

Old Testament

- 2Sa 13:1** Now Absalom, David's son, had a beautiful sister, whose name was Tamar. And after a time Amnon, David's son, loved her.
- 2Sa 13:2** And Amnon was so tormented that he made himself ill because of his sister Tamar, for she was a virgin, and it seemed impossible to Amnon to do anything to her.
- 2Sa 13:3** But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother. And Jonadab was a very crafty man.
- 2Sa 13:4** And he said to him, "O son of the king, why are you so haggard morning after morning? Will you not tell me?" Amnon said to him, "I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister."
- 2Sa 13:5** Jonadab said to him, "Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, 'Let my sister Tamar come and give me bread to eat, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat it from her hand.'"
- 2Sa 13:6** So Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill. And when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, "Please let my sister Tamar come and make a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand."
- 2Sa 13:7** Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, "Go to your brother Amnon's house and prepare food for him."
- 2Sa 13:8** So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house, where he was lying down. And she took dough and kneaded it and made cakes in his sight and baked the cakes.
- 2Sa 13:9** And she took the pan and emptied it out before him, but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, "Send out everyone from me." So everyone went out from him.
- 2Sa 13:10** Then Amnon said to Tamar, "Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat from your hand." And Tamar took the cakes she had made and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.
- 2Sa 13:11** But when she brought them near him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, "Come, lie with me, my sister."
- 2Sa 13:12** She answered him, "No, my brother, do not violate me, for such a thing is not done in Israel; do not do this outrageous thing.
- 2Sa 13:13** As for me, where could I carry my shame? And as for you, you would be as one of the outrageous fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king, for he will not withhold me from you."
- 2Sa 13:14** But he would not listen to her, and being stronger than she, he violated her and lay with her.
- 2Sa 13:15** Then Amnon hated her with very great hatred, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, "Get up! Go!"
- 2Sa 13:16** But she said to him, "No, my brother, for this wrong in sending me away is greater than the other that you did to me." But he would not listen to her.
- 2Sa 13:17** He called the young man who served him and said, "Put this woman out of my presence and bolt the door after her."
- 2Sa 13:18** Now she was wearing a long robe with sleeves, for thus were the virgin daughters of the king dressed. So his servant put her out and bolted the door after her.
- 2Sa 13:19** And Tamar put ashes on her head and tore the long robe that she wore. And she laid her hand on her head and went away, crying aloud as she went.

2Sa 13:20 And her brother Absalom said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? Now hold your peace, my sister. He is your brother; do not take this to heart." So Tamar lived, a desolate woman, in her brother Absalom's house.

2Sa 13:21 When King David heard of all these things, he was very angry.

2Sa 13:22 But Absalom spoke to Amnon neither good nor bad, for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had violated his sister Tamar.

2Sa 13:23 After two full years Absalom had sheepshearers at Baal-hazor, which is near Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

2Sa 13:24 And Absalom came to the king and said, "Behold, your servant has sheepshearers. Please let the king and his servants go with your servant."

2Sa 13:25 But the king said to Absalom, "No, my son, let us not all go, lest we be burdensome to you." He pressed him, but he would not go but gave him his blessing.

2Sa 13:26 Then Absalom said, "If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us." And the king said to him, "Why should he go with you?"

2Sa 13:27 But Absalom pressed him until he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

2Sa 13:28 Then Absalom commanded his servants, "Mark when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, 'Strike Amnon,' then kill him. Do not fear; have I not commanded you? Be courageous and be valiant."

2Sa 13:29 So the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and each mounted his mule and fled.

2Sa 13:30 While they were on the way, news came to David, "Absalom has struck down all the king's sons, and not one of them is left."

2Sa 13:31 Then the king arose and tore his garments and lay on the earth. And all his servants who were standing by tore their garments.

2Sa 13:32 But Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David's brother, said, "Let not my lord suppose that they have killed all the young men, the king's sons, for Amnon alone is dead. For by the command of Absalom this has been determined from the day he violated his sister Tamar.

2Sa 13:33 Now therefore let not my lord the king so take it to heart as to suppose that all the king's sons are dead, for Amnon alone is dead."

2Sa 13:34 But Absalom fled. And the young man who kept the watch lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, many people were coming from the road behind him by the side of the mountain.

2Sa 13:35 And Jonadab said to the king, "Behold, the king's sons have come; as your servant said, so it has come about."

2Sa 13:36 And as soon as he had finished speaking, behold, the king's sons came and lifted up their voice and wept. And the king also and all his servants wept very bitterly.

2Sa 13:37 But Absalom fled and went to Talmi the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son day after day.

2Sa 13:38 So Absalom fled and went to Geshur, and was there three years.

2Sa 13:39 And the spirit of the king longed to go out to Absalom, because he was comforted about Amnon, since he was dead.

2Sa 14:1 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah knew that the king's heart went out to Absalom.

2Sa 14:2 And Joab sent to Tekoa and brought from there a wise woman and said to her, "Pretend to be a mourner and put on mourning garments. Do not anoint yourself with oil, but behave like a woman who has been mourning many days for the dead.

2Sa 14:3 Go to the king and speak thus to him." So Joab put the words in her mouth.

2Sa 14:4 When the woman of Tekoa came to the king, she fell on her face to the ground and paid homage and said, "Save me, O king."

2Sa 14:5 And the king said to her, "What is your trouble?" She answered, "Alas, I am a widow; my husband is dead."

2Sa 14:6 And your servant had two sons, and they quarreled with one another in the field. There was no one to separate them, and one struck the other and killed him.

2Sa 14:7 And now the whole clan has risen against your servant, and they say, 'Give up the man who struck his brother, that we may put him to death for the life of his brother whom he killed.' And so they would destroy the heir also. Thus they would quench my coal that is left and leave to my husband neither name nor remnant on the face of the earth."

2Sa 14:8 Then the king said to the woman, "Go to your house, and I will give orders concerning you."

2Sa 14:9 And the woman of Tekoa said to the king, "On me be the guilt, my lord the king, and on my father's house; let the king and his throne be guiltless."

2Sa 14:10 The king said, "If anyone says anything to you, bring him to me, and he shall never touch you again."

2Sa 14:11 Then she said, "Please let the king invoke the LORD your God, that the avenger of blood kill no more, and my son be not destroyed." He said, "As the LORD lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the ground."

2Sa 14:12 Then the woman said, "Please let your servant speak a word to my lord the king." He said, "Speak."

2Sa 14:13 And the woman said, "Why then have you planned such a thing against the people of God? For in giving this decision the king convicts himself, inasmuch as the king does not bring his banished one home again."

2Sa 14:14 We must all die; we are like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. But God will not take away life, and he devises means so that the banished one will not remain an outcast.

2Sa 14:15 Now I have come to say this to my lord the king because the people have made me afraid, and your servant thought, 'I will speak to the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his servant.'

2Sa 14:16 For the king will hear and deliver his servant from the hand of the man who would destroy me and my son together from the heritage of God.'

2Sa 14:17 And your servant thought, 'The word of my lord the king will set me at rest,' for my lord the king is like the angel of God to discern good and evil. The LORD your God be with you!"

2Sa 14:18 Then the king answered the woman, "Do not hide from me anything I ask you." And the woman said, "Let my lord the king speak."

2Sa 14:19 The king said, "Is the hand of Joab with you in all this?" The woman answered and said, "As surely as you live, my lord the king, one cannot turn to the right hand or to the left from anything that my lord the king has said. It was your servant Joab who commanded me; it was he who put all these words in the mouth of your servant."

2Sa 14:20 In order to change the course of things your servant Joab did this. But my lord has wisdom like the wisdom of the angel of God to know all things that are on the earth."

2Sa 14:21 Then the king said to Joab, "Behold now, I grant this; go, bring back the young man Absalom."

2Sa 14:22 And Joab fell on his face to the ground and paid homage and blessed the king. And Joab said, "Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your sight, my lord the king, in that the king has granted the request of his servant."

2Sa 14:23 So Joab arose and went to Geshur and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

2Sa 14:24 And the king said, "Let him dwell apart in his own house; he is not to come into my presence." So Absalom lived apart in his own house and did not come into the king's presence.

2Sa 14:25 Now in all Israel there was no one so much to be praised for his handsome appearance as Absalom. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him.

2Sa 14:26 And when he cut the hair of his head (for at the end of every year he used to cut it; when it was heavy on him, he cut it), he weighed the hair of his head, two hundred shekels by the king's weight.

2Sa 14:27 There were born to Absalom three sons, and one daughter whose name was Tamar. She was a beautiful woman.

2Sa 14:28 So Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem, without coming into the king's presence.

2Sa 14:29 Then Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king, but Joab would not come to him. And he sent a second time, but Joab would not come.

2Sa 14:30 Then he said to his servants, "See, Joab's field is next to mine, and he has barley there; go and set it on fire." So Absalom's servants set the field on fire.

2Sa 14:31 Then Joab arose and went to Absalom at his house and said to him, "Why have your servants set my field on fire?"

2Sa 14:32 Absalom answered Joab, "Behold, I sent word to you, 'Come here, that I may send you to the king, to ask, 'Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me to be there still.' Now therefore let me go into the presence of the king, and if there is guilt in me, let him put me to death.'"

2Sa 14:33 Then Joab went to the king and told him, and he summoned Absalom. So he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king, and the king kissed Absalom.

New Testament

Luk 20:1 One day, as Jesus was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up

Luk 20:2 and said to him, "Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority."

Luk 20:3 He answered them, "I also will ask you a question. Now tell me,

Luk 20:4 was the baptism of John from heaven or from man?"

Luk 20:5 And they discussed it with one another, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say, 'Why did you not believe him?'

Luk 20:6 But if we say, 'From man,' all the people will stone us to death, for they are convinced that John was a prophet."

Luk 20:7 So they answered that they did not know where it came from.

Luk 20:8 And Jesus said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

Luk 20:9 And he began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while.

Luk 20:10 When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed.

Luk 20:11 And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed.

Luk 20:12 And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out.

Luk 20:13 Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.'

Luk 20:14 But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.'

Luk 20:15 And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them?

Luk 20:16 He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!"

Luk 20:17 But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: "'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?"

Luk 20:18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him."

Luk 20:19 The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people.

Luk 20:20 So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

Luk 20:21 So they asked him, "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach rightly, and show no partiality, but truly teach the way of God.

Luk 20:22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute to Caesar, or not?"

Luk 20:23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said to them,

Luk 20:24 "Show me a denarius. Whose likeness and inscription does it have?" They said, "Caesar's."

Luk 20:25 He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

Luk 20:26 And they were not able in the presence of the people to catch him in what he said, but marveling at his answer they became silent.