**2 Samuel 13** (https://www.esv.org/2+Samuel+13/)

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**Amnon and Tamar**

13 Now

Absalom,

David's son,

had a beautiful sister,

whose name was Tamar.

And after a time

Amnon,

David's son,

loved her.

2 And

Amnon was so tormented

that he made himself ill

because of his sister Tamar,

for she was a virgin,

and

it seemed impossible to Amnon

to do anything to her.

3 But

Amnon had a friend,

whose name was Jonadab,

the son of Shimeah,

David's brother (see 1 Sam. 17:13, Shammah).

And

Jonadab was a very crafty man.

4 And

he said to him,

“O son of the king,

why are you so haggard morning after morning?

Will you not tell me?”

Amnon said to him,

“I love Tamar,

my brother Absalom's sister.”

5 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,

‘Let my sister Tamar come

and

give me bread to eat,

and

prepare the food in my sight,

that I may see it

and

eat it from her hand.’”

6 So Amnon lay down

and

pretended

to be ill.

And when the king came

to see him,

Amnon said to the king,

“Please let my sister Tamar come

and

make a couple of cakes in my sight,

that I may eat from her hand.”

7 Then David sent home to Tamar,

saying,

“Go to your brother Amnon's house

and

prepare food for him.”

8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house,

where he was lying down.

And

she took dough

and

kneaded it

and

made cakes in his sight

and

baked the cakes.

9 And

she took the pan

and

emptied it out before him,

but

he refused to eat.

And

Amnon said,

“Send out everyone from me.”

So everyone went out from him.

10 Then Amnon said to Tamar,

“Bring the food into the chamber,

that I may eat from your hand.”

And

Tamar took the cakes

she had made

and

brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother.

11 But when she brought them near him

to eat,

he took hold of her

and

said to her,

“Come,

lie with me, my sister.”

12 She answered him,

“No, my brother,

do not violate me,

for such a thing is not done in Israel;

do not do this outrageous thing.

13 As for me,

where could I carry my shame?

And

as for you,

you would be as one of the outrageous fools in Israel.

Now therefore,

please speak to the king,

for he will not withhold me from you.”

14 But

he would not listen to her,

and being stronger than she,

he violated her

and

lay with her.

15 Then Amnon hated her with very great hatred,

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,

“Get up!

Go!”

16 But

she said to him,

“No, my brother,

for this wrong in sending me away

is greater than the other

that you did to me.”

But

he would not listen to her.

17 He called the young man

who served him

and

said,

“Put this woman out of my presence

and

bolt the door after her.”

18 Now

she was wearing a long robe with sleeves,

for thus were the virgin daughters of the king dressed.

So his servant put her out

and

bolted the door after her.

19 And

Tamar put ashes on her head

and

tore the long robe

that she wore.

And

she laid her hand on her head

and

went away,

crying aloud as she went.

20 And

her brother Absalom said to her,

“Has Amnon your brother been with you?

Now

hold your peace, my sister.

He is your brother;

do not take this to heart.”

So Tamar lived,

a desolate woman,

in her brother Absalom's house.

21 When King David heard of all these things,

he was very angry.

22 But

Absalom spoke to Amnon neither good

nor bad,

for Absalom hated Amnon,

because he had violated his sister Tamar.

**Absalom Murders Amnon**

23 After two full years

Absalom had sheepshearers at Baal-hazor,

which is near Ephraim,

and

Absalom invited all the king's sons.

24 And

Absalom came to the king

and

said,

“Behold,

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,

lest we be burdensome to you.”

He pressed him,

but

he would not go

but

gave him his blessing.

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 pressed him

until he let Amnon

and

all the king's sons go with him.

28 Then Absalom commanded his servants,

“Mark

when Amnon's heart is merry with wine,

and

when I say to you,

‘Strike Amnon,’

then kill him.

Do not fear;

have I not commanded you?

Be courageous

and

be valiant.”

29 So the servants of Absalom did to Amnon

as Absalom had commanded.

Then all the king's sons arose,

and

each mounted his mule

and

fled.

30 While they were on the way,

news came to David,

“Absalom has struck down all the king's sons,

and

not one of them is left.”

31 Then the king arose

and

tore his garments

and

lay on the earth.

And

all his servants

who were standing by

tore their garments.

32 But

Jonadab the son of Shimeah,

David's brother,

said,

“Let not my lord suppose that

they have killed all the young men,

the king's sons,

for Amnon alone is dead.

For by the command of Absalom

this has been determined from the day

he violated his sister Tamar.

33 Now therefore

let not my lord the king so take it to heart

as to suppose that

all the king's sons are dead,

for Amnon alone is dead.”

**Absalom Flees to Geshur**

34 But

Absalom fled.

And

the young man

who kept the watch

lifted up his eyes

and

looked,

and

behold,

many people were coming from the road behind him

by the side of the mountain.

35 And

Jonadab said to the king,

“Behold,

the king's sons have come;

as your servant said,

so it has come about.”

36 And

as soon as he had finished speaking,

behold,

the king's sons came

and

lifted up their voice

and

wept.

And

the king also

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 day after day.

38 So Absalom fled

and

went to Geshur,

and

was there three years.

39 And

the spirit of the king longed

to go out to Absalom,

because he was comforted about Amnon,

since he was dead.