

2 Samuel 13

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In the last chapter Nathan foretold that the sword would not depart from David's house, and that evil would rise up within that house. These chilling prophecies receive their first fulfillment here. As David's offspring begin to take the stage it may be useful to review the list of his wives and their children from 1 Chronicles 3.

Michal: No children (2 Samuel 6:23)

Ahinoam the Jezreelite (1 Samuel 25:43): **Amnon** (the oldest and presumed heir to the throne)

Abigail the Carmelite (1 Samuel 25): Daniel (or Kileab)

Maacah, the daughter of Talmai, king of Geshur [in Syria]: **Absalom** and **Tamar**, the only daughter mentioned in the list.

Haggith: **Adonijah**

Abital: Shephatiah

Eglah: Ithream

Bathsheba: Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, and **Solomon**

(Unknown mother): Ibhar, Elishama, Eliphelet (or Eliphelet), Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet

David also had unknown children by concubines.

Questions for study and discussion:

1. What are the ways Amnon is cruel to Tamar? Do you know of other men who have behaved similarly?
2. What is symbolized by Tamar tearing her robe?
3. Shimeah is David's nephew and Amnon's cousin. What other cousins might be called crafty as in verse 3?
4. Verse 21 tells us David was very angry at Amnon. What might be a reason he does not act?

5. What is the difference between showing grace and not dispensing justice?
6. What reason might Absalom have for plotting Amnon's death, besides outrage at the crime against his sister?
7. Has David's spiritual discernment been weakened by his sin with Bathsheba?
8. The end of verse 28 echoes Joshua 1:9. How is that ironic?
9. How do the events of this chapter set the stage for later troubles?