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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S
GOD MAKES STRAIGHT PATHS

2 SAMUEL 16:15–17:15

Seven Scenes in the Rebellion of Absalom

- 1. Absalom begins the revolt, 2 Sam. 15:1–12**
- 2. David hears and flees, 2 Sam. 15:13–16:14**
- 3. Absalom enters Jerusalem,
2 Sam. 16:15–17:14**
- 4. Hushai informs David, 2 Sam. 17:15–23**
- 5. Absalom moves against David,
2 Sam. 17:24–26**
- 6. David moves across the Jordan and is
resupplied, 2 Sam. 17:27–18:5**
- 7. The battle is fought, Absalom is killed,
2 Sam. 18:6–33**

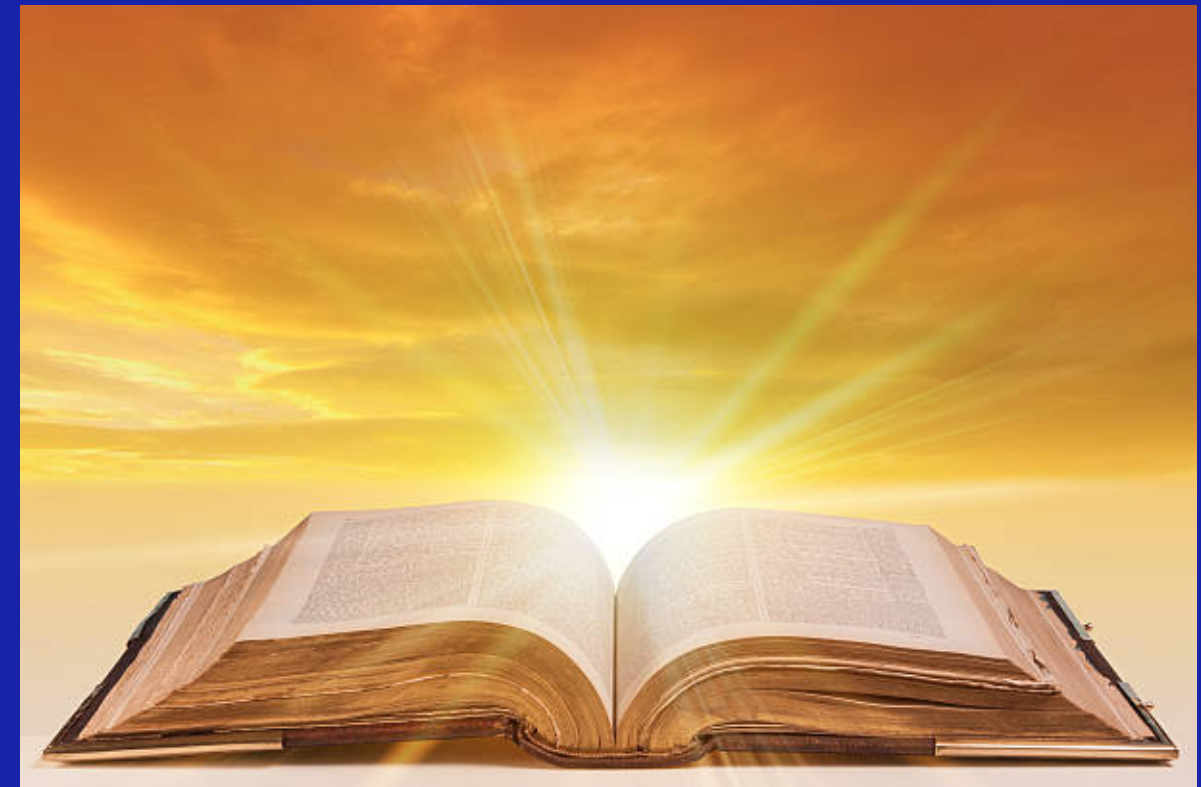
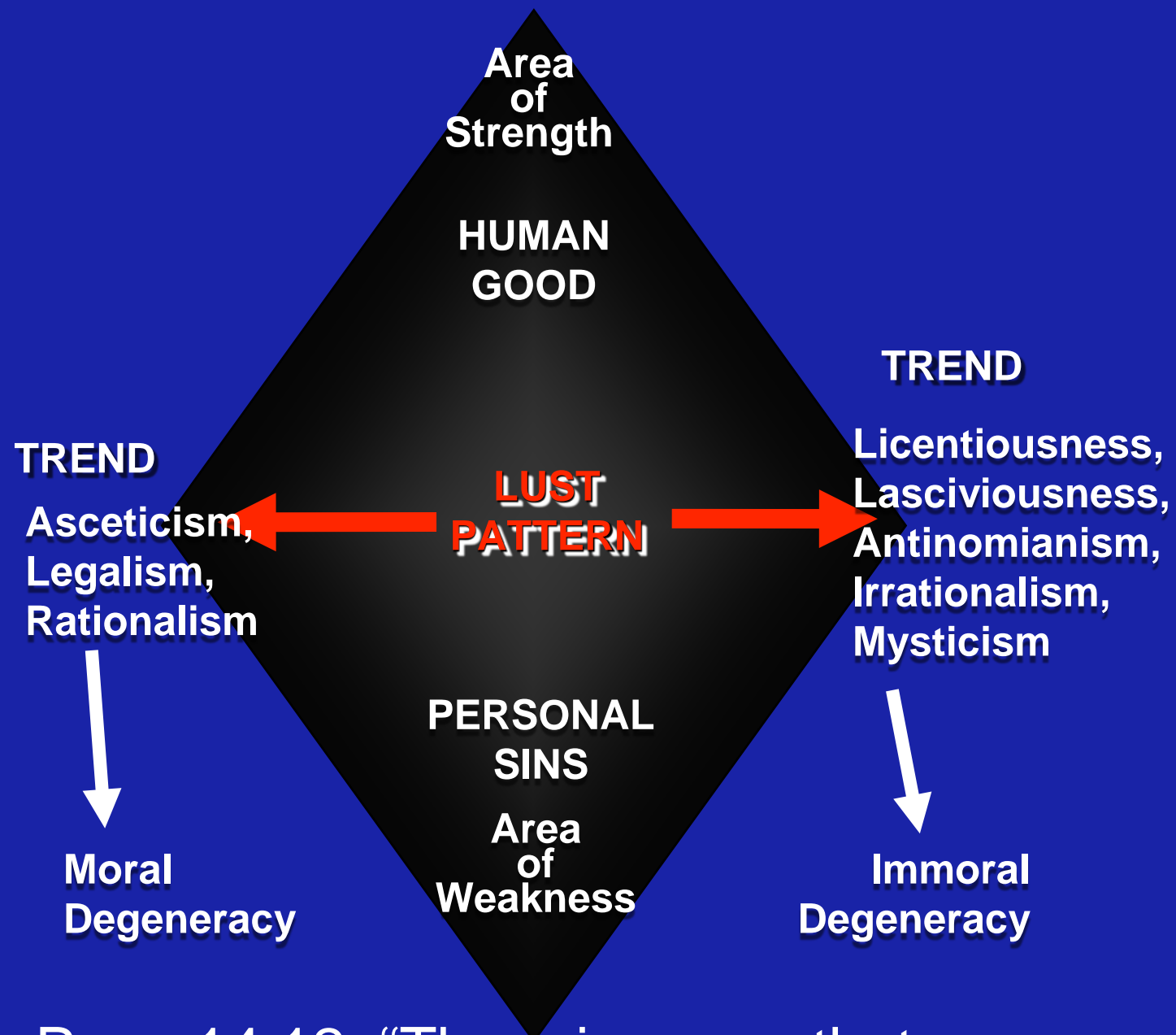
MAP 26: DAVIDIC KINGDOM II - REBELLION

- REBELLION OF ABSALOM
- FLIGHT OF DAVID
- REBELLION OF SHEBA
- BATTLE



Human Viewpoint Solutions Driven by Arrogance

Divine Viewpoint Solutions Based on Grace and Humility



Prov. 14:12, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."

Psa. 119:50, "This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your Word has given me life."

2 Sam. 16:15, “Meanwhile Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem; and Ahithophel was with him.”

**2 Sam. 15:6, “So Absalom stole the hearts
of the men of Israel.”**

Rom. 13:1, “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

Rom. 13:2, “Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.”

1 Pet. 2:13, “Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme,”

1 Pet. 2:17, “Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.”

2 Sam. 15:31, “Then someone told David, saying, ‘Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom.’ And David said, ‘O LORD, I pray, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness!’ ”

“Make the advice of Ahithophel foolish, O LORD!” ~NET

2 Sam. 16:15, “Meanwhile Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem; and Ahithophel was with him.

2 Sam. 16:16, “And so it was, when Hushai the Archite, David’s friend, came to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, ‘Long live the king! Long live the king!’ ”

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Deut. 29:10, “All of you stand today before the LORD your God: your leaders and your tribes and your elders and your officers, all the men of Israel,”

2 Sam. 16:16, “And so it was, when Hushai the Archite, David’s friend, came to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, ‘Long live the king! Long live the king!’”

2 Sam. 16:17, “So Absalom said to Hushai, ‘Is this your loyalty [*chesed*] to your friend? Why did you not go with your friend?’ ”

1 Chron. 27:33, “Ahithophel was the king’s counselor, and Hushai the Archite was the king’s companion [friend].”

2 Sam. 16:18, “And Hushai said to Absalom, ‘No, but whom the LORD and this people and all the men of Israel choose, his I will be, and with him I will remain.

2 Sam. 16:19, “ ‘Furthermore, whom should I serve? Should I not serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father’s presence, so will I be in your presence.’ ”

2 Sam. 16:20, “Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, ‘Give advice as to what we should do.’ ”

Ahithophel's Pagan Guidance

- 1. Take David's concubines and show that you are now in power. 2 Sam. 16:20–23**
- 2. Attack David immediately and without mercy and then kill him. 2 Sam. 17:1–4**

Taking David's Concubines Violates the Law.

Lev. 18:8, “The nakedness of your father's wife you shall not uncover; it is your father's nakedness.”

Pagan Practice

Gen. 35:22, “And it happened, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father’s concubine; and Israel heard about it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:”

Pagan Practice

Gen. 49:3, “Reuben, you are my firstborn, my might and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity and the excellency of power.”

Gen. 49:4, “Unstable as water, you shall not excel, because you went up to your father’s bed; Then you defiled it—He went up to my couch.”

2 Sam. 16:23, “Now the advice of Ahithophel, which he gave in those days, was as if one had inquired at the oracle of God. So was all the advice of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.”

2 Sam. 17:1 , “Moreover Ahithophel said to Absalom, ‘Now let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight.

2 Sam. 17:2, “ ‘I will come upon him while he is weary and weak, and make him afraid. And all the people who are with him will flee, and I will strike only the king.

2 Sam. 17:3, “ ‘Then I will bring back all the people to you. When all return except the man whom you seek, all the people will be at peace.’ ”

2 Sam. 17:4, “And the saying pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel.”

2 Sam. 17:5, “Then Absalom said, ‘Now call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear what he says too.’ ”

2 Sam. 17:6, “And when Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom spoke to him, saying, ‘Ahithophel has spoken in this manner. Shall we do as he says? If not, speak up.’ ”

2 Sam. 17:9, “Surely by now he is hidden in some pit, or in some other place. And it will be, when some of them are overthrown at the first, that whoever hears it will say, ‘There is a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.’

2 Sam. 17:10, “ ‘And even he who is valiant, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will melt completely. For all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and those who are with him are valiant men.’ ”

2 Sam. 17:11, “ ‘Therefore I advise that all Israel be fully gathered to you, from Dan to Beersheba, like the sand that is by the sea for multitude, and that you go to battle in person.

2 Sam. 17:12, “ ‘So we will come upon him in some place where he may be found, and we will fall on him as the dew falls on the ground. And of him and all the men who are with him there shall not be left so much as one.’ ”

2 Sam. 17:14, “So Absalom and all the men of Israel said, ‘The advice of Hushai the Archite is better than the advice of Ahithophel.’ For the Lord had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel, to the intent that the Lord might bring disaster on Absalom.”

Isa. 44:24, “Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and He who formed you from the womb: ‘I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;

Isa. 44:25, “ ‘Who frustrates the signs of the babblers, and drives diviners mad; Who turns wise men backward, and makes their knowledge foolishness;’ ”

Prov. 3:5, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding;

Prov. 3:6, “In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”