

A DARK DAY FOR DAVID!
(3 Samuel 15- 16:-14)

Romans 8:28; Genesis 50:20

III. The Troubles of the King (12:1-24:25)

D. More Strife Via Absalom's Treachery & Revolt (15:1-12)

1. Although restored to favor with David, Absalom _____ his father and began to systematically use differing means to _____ of the people in Israel!
- How did he do this?
 1. Absalom was using Hebron as the opportunity away from dear old dad, to mount his _____ (the _____) of his father's throne & kingdom!
 - What was David doing or thinking while all this was coming to fruition?
 2. So David is somewhat _____ by the news when a messenger comes and says..."The _____ of the men of Israel are _____ Absalom!"

E. David Flees Jerusalem (15:14-16:14)

- Why did David decide to flee Jerusalem & not defend it?

Scene 1: At the Palace in Jerusalem (15:13-16)

1. In fleeing from Jerusalem, David has not indicated his intention to _____ the throne. He is leaving town, but he is not _____ his throne.
2. The one thing Absalom did not take into consideration in seeking his father's throne was this coup _____ or Absalom's?

Scene Two: At the "Last House in Jerusalem" (15:17-22)

1. David stops at the "last house" on the outskirts of Jerusalem, pausing as those fleeing with him pass by. This will give David the opportunity to allow some to _____ him and to encourage others to _____.
2. David urged Ittai not to _____ him, but Ittai would not _____ David at this time. Who else does this remind us of?

Scene Three: Just Over the Brook Kidron (15:23-29)

3. Here David instructed Zadok to take the ark of God _____ to Jerusalem to the _____ where God had chosen to _____!
4. David knew that Zadok was not only a priest, but a _____. This meant that Zadok could give David reports that could be _____ as prophets were used to _____.

Scene Four: The Ascent of the Mount of Olives (15:30-37)

- Here the report reaches David that Ahithophel has _____ Absalom in his revolt. This is a most devastating blow, because Ahithophel's counsel was so _____ (cf 16:23) Why had Ahithophel joined Absalom?
1. Upon hearing of Ahithophel's defection David uttered (vs 31), "O Lord, I _____, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into _____!"
 2. David persuades Hushai the Archite, to return to Jerusalem as his _____ & _____ in Absalom's court to _____ the counsel of Ahithophel!

Scene Five: Just Over the Summit of the Mount of Olives (16:1-4)

1. Ziba joins David with _____ for the journey ahead.
2. On the basis of Ziba's account of Mephibosheth, David gives to Ziba and his sons _____ that had been given to Mephibosheth.

Scene Six: At Bahurim--Stoned by Shimei (16:5-14)

1. Shimei's accusations are abusive, as he speaks of David as a _____ fellow & being _____ of shedding of blood in terms of Saul and his house.
2. David believed that it was possible that God was speaking to him through this man, and thus he would not seek to _____ one through whom God _____ speaking. Instead, he proceeded on his way, looking to God for his _____.