



**The Kings
of Israel**

Lesson #22

In our last study:

David's sin brought reproach upon himself and his family.

In this
study:

David mourns the
illness and death of his
son.

The Tragedy of Amnon,
Tamar, & Absalom

David mourns the illness and death of his son.

2 Samuel 12:14 – 15 (ESV)

14 Nevertheless, because by this deed you have utterly scorned the LORD, the child who is born to you shall die.” 15 Then Nathan went to his house. And the LORD afflicted the child that Uriah's wife bore to David, and he became sick.

2 Samuel 12:16 (ESV)

16 David therefore sought God on behalf of the child. And David fasted and went in and lay all night on the ground.

2 Samuel 12:18 (ESV)

18 On the seventh day the child died. And the servants of David were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, "Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he did not listen to us. How then can we say to him the child is dead? He may do himself some harm."

2 Samuel 12:19 – 20 (ESV)

19 But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David understood that the child was dead. And David said to his servants, "Is the child dead?" They said, "He is dead." 20 Then David arose from the earth and washed and anointed himself and changed his clothes. And he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped. He then went to his own house. And when he asked, they set food before him, and he ate.

2 Samuel 12:21 – 23 (ESV)

21 Then his servants said to him, “What is this thing that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child while he was alive; but when the child died, you arose and ate food.” 22 He said, “While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept, for I said, ‘Who knows whether the LORD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?’ 23 But now he is dead. Why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he will not return to me.”

2 Samuel 12:24 – 25 (ESV)

*24 Then David comforted his wife, Bathsheba, and went in to her and lay with her, and she bore a son, and **he called his name Solomon.** And the LORD loved him 25 and sent a message by Nathan the prophet. So he called his name Jedidiah, because of the LORD.*

1 Chronicles 22:6 – 10 (ESV)

6 Then he called for Solomon his son and charged him to build a house for the LORD, the God of Israel. 7 David said to Solomon, “My son, I had it in my heart to build a house to the name of the LORD my God. 8 But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, You have shed much blood and have waged great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed so much blood before me on the earth. 9 Behold, a son shall be born to you who shall be a man of rest. I will give him rest from all his surrounding enemies. For his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days. 10 He shall build a house for my name. He shall be my son, and I will be his father, and I will establish his royal throne in Israel forever.’

The Tragedy of Amnon, Tamar, & Absalom

2 Samuel 13:1 (ESV)

1 Now Absalom, David's son, had a beautiful sister, whose name was Tamar. And after a time Amnon, David's son, loved her.

2 Samuel 3:2 – 3 (ESV)

*2 And sons were born to David at Hebron: his firstborn was **Amnon, of Ahinoam** of Jezreel; 3 and his second, Chileab, of Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel; and the third, **Absalom the son of Maacah** the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur;*

2 Samuel 13:3 (ESV)

*3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother. And **Jonadab was a very crafty man.***

2 Samuel 13:5 (ESV)

5 Jonadab said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, 'Let my sister Tamar come and give me bread to eat, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat it from her hand.'

2 Samuel 13:7 – 9 (ESV)

7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, “Go to your brother Amnon's house and prepare food for him.” 8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, where he was lying down. And she took dough and kneaded it and made cakes in his sight and baked the cakes. 9 And she took the pan and emptied it out before him, but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, “Send out everyone from me.” So everyone went out from him.

2 Samuel 13:11 – 13 (ESV)

11 But when she brought them near him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, “Come, lie with me, my sister.” 12 She answered him, “No, my brother, do not violate me, for such a thing is not done in Israel; do not do this outrageous thing. 13 As for me, where could I carry my shame? And as for you, you would be as one of the outrageous fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king, for he will not withhold me from you.”

2 Samuel 13:14 (ESV)

14 But he would not listen to her, and being stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her.

2 Samuel 13:15 – 16 (ESV)

15 Then Amnon hated her with very great hatred, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Get up! Go!"

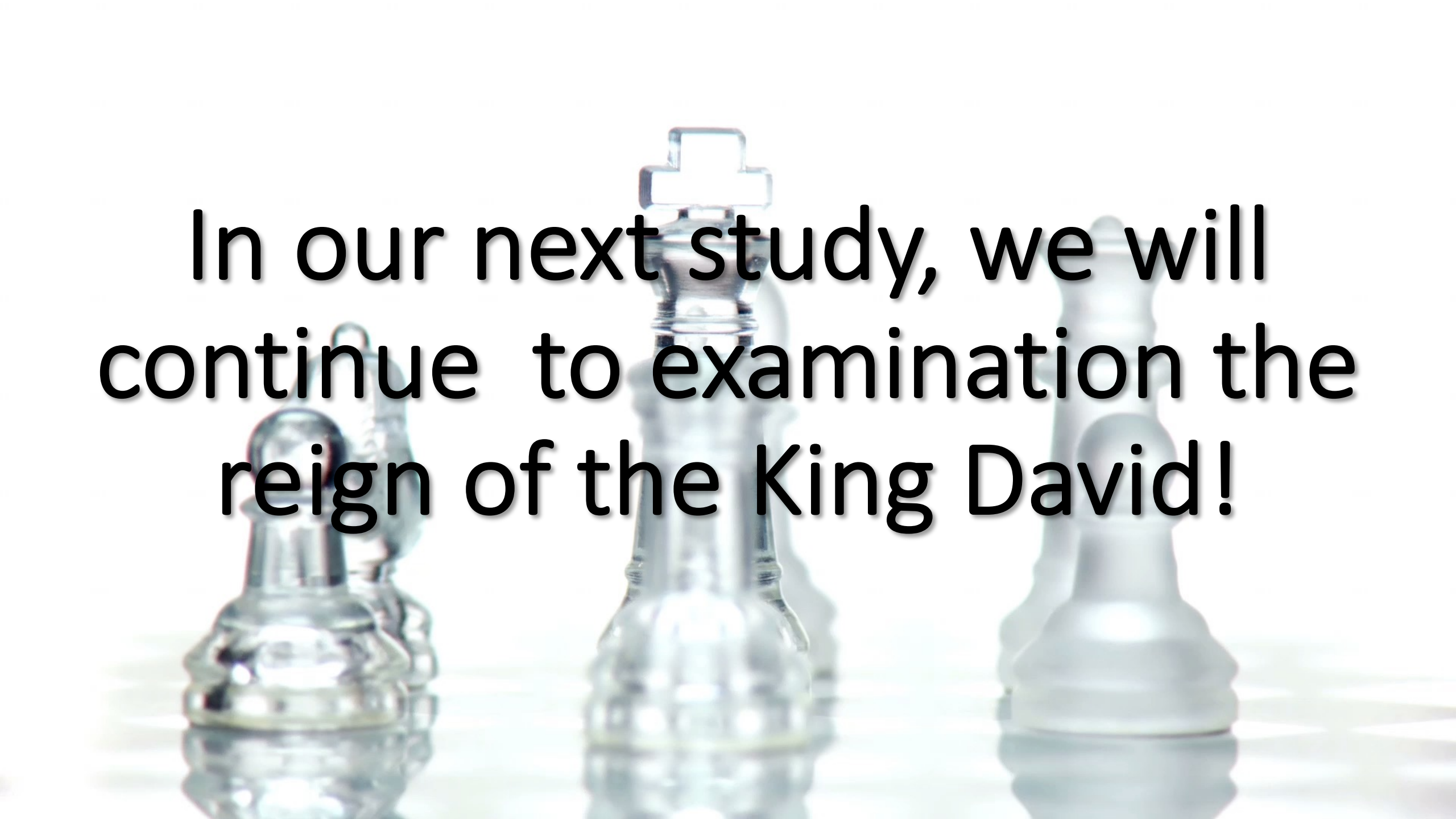
16 But she said to him, "No, my brother, for this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you did to me." But he would not listen to her.

2 Samuel 13:19 – 20 (ESV)

19 And Tamar put ashes on her head and tore the long robe that she wore. And she laid her hand on her head and went away, crying aloud as she went. 20 And her brother Absalom said to her, “Has Amnon your brother been with you? Now hold your peace, my sister. He is your brother; do not take this to heart.” So Tamar lived, a desolate woman, in her brother Absalom's house.

2 Samuel 13:21 – 22 (ESV)

21 When King David heard of all these things, he was very angry. 22 But Absalom spoke to Amnon neither good nor bad, for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had violated his sister Tamar.



In our next study, we will
continue to examination the
reign of the King David!