

2 Samuel 13-18 Questions

Chapter 13

Why did Amnon hate Tamar after such a long time loving (lusting) her? Why did his brother Absalom, wait two years to take revenge?

Discuss David's mishandling (as both king and father) regarding this disgraceful and illegal event.

Remember God vowed to David that He would bring trouble to David's house after his disobedience w/Bathsheba and her husband. Did God not forgive David after he repented?

Who was Tamar referring to by saying "you will be like one of the wicked fools in Israel" when admonishing Amnon prior to him violating her? (v., 13)

Chapter 14

Why do you think Absalom named his first daughter Tamar? Why did he turn away from his father David?

Chapter 15

David was a righteous follower of God, strong king and talented Psalmist~ so how did his pattern of indecisiveness and blind eye and lack of family leadership result in failure and destruction on so many levels?

Is David's conflicted climb up the *Mount of Olives* a foreshadowing of Jesus?

Chapter 16-17

How do we handle unjust and false criticism? How can we prevail through faith, prayer, the law, character witnesses, etc.?

Chapter 18

Are we careful to discern what is said or done in the true spirit of the Lord? What tools can we employ to distinguish what is done for ulterior reasons (such as pride, reward, recognition, self-promotion)?