

# A Royal Mess

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2 Samuel 15; Psalm 3

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## The Scene

- David facing Absalom's rebellion... Relationship strained
- Absalom determined to obtain the kingdom... built image; political maneuvers
- Absalom went to Hebron and began rebellion<sup>10</sup>
- David fled Jerusalem when he realized Absalom had captured hearts of Israel
- David still had faith in God's promises to him - Psalm 3

## Psalm 3 - a meditation during crisis

- The Selah of Trouble 1-2 - the case is stated
- The Selah of Faith 3-4 - David confesses his faith! He prays in the face of trouble
- The Selah of Peace & Joy 5-8 - David could sleep in a crisis like this... can you?

## David Relies on God in Faith Alone

- Ittai - foreshadows the inclusion of the Gentiles<sup>Rom 1:16</sup>
- Abithar & Zadok likely offered offerings while people exited<sup>25</sup>
- David sent the ark back to Jerusalem
- not willing to use it as a talisman - remember 1Sam 4 disaster?

## David Also Uses Means Before Him

- David's faith is a faith without action - sets up spy network<sup>27-29</sup>
- David then goes weeping up the Mt. of Olives<sup>30</sup>
- David gets news of Ahithophel's defection & prays<sup>31</sup>
- David asked God to act and when David gets to summit... Hushai shows up!
- David asks Hushai to stay in Jerusalem to thwart Ahithophel's counsel
- David prays & acts - Trusts God, but also takes actions
- God uses means to accomplish His purpose<sup>25:17-14</sup>; WCF V:III
- Remember Nehemiah 4:9 *we prayed AND set a guard...*

## David Anticipates & Illuminates the Suffering of the Son of David (Jesus)

- David's path foreshadows Jesus' path
- David/Jesus cross brook Kidron<sup>23;Jn18:1</sup>. Both went up Mt. Of Olives distraught

## Consider the Pictures:

- Rejected by His Own People
- Both ascended Mt. Of Olives weeping. David<sup>30</sup>; Jesus in Garden of Gethsemane)
- Both bore the burden of sin & consequences: David some of his own; Jesus though sinless<sup>Heb4:15</sup> bore the full weight of the elect's sin to redeem us<sup>Isa53:4-6</sup>
- Both had Faithful Followers: David-Ittai<sup>21</sup>, Hushai<sup>32</sup>, Zadok & Abiathar<sup>24</sup>; Jesus had John & Mary.
- Both had False Friends: David betrayed by Ahithophel<sup>12</sup>, Ziba<sup>19:26</sup>, Shimei<sup>16:5</sup>. Jesus had Judas and Peter
- Both Kings awaited Vindication & God's Good Purposes: 2 S 15:25; Lk 22:42
- David's exile ends in vindication & return to Jerusalem. Jesus will return!