

#1166 The Curse of Jehoiakim and the Lineage of Jesus Christ – The Two Nathans, part 5, The curse upon David by Nathan, and its attachment to the curse(s) upon Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin by Jeremiah

It was a righteous Nathan, the prophet to David, who confronted David about the double sin of his adultery with Bathsheba and his murder of Uriah the Hittite (2 Samuel 12:1-15). Because of David's sin, though he was forgiven to a certain extent by the Lord, the Lord *through Nathan* placed a curse upon the house of David, seen in 2 Samuel 12:10.

*2 Samuel 12:7-10 (KJV) **And NATHAN said to DAVID,** Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul;*

8 And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

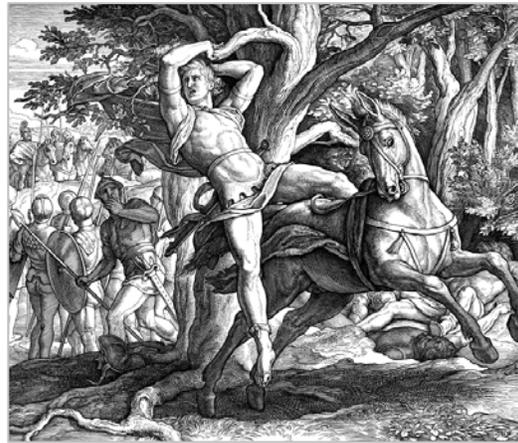
*9 **Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife,** and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.*

*10 **NOW THEREFORE THE SWORD SHALL NEVER DEPART FROM THINE HOUSE;** because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife.*

The manifestation of the curse of the sword never departing from the house of David was fulfilled in the short term through the intense difficulties of David with his sons – the slaughter of his sons Amnon and Absalom before his death, and of Adonijah quickly thereafter. Amnon raped Tamar, his half-sister, and after two years, Absalom had Amnon murdered (2 Samuel 13). Absalom later rebelled against David, and Absalom was slain (2 Samuel 15-18). Adonijah was executed by King Solomon after the death of David (1 Kings 2:13-25).



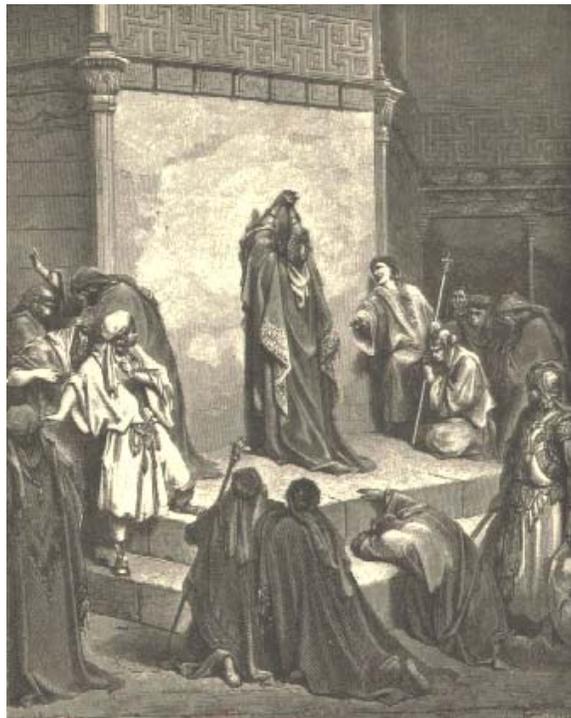
Amnon is killed for raping his half-sister,
2 Samuel 13:28-29



Absalom was killed by Joab while he
was hung up in an oak tree,
2 Samuel 18:9-18

Key Understanding #1: *The curse upon David by Nathan, and its attachment to the curse(s) upon Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin by Jeremiah.* There is a longer manifestation of the prophet Nathan’s curse upon the house of David that extends into the “unrighteous” branch of Solomon and beyond, primarily because David’s *physical* adultery and murder, which actually reflected David’s *spiritual* adultery and his despising of the Lord – *Why have you despised the commandment of the Lord, doing evil in his sight?* (NIV, 2 Samuel 12:9), and *you despised Me* (NIV, 2 Samuel 12:10) – is the example for the *spiritual* adultery that would be the mark of the largely adulterous and “unrighteous” kingly branch of Solomon, beginning with Solomon and ending with the curse(s) upon Jehoiakim and Jehoiachin.

Key Understanding #2: A second reason why the curse upon the house of David by the prophet Nathan is to be seen extending into the “unrighteous” branch of Solomon is precisely because it was the prophet Nathan who delivered the message to David about the *spiritual* adultery; the “unrighteous” spiritually adulterous branch of Solomon, the son of David – with “despising the Lord” spiritual adulteries like the “despising the Lord” spiritual adultery of David – is to be contrasted with the “righteous” branch of Nathan, the son of David.



David mourns Absalom

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