



# The Kings of Israel

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Lesson #23

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

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& Absalom

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## 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.*

## 2 Samuel 13:23 (ESV)

*23 After two full years Absalom had sheepshearers at Baal-hazor, which is near Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king's sons.*

## 2 Samuel 13:26 – 29 (ESV)

*26 Then Absalom said, "If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us." And the king said to him, "Why should he go with you?" 27 But Absalom pressed him until he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him. 28 Then Absalom commanded his servants, "Mark when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon,' then kill him. Do not fear; have I not commanded you? Be courageous and be valiant." 29 So the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and each mounted his mule and fled.*

## 2 Samuel 13:30 – 33 (ESV)

*30 While they were on the way, news came to David, "Absalom has struck down all the king's sons, and not one of them is left." 31 Then the king arose and tore his garments and lay on the earth. And all his servants who were standing by tore their garments. 32 But Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother, said, "Let not my lord suppose that they have killed all the young men, the king's sons, for Amnon alone is dead. For by the command of Absalom this has been determined from the day he violated his sister Tamar. 33 Now therefore let not my lord the king so take it to heart as to suppose that all the king's sons are dead, for Amnon alone is dead."*



## 2 Samuel 13:36 (ESV)

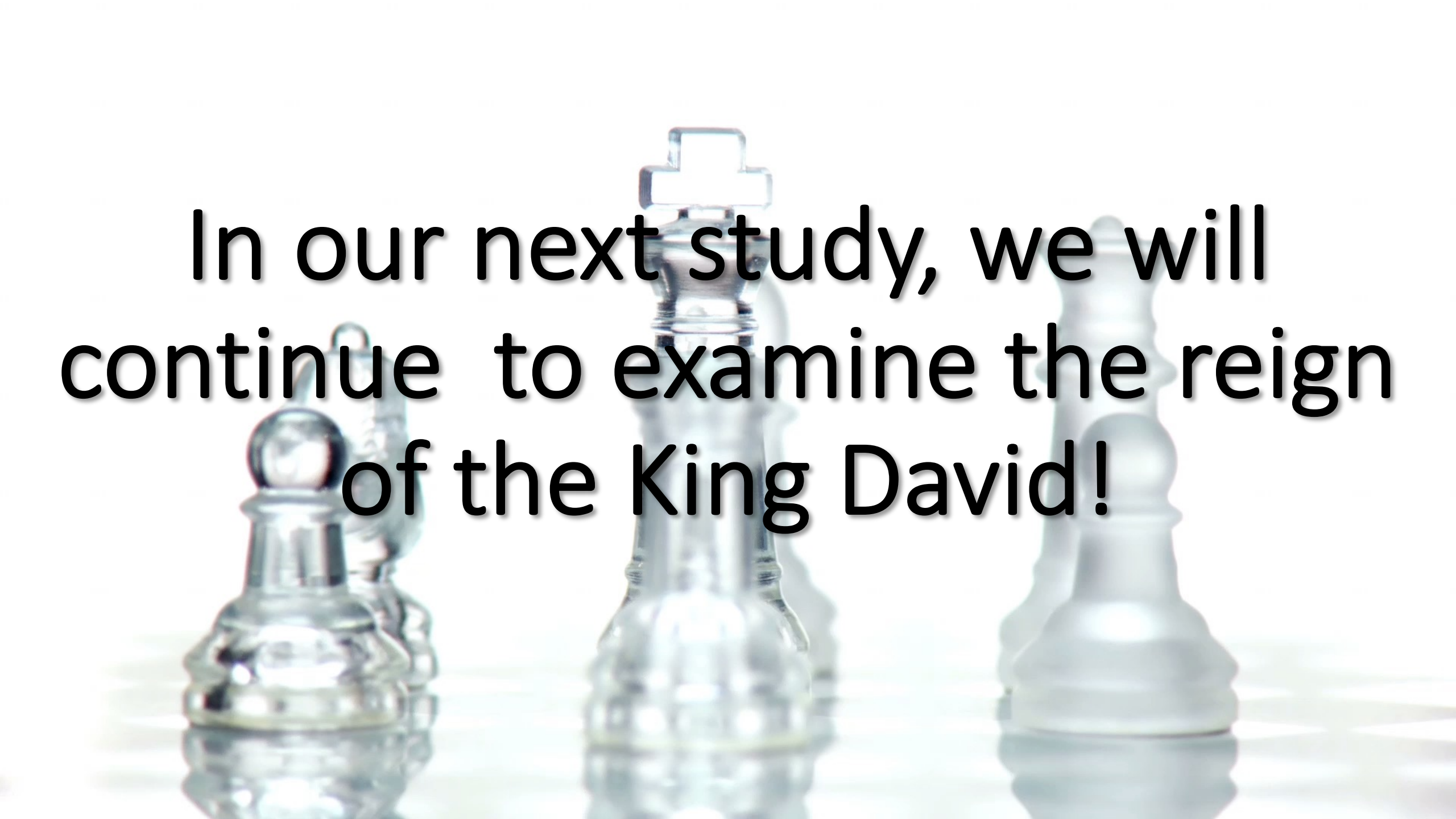
*36 And as soon as he had finished speaking, behold, the king's sons came and lifted up their voice and wept. And the king also and all his servants wept very bitterly.*

## 2 Samuel 13:37 – 39 (ESV)

*37 But Absalom fled and went to Talmai the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son day after day.  
38 So Absalom fled and went to Geshur, and was there three years.  
39 And the spirit of the king longed to go out to Absalom, because he was comforted about Amnon, since he was dead.*

## 2 Samuel 14:23 – 24 (ESV)

*23 So Joab arose and went to Geshur and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. 24 And the king said, "Let him dwell apart in his own house; he is not to come into my presence." So Absalom lived apart in his own house and did not come into the king's presence.*

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