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The Rebellion of Absalom 13:1-19:8

- Absalom-David's third son, born to Maacah who was the daughter of the king of Geshur
- Amnon-David's firstborn son, born to Ahinoam
- Tamar-Absalom's sister and Amnon's half-sister
- Amnon developed an infatuation with Tamar and gave himself over to it.

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- Amnon as David's firstborn would be next in line to be the king after David's death.
- Jonadab, Amnon's cousin, described as a "very crafty man" would want to curry the favor of the potential next king.
- Noting Amnon's distress and learning of the reason for it, Jonadab devised a plan to get Tamar in the presence of Amnon.

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- Under the deceit of a feigned illness Amnon would request that his father, King David, have Tamar come to care for him.
- The ruse worked and David ordered Tamar to prepare a meal for her brother.
- Amnon manipulated the setting to get Tamar alone in his inner chamber.

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- When Amnon made his intentions known to Tamar she pointed out how this was a blatant disregard for the law of God and for both of them. (Proverbs 1:7; Leviticus 20:17; Deuteronomy 27:22)
- Tamar indicated that the king would give her to Amnon (as a wife) if he requested it.

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- Amnon enraged that Tamar resisted him, physically overpowered her and then ordered her to leave.
- Tamar pleaded with him to not now discard her indicating that this would be a worse wrong than he had already done. (Deuteronomy 22:28)
- Amnon forced her from his presence and Tamar went away expressing deep grief and distress.

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- Absalom learned of the situation and assured his sister that he would take care of it.
- Absalom provided for his sister in his house, and she never married.
- David heard of the matter and was angry but obviously took no action against Amnon.
- Absalom did not confront Amnon but harbored hatred for him.

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- As we see here and over the next few chapters, Absalom is patient, methodical, and deliberate.

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- Two full years passed before Absalom finalized a plan to kill Amnon.
 - Absalom invited the males of the royal household to the festivities surrounding sheep shearing.
 - David declined and Absalom specifically requested the presence of Amnon among the other invited.
 - This raised some concern with David but not enough to deny the request.

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- Absalom instructed his servants to kill Amnon at his command.
 - This shows a remarkable allegiance to Absalom.
 - It also show the remarkable influence Absalom was able to exert.

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- The other sons of David, fearing for their lives mounted their mules and fled.
- Fake news flourishes in confusion and the immediate news that came to David was that all of his sons had been killed by Absalom.

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- The same Jonadab who had advised Amnon concerning Tamar now inserts himself into this situation by assuring David that only Amnon is dead. He is also quick to point out that he was right when the other sons returned.
- David and his household mourned over the death of Amnon.
- Absalom fled to his grandfather, Talmai the king of Geshur.

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- Over time David was comforted concerning Amnon and began to long for his son Absalom.

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Lessons

- Devastation follows when power and position are not governed by God's commands.
- Temptation always offers a far more attractive picture than the sinful expression can deliver.
- The power to influence must never be used for personal gratification or selfish gain.
- Lack of justice promotes vengeance.

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