

God Protects David 2 Samuel 16:15-19:8

I. Absalom Reigns – 16:15-23

1. Nation of Israel joins Absalom – 15
Absalom sets up his reign in Jerusalem
Ahithophel, David's counselor joins Absalom
2. Hushai links up with Absalom – 16-19
David's friend but offers counsel to Absalom
He will become part of God's protection for David
He will give counter advice to that of Ahithophel
3. Ahithophel advises Absalom – 20-22
Absalom should take David's concubines
Do it openly to strengthen your reign over David
4. Ahithophel's counsel is highly regarded - 23

II. Hushai Counters Ahithophel – 17:1-23

1. Ahithophel advises immediate attack – 1-3
Unit of 12,000 strike against David's men
Hit him while weary and unprepared
Only David will be killed
2. Absalom & leaders of Israel are pleased – 4
They like this plan
3. Absalom seeks Hushai's advice – 5-6
He told him what Ahithophel had said
4. Hushai questions this plan – 7-10
David's men will fight like a bear with cubs
5. Hushai offers his plan – 11-13
Gather all military forces together
Then go after David with this united army
6. Hushai's plan is preferred – 14
God is in it protecting David
7. Hushai sends a report to David – 15-22
Messengers sent to warn David – 15-17
God protects the messengers – 18-21
David acts in response to message – 22
8. Rejection turns Ahithophel to suicide – 23
He went home and hanged himself

III. Preparation for Battle – 17:24-18:5

1. David & his troops are at Mahanaim – 24
2. Absalom & Israel's army cross Jordan – 24
They are in pursuit of David
3. Absalom appoints Amasa captain – 25-26
He is a relative of Joab
4. God provides food for David's men – 27-29
5. David prepares his forces – 18:1-5
Divides them into 3 units – 1-2
People refuse to let him go to battle – 3-4
He gives instruction about Absalom – 4-5

IV. Absalom is Slain – 18:6-18

1. David's men were winning – 6-8
20,000 men were killed in battle
2. Absalom is found hanging by his hair - 9
3. Joab orders that he be killed – 10-13

Man refuses having heard David's instructions

4. Joab & his men killed Absalom – 14-15
5. Joab orders a halt to the war – 16
6. Absalom buried in his own grave – 17-18

V. David's Response – 18:19-33

1. Messengers are sent to David – 19-23
Ahimaaz & Cushi run with news of battle
2. Ahimaaz tells David of victory – 24-30
But he doesn't know about Absalom
3. Cushi comes with full report – 31-32
David wants to know about Absalom
Is He safe?
May all the king's enemies be like him
4. David mourns over Absalom – 33
"Would God I had died for you"

VI. Joab Reasons with David – 19:1-8

1. Joab hears of David's mourning – 1-4
People don't know to celebrate or weep
People are quietly going away
As the king continues to weep
2. Joab goes to rebuke David – 5-7
You have shamed those who fought for you
You seem to prefer that your supporters died
You need to go to your men & comfort them
You could lose all those who support you
3. David met with his people in the gate - 8