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Intro: God promised David the *sword* will never depart from his *life*. **2 Sam. 12:10**. *Death* and chaos and *domestic* pain would be his lot from here on out.

The *death* of his firstborn and the subsequent *personal* and domestic turmoil is to be seen as God’s *discipline* of David and not *punishment*, **2 Sam. 12:13**.

The Lord visits the *iniquity* of the father upon his children, only if they do not receive the *Lord*. **Ez. 18:1-4**.

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The “sow” and “reap” principal of Gal. 6:8 applies.

David had two *character* flaws that contributed to his dilemma;

1. He *indulged* his sons without *discipline*,
2. He was a *polygamist* which violated God’s *Law*,
Deut. 17:17.

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I. Bad Thoughts

(Vs. 1-2)

Amnon had an *incestuous* attraction to his half sister.

He was the *firstborn* from David's second wife, *Ahinoam*, and the *heir* apparent to the throne .

2 Sam. 3:2-3.

His *love* for Tamar was actually *lust*, e-pē-thü-me'-ō (Gk)

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II. Bad Counsel

(Vs. 3-7)

Jonadab was Amnon's *cousin*, the son of David's *brother*.

Instead of showing Amnon the *consequences* of his *desires*, he helped with their *achievement*.

Amnon's *lust* twisted the reality of his *desires*.

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III. The Tragedy

(Vs. 8-17)

Tamar was a *virgin*, the full sister to Absalom,

Once alone with Tamar, Amnon *raped* her, proving his thoughts of *love* were actually those of *lust*.

As Amnon violated a *virgin*, by law he could be killed, Lev. 18:9-11, 20:17; Deut. 27:22.

Once his desires were *fulfilled*, he treated Tamar with *disdain*.

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IV. The Humiliation

(Vs. 18-22)

Amnon *destroyed* Tamar's life. With her *virginity* lost she could no longer:

1. Live with the other *virgins*,
2. Become married as a *princes*,
3. Have a family, *raise* children.
4. She lived *desolate* in her brother's house, Vs. 20.