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(13) And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee.

(14) Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

(15) Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her *was* greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone.

(16) And she said unto him, *There is* no cause: this evil in sending me away *is* greater than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her.

(17) Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this *woman* out from me, and bolt the door after her.

(18) And *she had* a garment of divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters *that were* virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

(19) And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that *was* on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on crying.

(13) And I, where shall I cause my shame to go? and as for you, you shall be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I ask you, speak to the king; because he will not withhold me from you.

(14) However he would not listen to her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.

(15) Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred with which he hated her *was* greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, Arise, be gone.

(16) And she said to him, *There is* no reason: this evil in sending me away *is* greater than the other that you have done to me. But he would not listen to her.

(17) Then he called his servant who ministered to him, and said, Put this *woman* out from me, and bolt the door after her.

(18) And *she had* a robe of various colors upon her: because with such robes were the king's daughters who *were* virgins clothed. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her.

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(20) And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but hold now thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; regard not this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

(21) But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth.

(22) And Absalom spake unto his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

(23) And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baalhazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

(24) And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king, I beseech thee, and his servants go with thy servant.

(25) And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable unto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him.

(26) Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said unto him, Why should he go with thee?

(27) But Absalom pressed him, that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

(20) And Absalom her brother said to her, Has Amnon your brother been with you? but now hold your peace, my sister: he is your brother; do not regard this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

(21) But when king David heard of all these things, he was very angry.

(22) And Absalom spoke to his brother Amnon neither good nor bad: because Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.

(23) And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheep shearers in Baalhazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons.

(24) And Absalom came to the king, and said, See now, your servant has sheep shearers; I ask the king, let his servants go with your servant.

(25) And the king said to Absalom, No, my son, let us not all now go, lest we be chargeable to you. And he pressed him: however he would not go, but blessed him.

(26) Then Absalom said, I ask you, If not, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said to him, Why should he go with you?

(27) But Absalom pressed him, so that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

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(28) Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon; then kill him, fear not: have not I commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant.

(29) And the servants of Absalom did unto Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled.

(30) And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left.

(31) Then the king arose, and tare his garments, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes rent.

(32) And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Let not my lord suppose *that* they have slain all the young men the king's sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar.

(33) Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead: for Amnon only is dead.

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(28) Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Mark now when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, Strike Amnon; then kill him, do not be afraid: have I not commanded you? be courageous, and be valiant.

(29) And the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose, and every man mounted his mule, and fled.

(30) And it came to pass, while they were in the way, that news came to David, saying, Absalom has killed all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left.

(31) Then the king arose, and tore his clothes, and lay on the earth; and all his servants stood by with their clothes torn.

(32) And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother, answered and said, Do not let my lord suppose *that* they have killed all the young men the king's sons; because Amnon only is dead: because by appointment of Absalom has determined this from the day that he forced his sister Tamar.

(33) Now therefore do not let my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead: because only Amnon is dead.

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(34) But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hill side behind him.

(35) And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the king's sons come: as thy servant said, so it is.

(36) And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept very sore.

(37) But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And *David* mourned for his son every day.

(38) So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur, and was there three years.

(39) And *the soul of* king David longed to go forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

**Chapter 14**

(1) Now Joab the son of Zeruah perceived that the king's heart *was* toward Absalom.

(2) And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead:

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(34) But Absalom fled. And the young man who kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, indeed, there came many people by the road of the hillside behind him.

(35) And Jonadab said to the king, See, the king's sons are coming: as your servant said, so it is.

(36) And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of speaking, that, the king's sons came, and lifted up their voice and wept: and the king also and all his servants wept greatly.

(37) But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai, the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And *David* mourned for his son every day.

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**Chapter 14**

(1) Now Joab the son of Zeruah perceived that the king's heart *was* toward Absalom.

(2) And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched a wise woman from there, and said to her, I ask you, to pretend to be a mourner, and put on now mourning clothes, and do not anoint yourself with oil, but be as a woman who has for a long time mourned for the dead:

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(3) And come to the king, and speak on this manner unto him. So Joab put the words in her mouth.

(4) And when the woman of Tekoah spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, Help, O king.

(5) And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, I *am* indeed a widow woman, and mine husband is dead.

(6) And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and *there was* none to part them, but the one smote the other, and slew him.

(7) And, behold, the whole family is risen against thine handmaid, and they said, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he slew; and we will destroy the heir also: and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my husband *neither* name nor remainder upon the earth.

(8) And the king said unto the woman, Go to thine house, and I will give charge concerning thee.

(9) And the woman of Tekoah said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity *be* on me, and on my father's house: and the king and his throne *be* guiltless.

(10) And the king said, Whosoever saith *ought* unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more.

(3) And come to the king, and speak in this manner to him. So Joab put the words in her mouth.

(4) And when the woman of Tekoah spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and kneeled to him, and said, Help, O king.

(5) And the king said to her, What ails you? And she answered, I *am* indeed a widow woman, and my husband is dead.

(6) And your handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and *there was* no one to part them, but the one struck the other, and killed him.

(7) And, indeed, the whole family has risen against your handmaid, and they said, Deliver him who struck his brother, that we may kill him, for the life of his brother whom he killed; and we will destroy the heir also: and so they shall quench my coal which is left, and shall not leave to my husband *neither* name nor remainder upon the earth.

(8) And the king said to the woman, Go to your house, and I will give charge concerning you.

(9) And the woman of Tekoah said to the king, My lord, O king, the sin *is* on me, and on my father's house: and the king and his throne *is* guiltless.

(10) And the king said, Whoever says *anything* to you, bring him to me, and he shall not touch you anymore.

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(11) Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember the LORD thy God, that thou wouldest not suffer the revengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they destroy my son. And he said, As the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of thy son fall to the earth.

(12) Then the woman said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak *one* word unto my lord the king. And he said, Say on.

(13) And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? for the king doth speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished.

(14) For we must needs die, and *are* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect *any* person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.

(15) Now therefore that I am come to speak of this thing unto my lord the king, *it is* because the people have made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid.

(16) For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man *that would* destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God.

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(11) Then she said, I ask you, let the king remember the LORD {Jehovah} your God, that you would not allow those who want to avenge blood to destroy anymore, lest they destroy my son. And he said, As the LORD {Jehovah} lives, there shall not one hair of your son fall to the earth.

(12) Then the woman said, Let your handmaid, I ask you, speak *one* word to my lord the king. And he said, Say on.

(13) And the woman said, Why then have you thought such a thing against the people of God? Because the king does speak this thing as one which is faulty, in that the king does not fetch home again his banished.

(14) Because we must needs die, and *are* as water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither does God respect *any* person: yet He devises means, that His banished not be expelled from Him.

(15) Now therefore I have come to speak of this thing to my lord the king, *it is* because the people have made me afraid: and your handmaid said, I will now speak to the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his handmaid.

(16) Because the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man who *would* destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God.

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(17) Then thine handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: for as an angel of God, so *is* my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore the LORD thy God will be with thee.

(18) Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, the thing that I shall ask thee. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak.

(19) And the king said, *Is not* the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from ought that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thine handmaid:

(20) To fetch about this form of speech hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord *is* wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all *things* that *are* in the earth.

(21) And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom again.

(22) And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king: and Joab said, To day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath fulfilled the request of his servant.

(23) So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem.

(17) Then your handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comfortable: because as an angel of God, so *is* my lord the king to discern good and bad: therefore the LORD {Jehovah} your God will be with you.

(18) Then the king answered and said to the woman, I ask you, Do not hide from me, the thing that I shall ask you. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak.

(19) And the king said, *Is* the hand of Joab not with you in all this? And the woman answered and said, As your soul lives, my lord the king, no one can turn to the right hand or to the left from anything that my lord the king has spoken: because your servant Joab, he asked me, and he put all these words in the mouth of your handmaid:

(20) To fetch about this form of speech your servant Joab has done this thing: and my lord *is* wise, according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all *things* that *are* in the earth.

(21) And the king said to Joab, Indeed now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom back.

(22) And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king: and Joab said, Today your servant knows that I have found grace in your sight, my lord, O king, in that the king has fulfilled the request of his servant.

(23) So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom back to Jerusalem.