

Old Testament

- 2Sa 15:1** After this Absalom got himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him.
- 2Sa 15:2** And Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate. And when any man had a dispute to come before the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, "From what city are you?" And when he said, "Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel,"
- 2Sa 15:3** Absalom would say to him, "See, your claims are good and right, but there is no man designated by the king to hear you."
- 2Sa 15:4** Then Absalom would say, "Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice."
- 2Sa 15:5** And whenever a man came near to pay homage to him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him.
- 2Sa 15:6** Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.
- 2Sa 15:7** And at the end of four years Absalom said to the king, "Please let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed to the LORD, in Hebron.
- 2Sa 15:8** For your servant vowed a vow while I lived at Geshur in Aram, saying, 'If the LORD will indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will offer worship to the LORD.'"
- 2Sa 15:9** The king said to him, "Go in peace." So he arose and went to Hebron.
- 2Sa 15:10** But Absalom sent secret messengers throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then say, 'Absalom is king at Hebron!'"
- 2Sa 15:11** With Absalom went two hundred men from Jerusalem who were invited guests, and they went in their innocence and knew nothing.
- 2Sa 15:12** And while Absalom was offering the sacrifices, he sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh. And the conspiracy grew strong, and the people with Absalom kept increasing.
- 2Sa 15:13** And a messenger came to David, saying, "The hearts of the men of Israel have gone after Absalom."
- 2Sa 15:14** Then David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, "Arise, and let us flee, or else there will be no escape for us from Absalom. Go quickly, lest he overtake us quickly and bring down ruin on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword."
- 2Sa 15:15** And the king's servants said to the king, "Behold, your servants are ready to do whatever my lord the king decides."
- 2Sa 15:16** So the king went out, and all his household after him. And the king left ten concubines to keep the house.
- 2Sa 15:17** And the king went out, and all the people after him. And they halted at the last house.
- 2Sa 15:18** And all his servants passed by him, and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the six hundred Gittites who had followed him from Gath, passed on before the king.
- 2Sa 15:19** Then the king said to Ittai the Gittite, "Why do you also go with us? Go back and stay with the king, for you are a foreigner and also an exile from your home.
- 2Sa 15:20** You came only yesterday, and shall I today make you wander about with us, since I go I know not where? Go back and take your brothers with you, and may the LORD show steadfast love and faithfulness to you."
- 2Sa 15:21** But Ittai answered the king, "As the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, wherever my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, there also will your servant be."

2Sa 15:22 And David said to Ittai, "Go then, pass on." So Ittai the Gittite passed on with all his men and all the little ones who were with him.

2Sa 15:23 And all the land wept aloud as all the people passed by, and the king crossed the brook Kidron, and all the people passed on toward the wilderness.

2Sa 15:24 And Abiathar came up, and behold, Zadok came also with all the Levites, bearing the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God until the people had all passed out of the city.

2Sa 15:25 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 let me see both it and his dwelling place.

2Sa 15:26 But if he says, 'I have no pleasure in you,' behold, here I am, let him do to me what seems good to him."

2Sa 15:27 The king also said to Zadok the priest, "Are you not a seer? Go back to the city in peace, with your two sons, Ahimaaz your son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar.

2Sa 15:28 See, I will wait at the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me."

2Sa 15:29 So Zadok and Abiathar carried the ark of God back to Jerusalem, and they remained there.

2Sa 15:30 But David went up the ascent of the Mount of Olives, weeping as he went, barefoot and with his head covered. And all the people who were with him covered their heads, and they went up, weeping as they went.

2Sa 15:31 And it was told David, "Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom." And David said, "O LORD, please turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness."

2Sa 15:32 While David was coming to the summit, where God was worshiped, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat torn and dirt on his head.

2Sa 15:33 David said to him, "If you go on with me, you will be a burden to me.

2Sa 15:34 But if you return to the city and say to Absalom, 'I will be your servant, O king; as I have been your father's servant in time past, so now I will be your servant,' then you will defeat for me the counsel of Ahithophel.

2Sa 15:35 Are not Zadok and Abiathar the priests with you there? So whatever you hear from the king's house, tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the priests.

2Sa 15:36 Behold, their two sons are with them there, Ahimaaz, Zadok's son, and Jonathan, Abiathar's son, and by them you shall send to me everything you hear."

2Sa 15:37 So Hushai, David's friend, came into the city, just as Absalom was entering Jerusalem.

2Sa 16:1 When David had passed a little beyond the summit, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of donkeys saddled, bearing two hundred loaves of bread, a hundred bunches of raisins, a hundred of summer fruits, and a skin of wine.

2Sa 16:2 And the king said to Ziba, "Why have you brought these?" Ziba answered, "The donkeys are for the king's household to ride on, the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat, and the wine for those who faint in the wilderness to drink."

2Sa 16:3 And the king said, "And where is your master's son?" Ziba said to the king, "Behold, he remains in Jerusalem, for he said, 'Today the house of Israel will give me back the kingdom of my father.'"

2Sa 16:4 Then the king said to Ziba, "Behold, all that belonged to Mephibosheth is now yours." And Ziba said, "I pay homage; let me ever find favor in your sight, my lord the king."

2Sa 16:5 When King David came to Bahurim, there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera, and as he came he cursed continually.

2Sa 16:6 And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David, and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left.

2Sa 16:7 And Shimei said as he cursed, "Get out, get out, you man of blood, you worthless man!"

2Sa 16:8 The LORD has avenged on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned, and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. See, your evil is on you, for you are a man of blood."

2Sa 16:9 Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over and take off his head."

2Sa 16:10 But the king said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? If he is cursing because the LORD has said to him, 'Curse David,' who then shall say, 'Why have you done so?'"

2Sa 16:11 And David said to Abishai and to all his servants, "Behold, my own son seeks my life; how much more now may this Benjaminite! Leave him alone, and let him curse, for the LORD has told him to.

2Sa 16:12 It may be that the LORD will look on the wrong done to me, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing today."

2Sa 16:13 So David and his men went on the road, while Shimei went along on the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went and threw stones at him and flung dust.

2Sa 16:14 And the king, and all the people who were with him, arrived weary at the Jordan. And there he refreshed himself.

2Sa 16:15 Now Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

2Sa 16:16 And when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, came to Absalom, Hushai said to Absalom, "Long live the king! Long live the king!"

2Sa 16:17 And Absalom said to Hushai, "Is this your loyalty to your friend? Why did you not go with your friend?"

2Sa 16:18 And Hushai said to Absalom, "No, for whom the LORD and this people and all the men of Israel have chosen, his I will be, and with him I will remain.

2Sa 16:19 And again, whom should I serve? Should it not be his son? As I have served your father, so I will serve you."

2Sa 16:20 Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, "Give your counsel. What shall we do?"

2Sa 16:21 Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Go in to your father's concubines, whom he has left to keep the house, and all Israel will hear that you have made yourself a stench to your father, and the hands of all who are with you will be strengthened."

2Sa 16:22 So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the roof. And Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel.

2Sa 16:23 Now in those days the counsel that Ahithophel gave was as if one consulted the word of God; so was all the counsel of Ahithophel esteemed, both by David and by Absalom.

New Testament

Luk 20:27 There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection,

Luk 20:28 and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother.

Luk 20:29 Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children.

Luk 20:30 And the second

Luk 20:31 and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died.

Luk 20:32 Afterward the woman also died.

Luk 20:33 In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife."

Luk 20:34 And Jesus said to them, "**The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage,**

Luk 20:35 **but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage,**

Luk 20:36 for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection.

Luk 20:37 But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.

Luk 20:38 Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him."

Luk 20:39 Then some of the scribes answered, "Teacher, you have spoken well."

Luk 20:40 For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

Luk 20:41 But he said to them, "How can they say that the Christ is David's son?

Luk 20:42 For David himself says in the Book of Psalms, "'The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand,

Luk 20:43 until I make your enemies your footstool.'

Luk 20:44 David thus calls him Lord, so how is he his son?"

Luk 20:45 And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples,

Luk 20:46 "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts,

Luk 20:47 who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."