

36 A Royal Mess Blanks  
“After God’s Own Heart” – Message #36

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A Royal Mess

2 Samuel 13

Context: The Story of David the King (1-2 Samuel)

- A. David’s Rise (1 Samuel 16 – 2 Samuel 5:5)
- B. David’s Reign (2 Samuel 5:6 – 1 Kings 2)
  - 1. Establishing the Kingdom (2 Sam. 5:5 – 8:17)
  - 2. Court History (2 Sam. 9 – 20)
    - a. David’s Kindness to Mephibosheth (9)
    - b. David’s Defeat of the Ammonites (10)
    - c. David’s Sin with Bathsheba (Uriah) (11-12)
    - d. Absalom’s Rebellion Against David (13-19)
    - e. Sheba’s Rebellion Against David (20)
  - 3. Epilogue (2 Sam 21 – 1 Kings 2)

Some of David’s Wives and Children

Home base:

Gibeah (?)

Ziklag/Hebron

Hebron

Jerusalem

Wives

Michal

Ahinoam

Abigail

Maacah

Haggith

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Bathsheba

Children

X

Amnon

Chileab

Absalom,

Tamar

Adonijah

Solomon

### I. Unpacking the Narrative (2 Samuel 13)

#### A. Amnon Violates Tamar (13:1-22)

Literary Structure: 13:1-22

#### A. Amnon in "love" with Tamar (1-2)

B. Intervention of Jonadab (3-5)

C. Tamar's arrival (6-9a)

D. Amnon's servants order to leave (9b)

E. Amnon's command to Tamar to come to bed with him; her unavailing plea (10-14a)

F. Amnon's rape of Tamar; the turning of "love" to hatred (14b-15a)

E' Amnon's command to Tamar to depart; her unavailing plea (15b-16)

D' Amnon's servant recalled (17)

C' Tamar's departure (18-19)

B' Intervention of Absalom (20)

A' Absalom's hatred for Amnon (21-22)

#### 1. The Ruse to Ensnare Tamar (1-7)

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- a. Amnon's lust (1-2)
  - b. Jonadab's suggestion (3-5)
  - c. David's clueless involvement (6-7)
2. The Rape of Tamar (8-14)
- a. Tamar's cooperative care (8-9a)
  - b. Amnon's treachery (9b-11)
  - c. Tamar's protest (12-13)
    - 1) Three "Don'ts"
    - 2) Three Appeals
      - . What about me?
      - . What about you?
      - . Speak to the king!
  - d. Amnon's assault (14)
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3. The Rejection of Tamar (15-19)
- a. Amnon's hatred (15)
  - b. Tamar's protest (16)
  - c. Tamar's expulsion (17-19)
4. The Reaction to Tamar's Tragedy (20-21)
- a. Absalom's reaction
    - 1) Hushed up Tamar and took her in
    - 2) Hated Amnon
  - b. David's reaction: Furious (but no action)
- B. Absalom Murders Amnon (13:23-39)

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1. Absalom's invitation to the Shearing Celebration (23-27)
2. Absalom's revenge (28-29a)
3. The flight of David's sons (29b-38)
  - a. The flight of Absalom's brothers to Jerusalem (29b-36)
    - 1) The false report and David's grief (30-31)
    - 2) The corrected report (by Jonadab) and David's grief (32-36)
  - b. The flight of Absalom to Talmai (34, 37-38)
4. The ebbing of hostility toward Absalom (39)

### II. Lessons to Learn

#### A. From Amnon: the true nature of "forbidden fruit" (James 1:14-15)

1. Its promise: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Its power: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Its poison: \_\_\_\_\_

#### B. From David: the pain of sin's consequences

1. "The sword shall not depart from your house" (2 Sam 12:10) - sometimes the consequences of sin include the destructive impact they have on those \_\_\_\_\_.
2. "I will raise up evil against you out of your own house" (2 Sam 12:11) - sometimes the consequences of sin include the "opportunity" to be on the \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ of  
someone else's \_\_\_\_\_ .

3. Parents do not bear the \_\_\_\_\_ for the moral success or failure of their children. They may \_\_\_\_\_ their children positively and/or negatively.  
But each individual is responsible before God for his/her own response to His will.

C. From both Amnon and David: "The \_\_\_\_\_ of the harvest eclipses the \_\_\_\_\_ of the planting." Key verses: Galatians 6:7-8; Romans 6:12-13.

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