

II SAMUEL 18; May 3; Absalom Slain by Joab

ANALYSIS:

1. As David prepared for battle with Absalom and Israel, what three captains did he appoint over his troops? _____, _____, _____

2. When David said he would lead his troops in the battle, what did the people say and what did David do? _____

3. What was David's command to his captains regarding their treatment of his son Absalom? _____

4. How did Absalom die that day? _____
5. What was David's response to the news of Absalom's death?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

Absalom planned for his name to be remembered, so he erected a monument to himself. We do remember him, but not by the pillar he reared up, nor for any worthy cause, but by his character as recorded in scripture. We see him as the murderer of his brother Amnon, and the infamous seditious son of David. And his grave is long ago lost under a great heap of stones over some pit in the wilderness. We pause and ask: where did he go wrong in his attitude toward and treatment of his brother and his father?

What aspects and fruits of your character will be remembered when you are gone?

HELP:

1. Joab, Abishai, Ittai (v 2).
2. The people said, "Thou shalt not go forth with us for you are worth ten thousand of us, you can direct the battle from the city." So David said, "What seemeth you best I will do" (vs 3-4).
3. "Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom" (v 5).
4. Absalom's head was caught in the branches of an oak tree, and the mule he was riding went out from under him leaving him hanging and unable to get free, Joab thrusts three darts through his heart, and Joab's armourbearers finished him off (vs 9-15).
5. David was much moved and wept and said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" (v 33).