL 13:20-22 - ABSALOM HEARS THE NEWS

V. 20 - TAMAR WILL QUIETLY LIVE IN ABSALOM'S HOUSE

V. 21 - DAVID IS ANGRY BUT DOESN'T DO ANYTHING.

NASB NOTE ON V. 21 - DEAD SEA SCROLL, SEPTUAGINT ADD BUT HE WOULD NOT PUNISH HIS SON AMNON, BECAUSE HE LOVED HIM, SINCE HE WAS HIS FIRSTBORN

V. 22 - ABSALOM IS SO ENRAGED HE CAN NOT SEE OR SPEAK TO AMNON.

2 SAMUEL 13:23-27 - ABSALOM'S INVITATION. ABSALOM HASN'T FORGOTTEN

THE PASSAGE OF TIME DOESN'T MEAN THAT SINS, OFFENSES, AND EVILS ARE FORGOTTEN OR FORGIVEN. IN FACT, WE KNOW ABSALOM WAS ANGRY AND "HATED AMNON" (V. 22) DURING THESE 2 YEARS.

2 SAMUEL 13:28-29 - ABSALOM'S REAL PLAN

2 SAMUEL 13:30-33 - DAVID RECEIVES A FALSE REPORT

V. 32 - SOMEWHAT IRONICALLY, JONADAB IS PRESENT AND GIVES THE REAL REPORT OF AMNON'S DEATH TO DAVID. HE ALSO INCLUDES THE MOTIVE OF ABSALOM, PERHAPS ATTEMPTING TO SWAY THE KING'S RESPONSE. REMEMBER JONADAB WAS THE FRIEND OF AMNON.

2 SAMUEL 13:34-36 - THE FAMILY MOURNS TOGETHER

2 SAMUEL 13:37-39 - THE ROYAL FAMILY IS SPLIT

ABSALOM WILL BE IN SELF IMPOSED EXILE AFTER THESE SHOCKING EVENTS IN THE ROYAL FAMILY. HE MOVES FOR THREE YEARS TO THE LAND OF GESHUR AND LIVES WITH HIS MATERNAL GRANDFATHER (V. 37-38). EVENTUALLY AFTER DAVID FINISHES MOURNING FOR AMNON AND LONGS FOR HIS SON ABSALOM'S RETURN (V. 39)

WHAT A CRAZY CHAPTER.

A SHOCKING AND DESPICABLE SIN. A ENRAGED AND BROKEN HEARTED MAN OF VENGEANCE WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT. A FAMILY NOW IN TURMOIL, SORROW, AND CHAOS. IT SEEMS LIKE A FAR CRY FROM THE PLACE WE WERE JUST A FEW CHAPTERS AGO WITH DAVID LONGING TO BUILD A HOUSE FOR THE LORD AND THE NATION RALLYING AROUND THEIR SHEPHERD KING. NOW IN SO MANY WAYS, THE ROYAL FAMILY OF ISRAEL LOOKS NO DIFFERENT THAN THE NATIONS.

REMEMBER, THOUGH GOD GAVE FORGIVENESS AND PARDON TO DAVID, THESE THINGS ARE A RESULTING CONSEQUENCE OF HIS SIN. PERHAPS THERE WAS A PART OF DAVID THAT THOUGHT THESE THINGS WOULDN'T REALLY HAPPEN. BUT NOW, WITH HIS FAMILY UNRAVELING, HE WILL HAVE TO CHOOSE HOW TO RESPOND.

THIS ALSO ILLUSTRATES AN IMPORTANT LESSON FOR US. WE HAVE A FIERCE AND COMMITTED ADVERSARY, THE DEVIL. HOWEVER, WHEN THE FAMILY OF GOD IS IN TURMOIL WITH EACH OTHER, HE NEEDS NOT ATTACK. HE IS HAPPY TO SIT IDLY BY WHILE THE CHILDREN FIGHT WITH EACH OTHER - LOSING SIGHT OF THEIR CALLING, MISSION AND DIVINE BIRTHRIGHT. BE ON GUARD AGAINST HIS DEVICES AND AGAINST CONFLICT, GREAT OR SMALL THAT CREEPS UP IN THE HOUSE OF GOD.

UNFORGIVENESS, UNCONFRONTED SIN AND IGNORING PROBLEMS MAY BRING A FALSE APPEARANCE OF PEACE, BUT THEY WILL BOIL OVER AT A TIME AND IN A WAY THAT CAN CAUSE GREAT HURT, HAVOC AND HEARTACHE. WE MUST NOT BE LIKE DAVID OF CHAPTER 13 AND IGNORE OR DEFLECT PROBLEMS. INSTEAD WE MUST BE LIKE DAVID OF 1 SAMUEL 17 (FACING GOLIATH) WHO SEES AN ENEMY OPPOSING THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND CHOOSES TO STAND UP AND LEAD GOD'S PEOPLE TO VICTORY AGAINST THAT FOE.