

LESSON 14 - ABSOLOM STEALS THE KINGDOM

Reading: 2 Samuel 14-16

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Summary:

2 Samuel 14 – Absalom returns to Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 15 – Absalom steals the hearts of the people. David flees Jerusalem. David’s friends and allies

2 Samuel 16 – Absalom becomes King in Jerusalem.

Questions:

How does Joab convince David to let Absalom come home?

How could 14:14 be a foreshadowing of the gospel?

Once home, do Absalom and David get along?

What do you think motivated Absalom to steal his father’s throne?

As David departs he is met by 5 friends. Studied these episodes carefully. What do they reveal about David?

1. Ittai, 15:19-22
2. Zadok, 15:24-29.
3. Hushai, 15:32-37.
4. Ziba, 16:1-4
5. Shimei (not a friend), 15:5-13

What does Ahithophel advise Absalom to do to solidify his control of the nation?