

~AMNON 1 (187)

(Am'non) [Trustworthy, Faithful, Long-Lasting]

- **David's firstborn son by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, born at Hebron.**
- **Meantime, sons were born to David in Hebron, and his firstborn came to be **Amnon** by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess. (2 Samuel 3:2)**
- **And these became the sons of David that were born to him in Hebron. The firstborn **Amnon**, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, the second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess. (1 Chronicles 3:1)**
- ****Amnon** developed a passionate desire for lovely Tamar, Absalom's sister, to the point of lovesickness. Following the advice of his cousin Jehonadab, **Amnon** feigned illness and induced King David to send Tamar to **Amnon's** private quarters to prepare bread of consolation in his presence.**
- **He then used the opportunity to violate his half sister forcibly, despite her pleading and reasoning with him. His case illustrates how extremely selfish erotic love can be, for, having satisfied his desire, **Amnon** then had Tamar put out into the street as someone repugnant to him, someone whose very presence doubtless made him feel unclean.**
- **And it came about after such things that Absalom the son of David had a beautiful sister whose name was Tamar, and **Amnon** the son of David fell in love with her. (2 Samuel 13:1)**
- **And it was so distressing to **Amnon** that he felt sick on account of Tamar his sister, because she was a virgin, and it was difficult in the eyes of **Amnon** to do anything at all to her. (2 Samuel 13:2)**
- **Now **Amnon** had a companion whose name was Jehonadab, the son of Shimeah, David's brother, and Jehonadab was a very wise man. (2 Samuel 13:3)**
- **So he said to him; Why are you, the son of the king, so downcast as this, morning by morning? Will you not tell me? At this **Amnon** said to him; With Tamar the sister of Absalom my brother I am in love. (2 Samuel 13:4)**

- Upon that Jehonadab said to him; Lie down on your bed and play sick. And your father will certainly come to see you, and you must say to him; Please, let Tamar my sister come in and give me bread as a patient, and she will have to make the bread of consolation under my eyes in order, that I may see it, and I shall have to eat from her hand. (2 Samuel 13:5)
- Accordingly Amnon lay down and played sick, and so the king came in to see him. Then Amnon said to the king; Please, let Tamar my sister come in and bake two heart-shaped cakes under my eyes, that I may take bread as a patient from her hand. (2 Samuel 13:6)
- At that David sent to Tamar at the house, saying; Go, please, to the house of Amnon your brother and make the bread of consolation for him. (2 Samuel 13:7)
- So Tamar went to the house of Amnon her brother while he was lying down. Then she took the flour dough and kneaded it and made the cakes under his eyes and cooked the heart-shaped cakes. (2 Samuel 13:8)
- Finally she took the deep pan and poured it out before him, but Amnon refused to eat and said; Have everybody go out from me! Then everybody went out from him. (2 Samuel 13:9)
- Amnon now said to Tamar; Bring the bread of consolation to the interior room, that I may take it as a patient from your hand. So Tamar took the heart-shaped cakes that she had made and brought them in to Amnon her brother in the interior room. (2 Samuel 13:10)
- When she came near to him for him to eat, he at once grabbed hold of her and said to her; Come, lie down with me, my sister. (2 Samuel 13:11)
- However, she said to him; No, my brother! Do not humiliate me. For it is not usual to do that way in Israel. Do not do this disgraceful folly. (2 Samuel 13:12)
- And I, where shall I cause my reproach to go? And you, you will become like one of the senseless men in Israel. And now speak, please, to the king, for he will not withhold me from you. (2

Samuel 13:13)

- And he did not consent to listen to her voice, but used strength superior to hers and humiliated her and lay down with her. (**2 Samuel 13:14**)
- And **Amnon** began hating her with a very great hatred, because the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her, so that **Amnon** said to her; Get up, go away! (**2 Samuel 13:15**)
- At this she said to him; No, my brother, for this badness in sending me away is greater than the other that you have done with me! And he did not consent to listen to her. (**2 Samuel 13:16**)
- With that he called his attendant who waited upon him and said, Send this person away from me, please, to the outside, and lock the door behind her. (**2 Samuel 13:17**)
- Now upon her there was a striped robe, for that was the way the daughters of the king, the virgins, used to dress with sleeveless coats. So his waiter proceeded to lead her clear outside, and he locked the door behind her. (**2 Samuel 13:18**)
- Then Tamar placed ashes upon her head, and the striped robe that was upon her she ripped apart, and she kept her hands put upon her head and went walking away, crying out as she walked. (**2 Samuel 13:19**)
- Tamar's full brother, Absalom, nursed a hatred of **Amnon** for this act, and two years later at a sheepshearing festival Absalom had his servants murder **Amnon** when he was in a merry mood with wine.
- At this Absalom her brother said to her; Was it **Amnon** your brother that happened to be with you? And now, my sister, keep silent. He is your brother. Do not set your heart on this matter. And Tamar began to dwell, while being kept from association with others, at the house of Absalom her brother. (**2 Samuel 13:20**)
- And King David himself heard about all these things, and he became very angry. (**2 Samuel 13:21**)

- And Absalom did not speak with **Amnon** either bad or good, for Absalom hated **Amnon** over the fact that he had humiliated Tamar his sister. (2 Samuel 13:22)
- And it turned out after two full years that Absalom came to have sheepshearers at Baal-hazor, which is close by Ephraim, and Absalom proceeded to invite all the sons of the king. (2 Samuel 13:23)
- So Absalom came in to the king and said; Here, now, your servant has sheepshearers! Let the king go, please, and also his servants, with your servant. (2 Samuel 13:24)
- But the king said to Absalom; No, my son! Do not let all of us go, please, that we may not be a burden upon you. Although he kept urging him, he did not consent to go but blessed him. (2 Samuel 13:25)
- Finally Absalom said; If not you, let **Amnon** my brother go with us, please. At this the king said to him; Why should he go with you? (2 Samuel 13:26)
- And Absalom began to urge him, so that he sent **Amnon** and all the sons of the king with him. (2 Samuel 13:27)
- Then Absalom commanded his attendants, saying; See, please, that just as soon as **Amnon's** heart is in a merry mood with wine, and I shall certainly say to you; Strike down Amnon! You must then put him to death. Do not be afraid. Have not I myself commanded you? Be strong and prove yourselves to be valiant men. (2 Samuel 13:28)
- And Absalom's attendants proceeded to do to **Amnon** just as Absalom had commanded, and all the other sons of the king began to rise up and mount each one his mule and take to flight. (2 Samuel 13:29)
- Since **Amnon**, as David's eldest son, was heir apparent to the throne, his death may also have been viewed as desirable by Absalom as a means to better his own possibilities of gaining the kingship. With this event the prophecy made by Nathan following David's own misconduct with the wife of Uriah began to undergo fulfillment.
- And now a sword will not depart from your own house to time

indefinite, as a consequence of the fact that you despised me so that you took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to become your wife.
(**2 Samuel 12:10**)

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