

Review Questions

1. What consequences did God tell David he would have because of his sin with Bathsheba? *His baby would die and his family would have conflict.*
2. What did Absalom do that forced him to flee to Geshur? *He had his brother Amnon killed.*
3. Absalom's murder of his brother was like David's murder of whom? *Bathsheba's husband, Uriah.*
4. What did Absalom weigh every year? *His hair after it was cut.*
5. What did Absalom look like? *He was handsome/good-looking. He had no blemish.*
6. How did Absalom choose to travel around the city? *In a chariot with horses and 50 men.*
7. How did Absalom get the men of Israel to like him when they came to the city gate? *He treated them as equals. He said their case was important to him but not to his father.*
8. In what city did Absalom gather his supporters against David: Jerusalem, Hebron, or Bethlehem? *Hebron.*
9. What did David do when he heard that Absalom was plotting to take over the throne? *Fled from Jerusalem with his household and servants.*
10. How did David's friends who stayed in Jerusalem help him? *They reported to David what Absalom was doing and gave bad advice to Absalom.*
11. What were David's loyal, experienced soldiers called: gladiators, mighty men, or samurai? *Mighty men.*
12. Where did the battle between David and Absalom's men take place? *In a forest.*
13. What killed more men: the trees in the forest or the swords of the soldiers? *The trees in the forest.*
14. Who won the battle? *David's men.*
15. What happened to Absalom during the battle? *His hair/neck caught in a tree and his mule ran away, leaving him hanging.*
16. Who found Absalom hanging there and killed him? *Joab and his armor-bearers.*
17. Was Absalom's death considered an honorable or a humiliating death? *Humiliating.*
18. What did David do that made his men feel bad for the victory? *He wept and mourned for Absalom.*
19. When David was back in Jerusalem years after the trouble with Absalom, what did David order his commander Joab to do? *Count all the fighting men of Israel.*
20. What punishment from God did David choose for his sin by taking a census? *Three days of plague/pestilence.*
21. What were the other two punishment options God gave David? *Three years of famine and three months of fleeing from enemies; famine and sword.*
22. How did God show mercy in the punishment? *He stopped the plague when David cried for mercy.*
23. In our memory verse, what does God do when the psalmist acknowledges and confesses his sin? *He forgives.*