



# The Kings of Israel

---

Lesson #25

In our last study:

---

The Tragedy of Amnon, Tamar,  
& Absalom

---

Absalom conspired to become  
king!

In this  
study:

---

Absalom conspires to  
become king!  
(continued...)

---

Absalom is killed!

Absalom conspires to become  
king! (continued...)

## 2 Samuel 15:30 (ESV)

*30 But David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went, barefoot and with his head covered. And all the people who were with him covered their heads, and they went up, weeping as they went.*

## Matthew 26:30 – 32 (ESV)

*30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 31 Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ 32 But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”*

## 2 Samuel 16:1 (ESV)

*1 When David had passed a little beyond the summit, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of donkeys saddled, bearing two hundred loaves of bread, a hundred bunches of raisins, a hundred of summer fruits, and a skin of wine.*

## 2 Samuel 16:3 – 4 (ESV)

*3 And the king said, “And where is your master's son?” Ziba said to the king, “Behold, he remains in Jerusalem, for he said, ‘Today the house of Israel will give me back the kingdom of my father.’” 4 Then the king said to Ziba, “Behold, all that belonged to Mephibosheth is now yours.” And Ziba said, “I pay homage; let me ever find favor in your sight, my lord the king.”*



## 2 Samuel 16:5 – 8 (ESV)

*5 When King David came to Bahurim, there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera, and as he came he cursed continually. 6 And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David, and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. 7 And Shimei said as he cursed, "Get out, get out, you man of blood, you worthless man! 8 The LORD has avenged on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned, and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. See, your evil is on you, for you are a man of blood."*

## 2 Samuel 16:11 – 12 (ESV)

*11 And David said to Abishai and to all his servants, “Behold, my own son seeks my life; how much more now may this Benjaminite! Leave him alone, and let him curse, for the LORD has told him to. 12 It may be that the LORD will look on the wrong done to me, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing today.”*

## 2 Samuel 16:15 – 16 (ESV)

*15 Now Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. 16 And when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, came to Absalom, Hushai said to Absalom, "Long live the king! Long live the king!"*

## 2 Samuel 16:20 – 21 (ESV)

*20 Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, “Give your counsel. What shall we do?” 21 Ahithophel said to Absalom, “Go in to your father's concubines, whom he has left to keep the house, and all Israel will hear that you have made yourself a stench to your father, and the hands of all who are with you will be strengthened.”*

## 2 Samuel 16:23 (ESV)

*23 Now in those days the counsel that Ahithophel gave was as if one consulted the word of God; so was all the counsel of Ahithophel esteemed, both by David and by Absalom.*

## 2 Samuel 17:1 (ESV)

*1 Moreover, Ahithophel said to Absalom, “Let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight.*

## 2 Samuel 17:4 (ESV)

*4 And the advice seemed right in the eyes of Absalom and all the elders of Israel.*

## 2 Samuel 17:5 (ESV)

*5 Then Absalom said, "Call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear what he has to say."*



## 2 Samuel 17:7 (ESV)

*7 Then Hushai said to Absalom, "This time the counsel that Ahithophel has given is not good."*

## 2 Samuel 17:11 (ESV)

*11 But my counsel is that all Israel be gathered to you, from Dan to Beersheba, as the sand by the sea for multitude, and that you go to battle in person.*

## 2 Samuel 17:14 (ESV)

*14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For the LORD had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, so that the LORD might bring harm upon Absalom.*

## 2 Samuel 17:15 – 16 (ESV)

*15 Then Hushai said to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, “Thus and so did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel, and thus and so have I counseled. 16 Now therefore send quickly and tell David, ‘Do not stay tonight at the fords of the wilderness, but by all means pass over, lest the king and all the people who are with him be swallowed up.’”*

## 2 Samuel 17:23 (ESV)

*23 When Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his donkey and went off home to his own city. He set his house in order and hanged himself, and he died and was buried in the tomb of his father.*

## 2 Samuel 18:1 (ESV)

*1 Then David mustered the men who were with him and set over them commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds.*

## 2 Samuel 18:6 – 8 (ESV)

*6 So the army went out into the field against Israel, and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. 7 And the men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the loss there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. 8 The battle spread over the face of all the country, and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword.*

Absalom is killed!



## 2 Samuel 18:9 (ESV)

*9 And Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak, and his head caught fast in the oak, and he was suspended between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.*

## 2 Samuel 18:14 – 15 (ESV)

*14 Joab said, “I will not waste time like this with you.” And he took three javelins in his hand and thrust them into the heart of Absalom while he was still alive in the oak. 15 And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him and killed him.*

## 2 Samuel 18:16 – 17 (ESV)

*16 Then Joab blew the trumpet, and the troops came back from pursuing Israel, for Joab restrained them. 17 And they took Absalom and threw him into a great pit in the forest and raised over him a very great heap of stones. And all Israel fled every one to his own home.*

## 2 Samuel 18:33 (ESV)

*33 And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"*

The image features three glass chess pieces on a white surface. In the center is a clear glass king with a cross-shaped top. To its left is a smaller, clear glass pawn. To its right is a larger, frosted glass king. The pieces are arranged in a row, and the text is overlaid on the central king piece.

**In our next study, we will look at end  
of King David's reign!**