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[10_2SA_15_01 And it came to pass after this , that Absalom prepared him chariots And horses , And fifty men to run before him .](#)

[10_2SA_15_02 And Absalom rose up early , And stood beside the way of the gate : And it was \[So \] , that when any man that had A controversy came to the king for judgment , Then Absalom called unto him , And said , of what city \[art \] thou ? And he said , thy servant \[Is \] of one of the tribes of Israel .](#)

[10_2SA_15_03 And Absalom said unto him , see , thy matters \[are \] good And right ; but \[there Is \] no man \[deputed \] of the king to hear thee .](#)

[10_2SA_15_04 Absalom said moreover , Oh that I were made judge in the land , that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me , And I would do him justice !](#)

[10_2SA_15_05 And it was \[So \] , that when any man came night \[to him \] to do him obeisance , he put forth his hand , And took him , And kissed him .](#)

[10_2SA_15_06 And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment : So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel .](#)

[10_2SA_15_07 And it came to pass after forty years , that Absalom said unto the king , I pray thee , let me go And pay my vow , which I have vowed unto the LORD , in Hebron .](#)

[10_2SA_15_08 for thy servant vowed A vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria , saying , if the LORD shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem , Then I will serve the LORD .](#)

[10_2SA_15_09 And the king said unto him , go in peace . So he arose , And went to Hebron .](#)

[10_2SA_15_10 but Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel , saying , as soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet , Then ye shall say , Absalom reigneth in Hebron .](#)

[10_2SA_15_11 And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem , \[that were \] called ; And they went in their simplicity , And they knew not any thing .](#)

[10_2SA_15_12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite , David's counsellor , from his city , \[even \] from Giloh , while he offered sacrifices . And the conspiracy was strong ; for the people increased continually with Absalom .](#)

[10_2SA_15_13 And there came A messenger to David , saying , the hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom .](#)

[10_2SA_15_14 And David said unto all his servants that \[were \] with him at Jerusalem , Arise , And let us flee ; for we shall not \[else \] escape from Absalom : make speed to Depart , lest he overtake us suddenly , And bring evil upon us , And smite the city with the edge of the sword .](#)

[10_2SA_15_15 And the king's servants said unto the king , behold , thy servants \[are ready to do \] whatsoever my LORD the king shall appoint .](#)

[10_2SA_15_16 And the king went forth , And all his household after him . And the king left ten women , \[which were \] concubines , to keep the house .](#)

10_2SA_15_17 And the king went forth , And all the people after him , And tarried in A place that was far off .

10_2SA_15_18 And all his servants passed on beside him ; And all the Cherethites , And all the Pelethites , And all the Gittites , six hundred men which came after him from Gath , passed on before the king .

10_2SA_15_19 Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite , Wherefore goest thou also with us ? Return to thy place , And abide with the king : for thou [art] A stranger , And also an exile .

10_2SA_15_20 whereas thou camest [but] yesterday , should I this day make thee go up And down with us ? seeing I go whither I may , Return thou , And take back thy brethren : mercy And truth [be] with thee .

10_2SA_15_21 And Ittai answered the king , And said , [as] the LORD liveth , And [as] my LORD the king liveth , surely in what place my LORD the king shall be , whether in death or life , even there also will thy servant be .

10_2SA_15_22 And David said to Ittai , go And pass over . And Ittai the Gittite passed over , And all his men , And all the little ones that [were] with him .

10_2SA_15_23 And all the country wept with A loud voice , And all the people passed over : the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron , And all the people passed over , toward the way of the wilderness .

10_2SA_15_24 And Lo Zadok also , And all the Levites [were] with him , bearing the ark of the covenant of God : And they set down the ark of God ; And Abiathar went up , until all the people had done passing out of the city .

10_2SA_15_25 And the king said unto Zadok , carry back the ark of God into the city : if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD , he will bring me again , And show me [Both] it , And his habitation :

10_2SA_15_26 but if he thus say , I have no delight in thee ; behold , [here am] I , let him do to me as seemeth good unto him .

10_2SA_15_27 the king said also unto Zadok the priest , [art not] thou A seer ? Return into the city in peace , And your two sons with you , Ahimaaz thy son , And Jonathan the son of Abiathar .

10_2SA_15_28 see , I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness , until there come word from you to certify me .

10_2SA_15_29 Zadok therefore And Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem : And they tarried there .

10_2SA_15_30 And David went up by the ascent of [mount] Olivet , And wept as he went up , And had his head covered , And he went barefoot : And all the people that [was] with him covered every man his head , And they went up , weeping as they went up .

10_2SA_15_31 And [one] told David , saying , Ahithophel [Is] among the conspirators with Absalom . And David said , O LORD , I pray thee , turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness .

10_2SA_15_32 And it came to pass , that [when] David was come to the top [of the mount] , where he worshipped God , behold , Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent , And earth upon his head :

10_2SA_15_33 unto whom David said , if thou passest on with me , Then thou shalt be A burden unto me :

10_2SA_15_34 but if thou Return to the city , And say unto Absalom , I will be thy servant , O king ; [as] I [have been] thy father's servant hitherto , So [will] I now also [be] thy servant : Then mayest thou for me defeat the counsel of Ahithophel .

10_2SA_15_35 And [hast thou] not there with thee Zadok And Abiathar the priests ? therefore it shall be , [that] what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house , thou shalt tell [it] to Zadok And Abiathar the priests .

10_2SA_15_36 behold , [they have] there with them their two sons , Ahimaaz Zadok's [son] , And Jonathan Abiathar's [son] ; And by them ye shall send unto me every thing that ye can hear .

10_2SA_15_37 So Hushai David's friend came into the city , And Absalom came into Jerusalem .