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Intro: David had *four* sons who were connected to the throne; Amnon, *Absalom*, Adonijah, and *Solomon*.

While Absalom was *assumed* to be the Crown Prince, *Solomon* was the son *chosen* by God,
2 Sam. 12:24-25.

Absalom hated *David*, and 9 years after he *murdered* Amnon he began a *rebellion* to take the throne.

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I. Absalom’s Treachery

A. It began with a Show of *gross* Vanity: **Vs. 1**

Israel’s kings were to ride *Mules*, not chariots as a show of *trust* in God, and *humble* obedience to His word. **Joshua 11:6.**

God was to be Israel’s “*Chariot*”; they were to rely on Him for their *victories*, **2 Chron. 20:15,17, Ps. 20:7-8.**

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I. Absalom’s Treachery

B. It was Conducted with *hypocrisy* and Deceit:
Vs. 2-12.

- 1.** He played himself as the *champion* of the peoples’ causes.
- 2.** He underhandedly *criticized* the king and the king’s *court*,
- 3.** He was *treacherous*, unscrupulous, and selfishly *ambitious*.

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II. David’s Response to Rebellion

A. Was One of Compassion; Vss. 13-17

David fled instead of resist in order to *spare* the city and its *inhabitants*.

He was willing to *release* the 600 warriors as it was *not* their *fight*, Vs. 18-22.

B. One of Compliance and Trust in God, Vs. 24-26.

He sent the *Arc* of God back to Jerusalem;

His trust was in the *living* God, not a *religious* artifact.

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C. One of Preparation and Action: **Vss. 27-29.**

While he *believed* God would prevail, he still needed to get things *done*.

- 1.** He prepared for *battle*,
- 2.** He employed *sound* strategy,
- 3.** He did whatever was *necessary* to triumph.

D. One of Prayer and Worship, **Vss. 30-37.**

At the top of the Mount of *Olives* he led the people in *worship*, **Vs. 32.**

His first *action* when he heard Ahithophel had *betrayed* him was to *pray*, **Vs. 31.**

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What Have We Learned?

- 1.** Always be compassionate throughout your ordeal, always thinking of others, and being careful not to draw others into your trial;
- 2.** Realize where your true citizenship lies, Who is your true King. And view your stay here as aliens and strangers;
Philippians 3:19-20,
- 3.** Trust the sovereignty of God in your circumstances, not in chariots or war horses, but solely in the strength of the Lord and in His might, **Ephesians 6:10,**
- 4.** Rely on God, but realize your responsibility in the situation and be careful to do the hard work God requires of you as well.