

The Book of Second Samuel: 2 Samuel 13 – 14

Sunday, May 19 and Wednesday, May 22

2 Samuel 13: Sunday, May 19

(1 – 4) Why did Amnon become ill? What question did Jonadab ask Amnon, and how did Amnon respond? In his response, how did Amnon describe his feelings toward Tamar?

(5 – 7) What plan did Jonadab propose to Amnon, and how did Amnon respond? What was the intent behind Jonadab's proposed plan? How did David respond to Amnon's request? (*1 Corinthians 15: 33*)

(8 – 14) What demand did Amnon make to Tamar? How did Tamar respond, and what action did Amnon take as a result? (*Leviticus 18: 11*)

(15 – 18) How did Amnon treat Tamar after he had forced himself on her? How did Tamar respond, and what action did Amnon take against her?

(19 – 22) What actions did Tamar take following the incident, and how did Absalom respond? What advice did Absalom give to Tamar? How did David respond to the incident, and how did Absalom act toward Amnon?

(23 – 29) Describe Absalom's plan to avenge his sister Tamar. What request did Absalom make to David, and how did David respond? What instructions did Absalom give to his servants, and what was the result?

(30 – 33) What initial report did David receive regarding the incident at Baal Hazor, and how did David respond? How did Jonadab clarify the information, and how would he have known the truth about the situation? What was Jonadab's likely motivation for providing the clarification to David?

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(34 – 39) What action did Absalom take after having Amnon killed, and how did David respond? How did this incident relate to God's response to David's relations with Bathsheba? (*2 Samuel 12: 10*)

2 Samuel 14: Wednesday, May 22

(1 – 3) Describe the basis of Joab's plan to reunite David and Absalom. What may have been Joab's motivation for this action?

(4 – 7) Describe the similarities between the story that the widow shares with David, and the situation involving the murder of Amnon by Absalom. What was the intended outcome of the fact that the woman shared this story with David? (*2 Samuel 12: 1 – 4*)

(8 – 11) How did David initially respond to the woman's story? What request did the woman make to David, and what pledge did David make?

(12 – 17) Describe the argument that the woman made. What did she propose that David do regarding the situation with Absalom, and how did she appeal to David's sense of justice and his relationship with God? How can her statements be considered a foreshadowing of God's plan of salvation? (*Ephesians 1: 7 – 11*)

(18 – 24) What question did David ask to the woman, and how did she respond? What decision regarding Absalom's return did David convey to Joab? What were David's conditions regarding Absalom's return?

(25 – 27) What was Absalom's reputation among the people? Describe Absalom's family situation.

(28 – 33) When Joab ignored Absalom's attempts to get him to speak to David on his behalf, what did Absalom command his servants to do? What points did Absalom want Joab to make to David, and how did David respond?