

Absalom's Rebellion

2 Samuel 15

Read 2 Samuel 15:1-12

1.) Israel Has a Ruined Ruler

A.) David Has Failed to Discern or Judge According to the Lord's Standard

B.) The Problem is That is What Kings Do.

*Deuteronomy 17:18-20— "Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. **19** And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, **20** that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel."*

C.) David is Redeemed, but He is not the Redeemer

2.) Israel Has a Seditious Son

A.) Absalom Steals Hearts, Like His Father.

B.) Absalom Combines Flattery and Force, Like His Father

2 Samuel 15:5— "...that he would put out his hand and take him..."

3.) Israel Has a Corrupt Core

1 Samuel 8:11— "And he said, 'This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen, and some will run before his chariots.'"

A.) Israel Still Wants a King Like the King of the Nations

2 Samuel 15:1— 1 After this it happened that Absalom provided himself with chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.

B.) While the Story Progresses, It is Extremely Repetitive: Creation, Fall, Exile, Redemption.

C.) There is Only One Character Who Can Intervene: The Lord Himself

2 Samuel 15:25-26— 25 Then the king said to Zadok, "Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the LORD, He will bring me back and show me both it and His dwelling place. 26 "But if He says thus: 'I have no delight in you,' here I am, let Him do to me as seems good to Him."

1 Samuel 2:25— "If one man sins against another, God will judge him. But if a man sins against the Lord, who will intercede for him?..."

Philippians 2:6-7— 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

*John 2:24-25— "...commit Himself to them, because He knew all men, **25** and had no need that anyone should testify of man, for He knew what was in man."*

Application:

A.) Jesus is the Righteous Ruler, the Obedient Son, Who Came to Heal the Corruption at Our Core

B.) The Trouble in Israel is Amplified by the Faithfulness of a Foreigner.

2 Samuel 15:18-21— 18 Then all his servants passed before him; and all the Cherethites, all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who had followed him from Gath, passed before the king. 19 Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why are you also going with us? Return

and remain with the king. For you are a foreigner and also an exile from your own place. 20 "In fact, you came only yesterday. Should I make you wander up and down with us today, since I go I know not where? Return, and take your brethren back. Mercy and truth be with you." 21 But Ittai answered the king and said, "As the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in whatever place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also your servant will be."

Deuteronomy 32:21— 21 They have provoked Me to jealousy by what is not God; They have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation.

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Romans 11:33-36— 33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out! 34 "For who has known the mind of the LORD? Or who has become His counselor?" 35 "Or who has first given to Him And it shall be repaid to him?" 36 For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.