





***“Though the Witch knew the Deep Magic, there is a magic deeper still which she did not know. Her knowledge goes back only to the dawn of time. But if she could have looked a little further back, into the stillness and the darkness before time dawned, she would have read there a different incantation ...***



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***“She would have known  
that when a willing  
victim who had  
committed no  
treachery was killed  
in a traitor's stead,  
the Table would crack and  
death itself would start  
working backward.”***

***- Aslan***



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## 2 Samuel 12

**<sup>11</sup> “This is what the LORD says: ‘Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight.<sup>12</sup> You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.’”**



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## 2 Samuel 12

**13 Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”**

**Nathan replied, “The LORD has taken away your sin. You are not going to die.**

**14 But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the LORD, the son born to you will die.”**



**DAVID**



## 2 Samuel 13

<sup>1</sup> In the course of time,  
Amnon son of David  
fell in love with Tamar, the  
beautiful sister of Absalom son of  
David.

<sup>2</sup> Amnon became so obsessed  
with his sister Tamar that he  
made himself ill. She was a virgin,  
and it seemed impossible for him  
to do anything to her.



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## 2 Samuel 13

**<sup>10</sup> Then Amnon said to Tamar, “Bring the food here into my bedroom so I may eat from your hand.”**

**And Tamar took the bread she had prepared and brought it to her brother Amnon in his bedroom. <sup>11</sup> But when she took it to him to eat, he grabbed her and said, “Come to bed with me, my sister.”**



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## 2 Samuel 13

<sup>12</sup> “No, my brother!” she said to him. “Don’t force me! Such a thing should not be done in Israel! Don’t do this wicked thing. <sup>13</sup> What about me? Where could I get rid of my disgrace? And what about you? You would be like one of the wicked fools in Israel. Please speak to the king; he will not keep me from being married to you.”



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## 2 Samuel 13

**<sup>14</sup> But he refused to listen to her, and since he was stronger than she, he raped her.**

**<sup>15</sup> Then Amnon hated her with intense hatred. In fact, he hated her more than he had loved her. Amnon said to her, “Get up and get out!”**



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***God created sex for a committed,  
lifetime, faithful, monogamous  
relationship between a man and a  
woman ... that's His plan.***



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## 2 Samuel 13

**<sup>20</sup> Her brother Absalom said to her, “Has that Amnon, your brother, been with you? Be quiet for now, my sister; he is your brother. Don’t take this thing to heart.” And Tamar lived in her brother Absalom’s house, a desolate woman.**



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## 2 Samuel 13

**<sup>21</sup> When King David heard all this, he was furious. <sup>22</sup> And Absalom never said a word to Amnon, either good or bad; he hated Amnon because he had disgraced his sister Tamar.**



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- 1) Amnon's despicable actions were not much different than his father David's despicable actions with Bathsheba.***
- 2) Satan used David's sin to co-opt his power and authority to speak truth into his son's life. He had been forgiven ... but didn't act like it.***
- 3) Silence against sin is Satan's best weapon.***



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## 2 Samuel 13

**23 Two years later, when Absalom's sheepshearers were at Baal Hazor near the border of Ephraim, he invited all the king's sons to come there.**



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## 2 Samuel 13

**28 Absalom ordered his men,  
“Listen! When Amnon is in  
high spirits from drinking wine  
and I say to you, ‘Strike Amnon  
down,’ then kill him.**

**Don’t be afraid. Haven’t I given  
you this order? Be strong and  
brave.”**



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## 2 Samuel 13

**<sup>29</sup> So Absalom's men did to Amnon what Absalom had ordered. Then all the king's sons got up, mounted their mules and fled.**



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# ***Parallels between Absalom's murder of Amnon, and David's murder of Uriah:***

- 1) Both were carefully plotted, in order to accomplish a specific evil purpose.***
- 2) Both were committed by proxy.***
- 3) Alcohol consumption played a role in both events.***



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## 2 Samuel 13

**<sup>37</sup> Absalom fled and went to Talmai son of Ammihud, the king of Geshur. But King David mourned many days for his son.**

**<sup>38</sup> After Absalom fled and went to Geshur, he stayed there three years. <sup>39</sup> And King David longed to go to Absalom, for he was consoled concerning Amnon's death.**



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## 2 Samuel 14

<sup>1</sup> Joab son of Zeruiah knew that the king's heart longed for Absalom. <sup>2</sup> So Joab sent someone to Tekoa and had a wise woman brought from there. He said to her, "Pretend you are in mourning. Dress in mourning clothes, and don't use any cosmetic lotions. Act like a woman who has spent many days grieving for the dead."



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## 2 Samuel 14

<sup>3</sup> Then go to the king and speak these words to him.” And Joab put the words in her mouth.

<sup>4</sup> When the woman from Tekoa went to the king, she fell with her face to the ground to pay him honor, and she said, “Help me, Your Majesty!”

<sup>5</sup> The king asked her, “What is troubling you?”



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## 2 Samuel 14

She said, “I am a widow; my husband is dead. <sup>6</sup> I your servant had two sons. They got into a fight with each other in the field, and no one was there to separate them. One struck the other and killed him. <sup>7</sup> Now the whole clan has risen up against your servant; they say, ‘Hand over the one who struck his brother down, so that we may put him to death for



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## 2 Samuel 14

the life of his brother whom he killed; then we will get rid of the heir as well.' They would put out the only burning coal I have left, leaving my husband neither name nor descendant on the face of the earth."

<sup>8</sup> The king said to the woman, "Go home, and I will issue an order in your behalf."



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## 2 Samuel 14

<sup>9</sup> But the woman from Tekoa said to him, “Let my lord the king pardon me and my family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt.”

<sup>10</sup> The king replied, “If anyone says anything to you, bring them to me, and they will not bother you again.”



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- 1) Why does Joab care? David should suspect his motives.***
- 2) She appeals successfully to David's emotions. But lost in the story is the fact that Absalom's crime is premeditated murder.***



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## 2 Samuel 14

**12 Then the woman said,  
“Let your servant speak a word to  
my lord the king.”**

**“Speak,” he replied.**

**13 The woman said, “Why then  
have you devised a thing like this  
against the people of God? When  
the king says this, does he not  
convict himself, for the king has  
not brought back his banished  
son?”**



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***When asked for advice or help, do  
we respond based on our own  
feelings or based on God's Word?***



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## 2 Samuel 14

**18 Then the king said to the woman, “Don’t keep from me the answer to what I am going to ask you.”**

**“Let my lord the king speak,” the woman said.**

**19 The king asked, “Isn’t the hand of Joab with you in all this?”**



**DAVID**



**David “forgives” and allows  
Absalom to come back ... but true  
forgiveness is unconditional, and  
his is not.**

**As a result, a 5-year-long root of  
bitterness grows within Absalom.  
*And there will be a price to be  
paid.***



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## 2 Samuel 14

***25 In all Israel there was not a man so highly praised for his handsome appearance as Absalom. From the top of his head to the sole of his foot there was no blemish in him.***

***26 Whenever he cut the hair of his head—he used to cut his hair once a year because it became too heavy for him—he would weigh it***

***...***



**DAVID**





**200 shekels = 4 pounds!**

***Hair today, gone tomorrow.***



**DAVID**



## 2 Samuel 15

<sup>1</sup> In the course of time, Absalom provided himself with a chariot and horses and with fifty men to run ahead of him.<sup>2</sup> He would get up early and stand by the side of the road leading to the city gate. Whenever anyone came with a complaint to be placed before the king for a decision, Absalom would call out to him, “What town are you from?”



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## 2 Samuel 15

He would answer, “Your servant is from one of the tribes of Israel.”

<sup>3</sup> Then Absalom would say to him, “Look, your claims are valid and proper, but there is no representative of the king to hear you.” <sup>4</sup> And Absalom would add, “If only I were appointed judge in the land!



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## 2 Samuel 15

**Then everyone who has a complaint or case could come to me and I would see that they receive justice.”**

**<sup>5</sup> Also, whenever anyone approached him to bow down before him, Absalom would reach out his hand, take hold of him and kiss him.**



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## 2 Samuel 15

**<sup>6</sup> Absalom behaved in this way toward all the Israelites who came to the king asking for justice, and so *he stole the hearts of the people of Israel.***



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## Romans 16

**17 I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. 18 For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people.**



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## 2 Samuel 15

<sup>10</sup> Then Absalom sent secret messengers throughout the tribes of Israel to say, “As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpets, then say, ‘Absalom is king in Hebron.’” <sup>11</sup> Two hundred men from Jerusalem had accompanied Absalom. They had been invited as guests and went quite innocently, knowing nothing about the matter.



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## 2 Samuel 15

**<sup>12</sup> While Absalom was offering sacrifices, he also sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, to come from Giloh, his hometown. And so the conspiracy gained strength, and Absalom's following kept on increasing.**



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## 2 Samuel 15

- 1) Who was Ahithophel?  
*2 Sam. 23:34, 11:3 ... father of Eliam, who was the father of Bathsheba.*
- 2) A warning: bearing secret grudges for unforgiven wrongs will get us hung up in the end!



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## 2 Samuel 15

**<sup>13</sup> A messenger came and told David, “The hearts of the people of Israel are with Absalom.”**

**<sup>14</sup> Then David said to all his officials who were with him in Jerusalem, “Come! We must flee, or none of us will escape from Absalom.”**



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# **FLEEING JERUSALEM**

**2 Samuel 16**

- 1) Who were the Gittites?**
- 2) Various friends & foes during the journey.**
- 3) David sent his advisor Hushai, the priests, and the Ark of God back. Why?**



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## IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS ...

- 1) Crossing the Kidron,  
ascending the Mount of  
Olives
- 2) Weeping & worshipping,  
David committed himself to  
God's grace and mercy



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## 2 Samuel 17

<sup>5</sup> But Absalom said,  
“Summon also Hushai the Arkite,  
so we can hear what he has to say  
as well.” <sup>6</sup> When Hushai came to  
him, Absalom said, “Ahithophel  
has given this advice. Should we  
do what he says? If not, give us  
your opinion.”

<sup>7</sup> Hushai replied to Absalom, “The  
advice Ahithophel has given is not  
good this time.



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## 2 Samuel 17

**<sup>11</sup> “So I advise you: Let all Israel, from Dan to Beersheba—as numerous as the sand on the seashore—be gathered to you, with you yourself leading them into battle. <sup>12</sup> Then we will attack him wherever he may be found, and we will fall on him as dew settles on the ground ...**



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## 2 Samuel 17

**<sup>14</sup> Absalom and all the men of Israel said, “The advice of Hushai the Arkite is better than that of Ahithophel.” For the LORD had determined to frustrate the good advice of Ahithophel in order to bring disaster on Absalom.**



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## 2 Samuel 17

*So Hushai the Arkite buys David some breathing room.*

- 1) Ahithophel sees the handwriting on the wall.
- 2) David fortified in Mahanaim. Faithful men supplied his need there.
- 3) Absalom made camp in Gilead, & the battle is joined.



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## 2 Samuel 18

**<sup>4</sup> So the king stood beside the gate while all his men marched out in units of hundreds and of thousands. <sup>5</sup> The king commanded Joab, Abishai and Ittai, “Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake.” And all the troops heard the king giving orders concerning Absalom to each of the commanders.**



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## 2 Samuel 18

<sup>6</sup> David's army marched out of the city to fight Israel, and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim. <sup>7</sup> There Israel's troops were routed by David's men, and the casualties that day were great—twenty thousand men.

<sup>8</sup> The battle spread out over the whole countryside, and the forest swallowed up more men that day than the sword.



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## 2 Samuel 18

**<sup>9</sup> Now Absalom happened to meet David's men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom's hair got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair, while the mule he was riding kept on going.**



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## 2 Samuel 18

**10 When one of the men saw what had happened, he told Joab, “I just saw Absalom hanging in an oak tree.”**

**11 Joab said to the man who had told him this, “What! You saw him? Why didn’t you strike him to the ground right there? Then I would have had to give you ten shekels of silver and a warrior’s belt.”**



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Dolly Clew/Cage Warriors



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## 2 Samuel 18

**<sup>12</sup> But the man replied,  
“Even if a thousand shekels were  
weighed out into my hands, I would  
not lay a hand on the king’s son. In  
our hearing the king commanded you  
and Abishai and Ittai, ‘Protect the  
young man Absalom for my  
sake.’ <sup>13</sup> And if I had put my life in  
jeopardy—and nothing is hidden  
from the king—you would have kept  
your distance from me.”**



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## 2 Samuel 18

**<sup>14</sup> Joab said, “I’m not going to wait like this for you.” So he took three javelins in his hand and plunged them into Absalom’s heart while Absalom was still alive in the oak tree. <sup>15</sup> And ten of Joab’s armor-bearers surrounded Absalom, struck him and killed him.**



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## 2 Samuel 18

**<sup>16</sup> Then Joab sounded the trumpet, and the troops stopped pursuing Israel, for Joab halted them.**

**<sup>17</sup> They took Absalom, threw him into a big pit in the forest and piled up a large heap of rocks over him. Meanwhile, all the Israelites fled to their homes.**



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- 1) Scripture says: *Pride cometh before a fall.*
- 2) How David (eventually) dealt with Joab.
- 3) Even though David was outnumbered, the Lord was his Warrior.



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**So, who was David? *A fallen  
human being, a man with dirty  
hands, a feared warrior.***



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## Ephesians 6

**<sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**



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David was a warrior, but he was  
also a *friend of God*, forgiven &  
redeemed!



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**And who are you? A perfect saint?  
Or someone who makes serious  
mistakes? *Are we willing to  
confess our sins and pursue  
friendship with God?***



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## 2 Samuel 23

**<sup>1</sup> These are the last words of David:**

**“The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse, the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High, the man anointed by the God of Jacob, the hero of Israel’s songs:**



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## 2 Samuel 23

<sup>2</sup> “The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; his word was on my tongue.

<sup>3</sup> The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me: ‘When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God,

<sup>4</sup> he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth.’



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## 2 Samuel 23

<sup>5</sup> “If my house were not right with God, surely he would not have made with me an everlasting covenant, arranged and secured in every part; surely he would not bring to fruition my salvation and grant me my every desire.”



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