**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.