



Pastor's Bible Study

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

Week Twenty-Nine 2 Samuel 12-13

Review

Literary Period Covered: 993 - 970 B.C.E.

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The Consequences of David's Fall

Lecture Segment

2 Samuel chapters 12-13 cover some significant events in King David's life as a result of his sin in Chapter 11.

Nathan Confronts David (Chapter 12)

After David's sin with Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah, the prophet Nathan confronts David using a parable about a rich man who steals a poor man's only lamb. When David angrily condemns the man in the story, Nathan reveals that David is that man, having taken Uriah's wife despite having many of his own. Nathan, then pronounces God's judgment on David:

1. The sword will never depart from David's house
2. Calamity will come from within his own family
3. His wives will be taken by another publicly
4. The child born to Bathsheba will die

David immediately confesses his sin, saying "I have sinned against the Lord". Nathan assures David that the Lord has forgiven him and he will not die, but there will still be consequences.

Death of David's Son

The child born to Bathsheba becomes ill. David fasts and prays for seven days, but the child dies. After mourning, David comforts Bathsheba and she later gives birth to Solomon.

Amnon and Tamar (Chapter 13)

David's son Amnon becomes infatuated with his half-sister Tamar. He pretends to be ill and requests Tamar to care for him, then rapes her when they are alone. Afterward, he hates her and sends her away. Tamar's full brother Absalom comforts her but secretly plans revenge. Two years later, Absalom arranges for Amnon to be killed at a sheep-



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shearing feast. Absalom then flees to his grandfather in Geshur, where he remains for three years.

These chapters show the painful consequences of David's sins beginning to unfold in his family, as Nathan had prophesied. They highlight themes of sin, judgment, forgiveness, and family strife.

We conclude Chapter 13 - 5 years after Absalom has killed Amnon

- Nathan has said to David – The Lord says: “Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you”

We have seen this happen, but:

- There will be continuing consequences
- Calamity will begin to snowball – get bigger and bigger
- In the end these consequences will break David
- We need to ask ourselves:
 - Why did Amnon rape Tamar?
 - Why did Absalom kill Amnon?
- They are a product of David's home – he himself raped Bathsheba and killed Uriah her husband

Next Session

Read 2 Samuel 14 – 24

Remember as you read:

The story of David ends at Chapter 20. It is followed by six vignettes that step back into the story telling a more detailed account of something that has taken place.