

LESSON 15:

Reading: 2 Samuel 17-19

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Summary:

2 Samuel 17 – Joab takes Hushai’s advice over the advice of Ahithophel. Hushai sends messengers to David revealing Joab’s plans.

2 Samuel 18 – David’s Army defeats Absalom’s Army, Absalom is killed. Death of Absalom reported to David. David mourns Absalom’s death.

2 Samuel 19 – Joab rebukes David for mourning, David returns to Jerusalem.

Questions:

Both Ahithophel and Hushai give advice to Absalom (17:1-14) Whose advice does Absalom take? (14)

Why had David told Hushai to remain in Jerusalem? 15:32-37. What does the text (17:14) say about why Absalom followed the advice of Hushai?

How does Ahithophel react to his advice not being followed? (17:23)

As the battle drew near, what command did David give concerning Absalom? (18:5)

How does Absalom die? (18:9-15)

Did Joab do the right thing to ensure Absalom’s death?

Why does Joab rebuke David beginning in 19:5?

Do you blame David for mourning?

DAVID’S RETURN TO JERUSALEM

Consider David’s interaction with Shimei, Mephibosheth, and Barzillai as David makes his way back to Jerusalem (19:18-39)

What is the dispute between the men of Israel and the men of Judah in 19:40-43?