

## 2 Samuel 13: Studies In The Life Of David

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1 After this Absalom the son of David had **a lovely sister**, whose name *was* **Tamar**; and **Amnon the son of David loved her**.

2 **Amnon was so distressed** [tormented, obsessed] over his sister Tamar that **he became sick**; for she *was* a virgin. And it was improper for Amnon **to do anything to her**.

**Luke 21:34** And take heed to yourselves [be on guard], lest at any time your hearts be **overcharged with** [over occupied, weighed down with] **surfeiting** [excessive indulgence], and **drunkenness**, [controlled by something other than reason] and cares of this life, and *so that day* come upon you unawares [not prepared].

3 But **Amnon had a friend** whose name *was* **Jonadab** the son of Shimeah, David's brother. Now **Jonadab was a very crafty man**.

4 And he said to him, "Why *are* you, **the king's son**, becoming thinner day after day? Will you not tell me?" Amnon said to him, "**I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister.**"

**1 Kings 21:4-7** So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." And **he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food**

. 5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, "Why is your spirit so sullen that you eat no food?" 6 He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you *another* vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" 7 Then Jezebel his wife said to him, "**You now exercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.**"

5 So Jonadab said to him, "Lie down on your bed and **pretend to be ill**. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, 'Please let my sister Tamar come and give me food, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see *it* and eat it from her hand.' "

**1 Corinthians 15:33** Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.

**Psalms 119:63** **I am a companion of all them that fear thee**, and of them that keep thy precepts.

6 Then Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill; and when **the king came to see him**, Amnon said to the king, "Please let Tamar my sister come and make a couple of cakes for me in my sight, that I may eat from her hand."

7 And **David sent home to Tamar**, saying, "Now go to your brother Amnon's house, and prepare food for him."

8 So **Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house**; and he was lying down. Then she took flour and kneaded *it*, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes.

9 And she took the pan and placed *them* out before him, but **he refused to eat**. Then Amnon said, "Have everyone go out from me." And they all went out from him.

10 Then Amnon said to Tamar, "**Bring the food into the bedroom**, that I may eat from your hand." And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought *them* to Amnon her brother in the bedroom.

11 Now when she had brought *them* to him to eat, **he took hold of her** and said to her, "**Come, lie with me, my sister.**"

12 And she answered him, **No, my brother**, do not force me, for no such thing should be done in Israel.

**Do not do this disgraceful thing!**

**Deuteronomy 27:22**Cursed *be*

he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen.

**Amos 3:2**You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

**Psalm 89:31-32**

If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; 32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

13 "And I, where could I take my shame? And as for you, you would be like one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, please speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you."

14 However, **he would not heed her voice**; and being stronger than she, **he 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 So she said to him, "No, indeed! This evil of **sending me away is worse** than the other that you did to me." But **he would not listen to her**.

17 Then **he called his servant** who attended him, and said, "Here! **Put this woman out**, away from me, and bolt the door behind her."

18 Now she had on **a robe of many colors**

, for the king's virgin daughters wore such apparel. And his servant put her out and bolted the door behind her.

19 Then **Tamar put ashes on her head**, and **tore her robe of many colors** that *was* on her, and **laid her hand on her head** and went away **crying bitterly**.

20 And **Absalom her brothers** said to her, "Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now **hold your peace**, my sister. **He is your brother; do not take this thing to heart**." 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. 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 Baal Hazor, which *is* near Ephraim; so Absalom invited all the king's sons.

24 Then Absalom came to the king and said, "Kindly note, your servant has sheepshearers; please, let the king and his servants go with your servant."

25 But the king said to Absalom, "No, my son, let us not all go now, lest we be a burden to you." Then he urged him, but he would not go; and he blessed him.

26 Then Absalom said, **If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us**

." And the king said to him, "Why should he go with you?"

27 But Absalom urged him; so he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

28 Now **Absalom had commanded his servants**

, saying, "Watch 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 valiant."

29 **So the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded**

. Then all the king's sons arose, and each one got on his mule and fled.

30 And it came to pass, while they were on the way, that news came to David, saying, "Absalom has killed all the king's sons, and not one of them is left!"

31 So the king arose and tore his garments and lay on the ground, and all his servants stood by with their clothes torn.

32 Then **Jonadab**

young men, the king's sons, for **only Amnon is dead**

. For by the command of Absalom this has 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 **only Amnon is dead.**"

34 Then **Absalom fled**

. And the young man who was keeping watch lifted his eyes and looked, and there, many people were coming from the road on the hillside behind him.

35 And Jonadab said to the king, "Look, **the king's sons are coming**; as your servant said, so it is."

36 So it was, as soon as he had finished speaking, that the king's sons indeed came, and they lifted up their voice and wept. Also the king and all his servants **wept very bitterly.**

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 **King David longed to go to Absalom.** For he had been comforted concerning Amnon, because he was dead.