**The Repercussions on King David, Part 20**

**II Sam. 15-20**

A. The Revolt against David (II Sam. 15:1-12)

B. The Retreat of David (II Sam. 15:13-37)

C. The Reaction to Ziba (II Sam. 16:1-4)

D. The Rage by Shimei (II Sam. 16:5-14)

E. The Recommendation by Ahithophel (II Sam. 16:15-17:29)

**D.’ The Ravage by Joab (II Sam. 18:1-18)**

C.’ The Reaction about Absalom (II Sam. 18:19-19:8)

B.’ The Return of David (II Sam. 19:9-43)

A.’ The Revolt against David (II Sam. 20:1-22)

**D.’ The Ravage by Joab (II Sam. 18:1-18)**

**PREMISE: Fighting the Lord’s anointed is fatal!**

**A. The Commencement of the Battle (II Sam. 18:1-5) >** Eccl. 7:19 (wisdom is better than size)

1. David Counted the People (v. 1)

2. David’s Administration (v. 2) > Joab, Abishai, Ittai (blood thirsty and bold)

3. David’s Value (v. 3) > 10,000x > II Sam. 17:2 (smite king only)

2.’ David’s Acquiesce (v. 4) > Prov. 11:14 (multitude of counselors)

1.’ David Charged the People (v. 5) > David’s love vs. Absalom’s hate! > Prov. 28:1 (Victory coming)

**B. The Conflict in the Battle (II Sam. 18:6-8)**

1. The Fight in the Wood of Ephraim (v. 6)

2. The Forces in the Battle (v. 7)

1.’ The Fatalities in the Wood of Ephraim (v. 8) > Ps. 2:2 > (pits, bogs, stumps, animals).

**A.’ The Conclusion of the Battle (II Sam. 18: 9-18)**

1. Israel Fought (v. 9a)

2. Absalom Dangling (v. 9b) > Jer. 48:44 > David wanted him spared; Jehovah did not!

(Neither earth nor heaven wanted this rebel; the mule escaped judgment)

3. Plot of Joab (vv. 10-14a) >

a. The Realization > it was Absalom (v. 10)

b. The Rebuke > why not kill him (v. 11)

c. The Reason > against David and Joab (vv. 12-13)

d. The Remedy > smote him with 3 darts (v. 14a)

2.’ Absalom Dead (vv. 14b-15) > mortally wounded, the 10 circle him in triumph and kill.

1.’ Israel Fled (vv. 16-18)

a. The Retreat (v. 16) salvage the people

b. The Recompense (v. 17) > *“heap of stones”*

c. The Remembrance (v. 18) > *“pillar”*

**CONCLUSION: David was a repentant rebel and spared; not so with Absalom.**