

VV STUDY NOTES: 11th January 2025

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2 Samuel 12: 26 – 13:21 (Amnon and Tamar)

This story and the ones that follow on from it, are shocking to anyone who has a strong moral compass. The fact that it happened under the rulership of David is shocking.

In the culture of that time, even elite women of Royal Descent were not respected or protected as they should have been.

Of the events recorded in the story up to this point, which is the most important?

What reasons would you give for your personal choice on this question?

CHARACTERS IN THE DRAMA

1. David (As king he has the most power and influence)
2. Amnon (David's firstborn son 1 Sam 3:2)
3. Jonadab (David's brother was Amnon's Advisor)
4. Absolom (David's thirdborn son)
5. Tamar (Absolom's Sister)
6. OTHERS? (This did not happen out of sight)

The above list is based on POWER: the pecking order and the expectations that went with it.
Is the list a fair representation of the power dynamics of the time?

WHO AMONG THESE HAD THE MOST MORAL INTEGRITY?

Make a list of the reasons for your choice!

What happened within this story that gave you a sense of revulsion?

(Whether recorded in the story, or absent from the record)

MORAL FAILURE: what is your honest assessment of all these characters?

Which characters are NOT MENTIONED, who you might expect to have participated?

This event was a PIVOTAL MOMENT in the history of David's Kingship.

Subsequent weeks will spell out the aftermath of this event.

LET'S BE HONEST: are these events a thing of the past, or do they continue in our current age?

Looking forward to a lively discussion!