

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
2 Samuel 15:1-37
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2 Samuel 15:1-6

Absalom was a handsome man whose charm was difficult to resist!
2 Samuel 14:25

David, The Man After God’s Own Heart, Responds with these words –
2 Samuel 15:26

2 Samuel 12-24 – David’s Trials, Consequences: (David – Adultery, Murder, Cover up) 2 Samuel 12:11.

2 Samuel 13 – David’s Family Crisis: (Rape/Murder)

2 Samuel 14 – Absalom Returns From Exile.

2 Samuel 15 – Absalom Steals Israel’s Heart.

1. Verses 1-12 – Absalom The Counterfeit King

2. Verses 13-23 – David The True King

3. Verses 24-37 – God Is Israel’s Sovereign King

1. Verses 1-12 – Absalom The Counterfeit King:

2 Samuel 15:1

“Now it came about after this” – 3 years – in exile, 2 Samuel 13:38;
2 years – in Jerusalem, 2 Samuel 14:28.

2 Samuel 14:33

Absalom Parades Himself: (Public Perception) – “Absalom provided for himself a chariot and horses and fifty men as runners before him.”

Deuteronomy 17:16

Psalms 20:7

Psalms 3, 4, 41, 55, 61-63, and 143 as “Exile Psalms”, and some add Psalms 25, 28, 58, 109.

Verses 2-3 – Criticism Of His Fathers Administration: 2 Samuel 15:2.

“to the gate;” – “city hall” of the ancient cities (Ruth 4:1; Gen. 23:10; Deut. 22:15; 25:7).

Absalom was taking advantage of David. Psalms 41 and 55, 61:6-7.

2 Samuel 15:3

Verse 4 – Absalom Makes Campaign Promises: 2 Samuel 15:4

Verses 5-6 – Charm And Flattery: 2 Samuel 15:5-6

“stole” – the root; “to thief, by implication to deceive, carry away, secretly bring, steal (away), get by stealth.”

Verses 7-9 – Absalom Lies To His Father: 2 Samuel 15:7

“Now it came about at the end of forty years” – (4 years)

2 Samuel 15:8-10

“Hebron” – Where David was first recognized as king. 2 Samuel 2:1-4

Absalom was born in Hebron and could claim special kinship with the residents.

Hebron was a sacred city to the Jews because it was assigned to the priests and had a connection with Caleb (Joshua 21:8-16).

Hebron was a walled city and the ideal city from which to invade Jerusalem and seize the throne.

With two hundred of David’s officials “imprisoned” behind Hebron’s walls, 2 Samuel 15:11.

2 Samuel 15:11-12

Ahithophel was the grandfather of Bathsheba that David had committed adultery with, and ordered her husband killed. 2 Samuel 23:34; 1 Chron. 3:5

2. Verses 13-23 – David The True King:

2 Samuel 15:13

"The hearts of the men of Israel are with Absalom." – After all that God had done through David.

Verses 14-16 – David Takes Charge: 2 Samuel 15:14

David Was Concerned For His Staff's Safety: Go in haste, or he will overtake us quickly and bring down calamity on us"

David Was Concerned For The Citizens: "and strike the city with the edge of the sword."

2 Samuel 15:15-16

Verses 17-22 – David Mobilizes His Forces: 2 Samuel 15:17-21

This Gentile's testimony of loyalty to David ranks with that of Ruth 1:16 and the Roman centurion, Matthew 8:5-13.

2 Samuel 15:22 – "Go and pass over." The key word in this section is "passed over" or "crossed over," used 9X.

Verse 23 – David Weeps: 2 Samuel 15:23

3. Verses 24-37 – God Is Israel's Sovereign King:

2 Samuel 15:24

Verses 25-29 – God Acknowledges David's Faith: 2 Samuel 15:25 (1 Samuel 4)

2 Samuel 15:26

Psalms 4:1-2

2 Samuel 15:27-29

Verse 30 – God Sees David's Tears: 2 Samuel 15:30

"and wept as he went," – (Real men do cry, including Jesus and Paul)

Psalms 6:6-8

Verses 31-37 – God Answers David's Prayer: 2 Samuel 15:31

"Now someone told David, saying," – "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." Psalm 41:9

2 Samuel 15:32

“Hushai the Archite” – is called “David’s friend” (v. 37; 1 Chron. 27:33), which implies he was a friend at court and a special counselor to the king.

2 Samuel 15:33-37

2 Samuel 15:15

Application:

1. David Won The Hearts Of Israel Through Sacrifice And Service; Absalom By Manufacturing An Image Of Himself That The People Couldn't Resist.
2. David Was A Hero; Absalom Was Only A Celebrity.
3. Many From Israel Began To Side With Absalom; The Danger Of Becoming Accustomed To A Leader And Then Taking Him For Granted.