

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY ON BEHALF OF THE DAVIDIC KINGDOM

(3 Samuel 15:1- 20:26) pt 4

IV. The Amazing Triumphs of the King (1-10)

V. The Great Transgression of the King (11)

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

G. The Sovereignty of God Toward the Davidic Kingdom (2 Samuel 16:15- 20:26)

1. The rebellion of Absalom against the Kingdom of David, his father (16:15-17:29)
2. The defeat & death of Absalom & his army by David's men (18:1-33)
3. Continued unrest among the tribes, as David mourned for Absalom & then made his way back to Jerusalem (19:1-39)
4. Continued _____ at _____ levels in the nation:
 - d. Continued _____ conflict between north & south between _____ & _____!
(19:9-10, 41-43)
 - e. A _____ threat of conflict via _____ rebellion against the Davidic Kingdom!(20:1-3, 14-26)

12) From the northern tribe of Benjamin, there arose another rebel by the name of _____, who declared, "*We have _____ of this man David, let's _____ from Judah!*"

13) So the northern tribes of Israel, under the leadership of Sheba, attempted to _____ the nation, and again _____ the Davidic kingdom!

14) Because they had been openly _____ by Absalom, David secured & supported them in life, but he also _____ them & treated them as _____ until their death!

f. The _____ conflict between _____ & _____! (20:4-13)

15) David commanded Amasa to _____ the men of Judah in 3 days & to _____ them in pursuit of Sheba's rebellion.

16) At the appointed time, David used _____, Joab's brother, to lead the army out in pursuit of Sheba.

17) Joab greets Amasa with _____ words & a typical _____ of greeting, but then _____ him with a hidden dagger/sword!

18) As soon as Amasa is killed, one of the young men _____ the troops behind Joab, the new (_____) commander, & David the reinstated king!

19) The men of Judah, under Joab, sweep through _____ of Israel and finally _____ Sheba at a city known as Able of Beth Maacah!

20) This woman _____ Joab that Able was known in the past as a place where disputes were _____!

21) This city has always been _____, why are you destroying the _____ of the Lord?

- Joab's statement here (vs 20) is far from _____:
- This is the 4th time in the story of David that a _____ has made a marked difference in the out-come of a serious situation:

- Was Sheba a scapegoat for the city?

22) *"Sheba wanted to be _____ of his own kingdom, but instead his _____ was thrown over the wall to David's army!"*

- So what can we learn from all this?
- The story of David, the man after God's own heart, _____ us many things:
 - g. God's sovereign choice of _____ to be king over God's people tells us that His-story has God's hand _____!
 - h. David's life is not a _____ tale—he didn't just live _____, when he got back into fellowship with God!
 - i. Yet God worked _____ together for _____—David's good & the good of _____!
 - j. David's difficulties also served to _____ David, and to make him more _____ upon God in life.
 - k. At times it may have seemed that David's chances of survival were between "_____." But God _____ His promise, often by employing the most _____ candidates in his life!
 - l. God is always in _____, using the most unlikely means to achieve what He had purposed and promised for David & His people!