

David's Descent and Defense

2 Samuel 16-17

Read 2 Samuel 16:1-14

1.) David's Descent Is Both Physical and Spiritual

A.) David was Exalted

2 Samuel 5:12

B.) David is Now Being Humbled.

C.) David is Unjustly Judged Justly

D.) The God Ordained Fulfillment of 2 Samuel 12:11-12

*"...and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. **12** For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun." — 2 Samuel 12:11-12*

"...and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel." — 2 Samuel 16:22

2.) Absalom's Ascent Is Both Physical and Spiritual

A.) Absalom is the Consummate King of the Nations.

2 Samuel 15:1— "...Absalom provided himself with chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him."

B.) Absalom is Self-Appointed, not the Lord's Anointed

C.) Ahithophel is the consummate worldly wise man

2 Samuel 16:23

Two Paths:

1.) The Path of Humiliation, Suffering and Repentance

2.) The Path of Pride, Physical Force, Worldly Wisdom and Trust in Man

A.) The Path of Self-Exaltation Leads to Destruction

2 Samuel 17:1-4

2 Samuel 17:23

"...O Lord, I pray, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness!" —2 Samuel 15:31

"...For the Lord had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel..." —2 Samuel 17:14

"Therefore I advise that all Israel be fully gathered to you...and that you go to battle in person." —2 Samuel 17:11

"For the Lord had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, to the intent that the Lord might bring disaster on Absalom." —2 Samuel 17:14

B.) The Path of Humble Repentance Leads to Life

2 Samuel 17:27-29