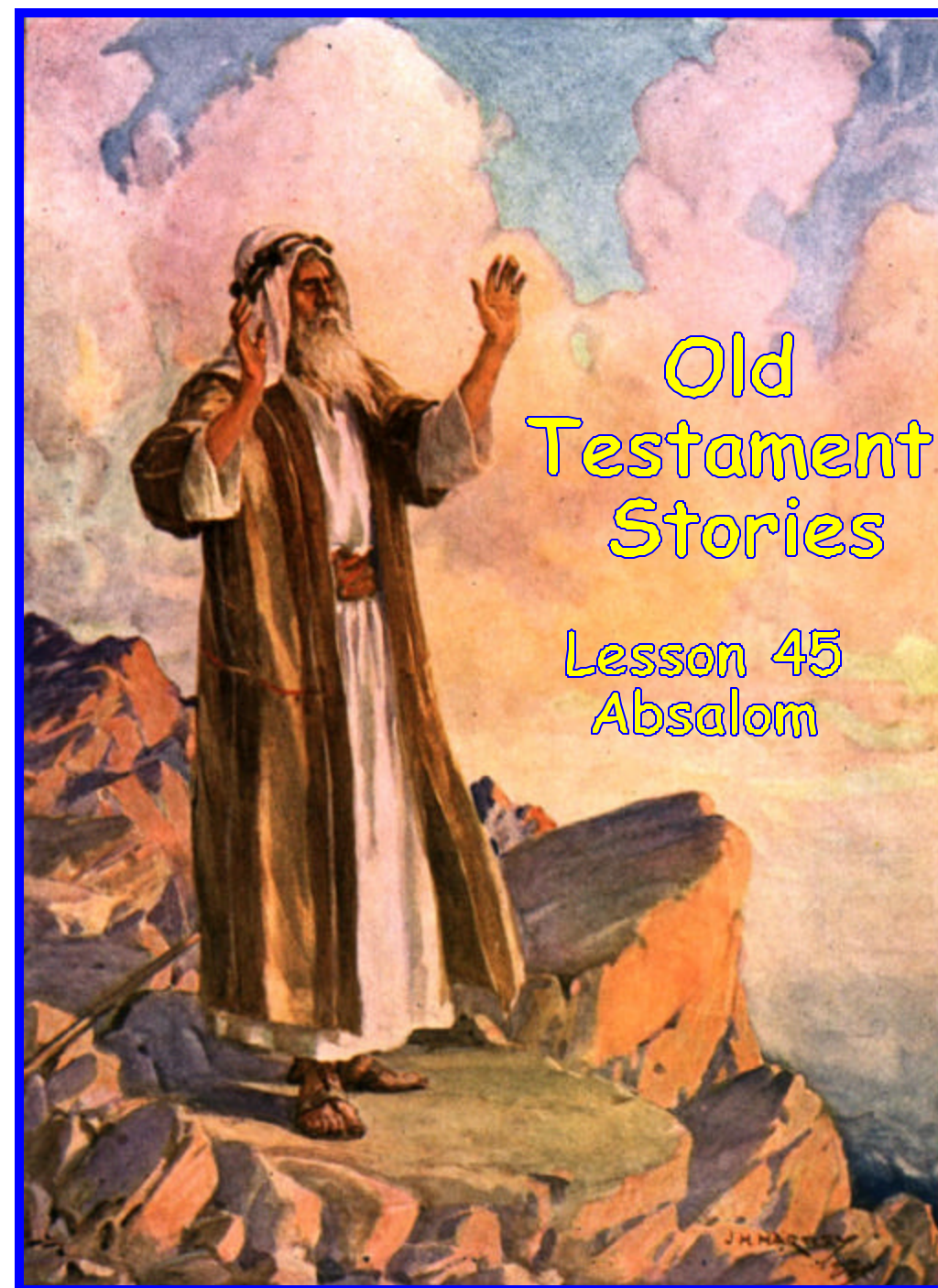
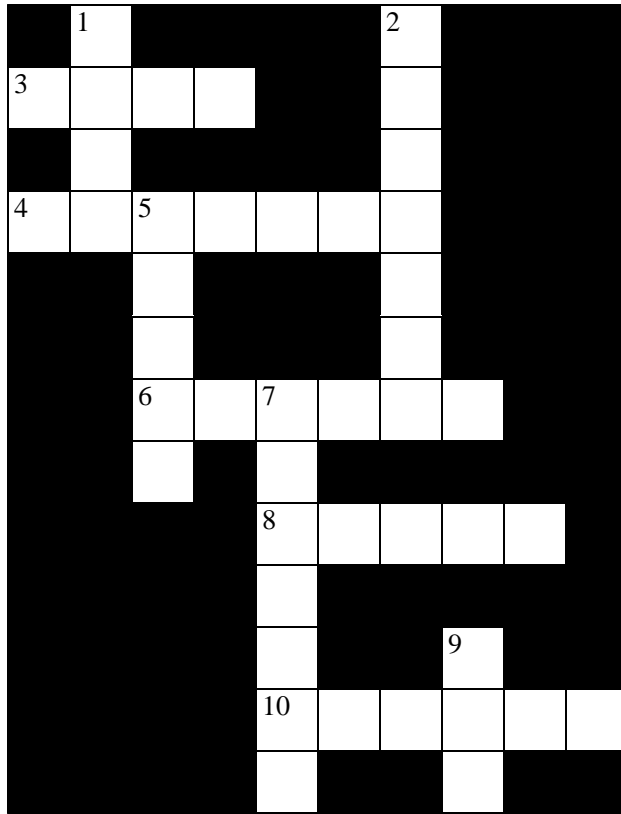


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- 3** For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the _____ devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.
- 4** And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with

- _____.
- 6** Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of _____ thousand men.
- 8** And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the _____ of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the

midst of the oak.
10 So the people went out into the field against _____:

DOWN

- 1** And a certain man saw it, and told _____, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak.
- 2** And Joab blew the _____, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people.
- 5** And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and _____ Absalom, and slew him.

- 7** . . .and the battle was in the wood of _____;
- 9** And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great _____, and his head caught hold of the _____, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth;

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2 Samuel 18 : 2—17

2 And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also. 3 But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now thou art worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou succour us out of the city. 4 And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands. 5 And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom. 6 So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the wood of Ephraim; 7 Where the people of Israel were slain before the servants of David, and there was there a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand men. 8 For the battle was there scattered over the face of all the country: and the wood devoured more people that day than the sword devoured. 9 And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the

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thick boughs of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went away. 10 And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak. 11 And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest him, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten shekels of silver, and a girdle. 12 And the man said unto Joab, Though I should receive a thousand shekels of silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that none touch the young man Absalom. 13 Otherwise I should have wrought falsehood against mine own life: for there is no matter hid from the king, and thou thyself wouldest have set thyself against me. 14 Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak. 15 And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him. 16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab held back the people. 17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into a great pit in the wood, and laid a very great heap of stones upon him: and all Israel fled every one to his tent.

1. Where in the scriptures is this story found?
2. Did David want to go forth into the battle also?
3. What kept him from going?
4. Who did David tell to deal gently with Absalom? (3)
5. What was the relationship between David and Absalom?
6. And a certain man saw it, and told _____, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak.
7. What did Joab do to Absalom as he was hanging in the oak still alive?
8. And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and _____ Absalom, and slew him.
9. And Joab blew the _____, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel:
10. What became of Absalom's body?

Memory Verses

2 Samuel 18:5

And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom.

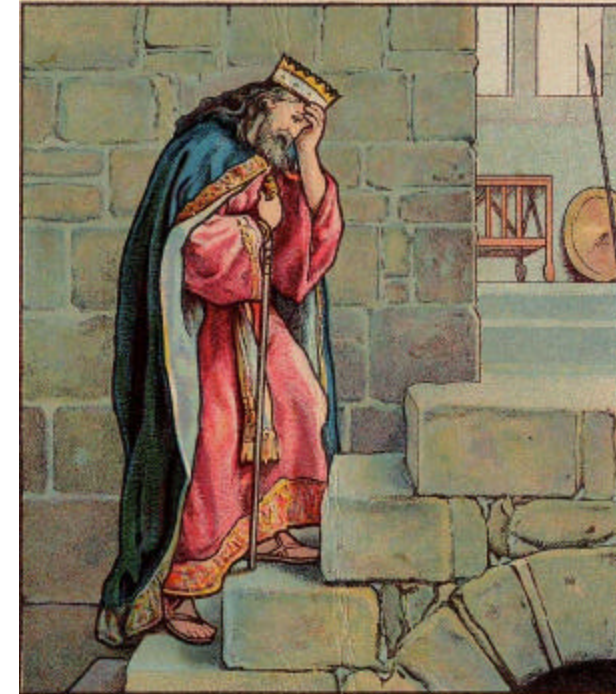
2 Samuel 18:15

And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.

Key Points

- 1.** Even though King David was going to war against his son Absalom, he asked his generals Joab, Abishai, and Attai to deal kindly with him.
- 2.** Joab heard Absalom was hanging in a tree by his hair, and when he found him he pierced Absalom with three darts, cast him into a pit and covered him with large stones.
- 3.** There was a great slaughter of 20,000 people that day and David lamented bitterly for his son Absalom.

Absalom, My son



Absalom at length marched out against his father, whose army, under the command of Joab, he encountered on the borders of the forest of Ephraim. Twenty thousand of Absalom's army were slain in that fatal battle, and the rest fled. Absalom fled on a swift mule; but his long flowing hair, or more probably his head, was caught in the bough of an oak, and there he was left suspended till Joab came up and pierced him through with three darts. His body was then taken down and cast into a pit dug in the forest, and a heap of stones was raised over his grave. When the tidings of the result of that battle were brought to David, as he sat impatiently at the gate of Mahanaim, and he was told that Absalom had been slain, he gave way to the bitter lamentation: "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!" (2 Sam. 18:33. Comp. Ex. 32:32; Rom. 9:3).

Devotional

"IS THE YOUNG MAN ABSALOM SAFE?"

King David sent forth his army in three groups, one group under the direction of Joab, one group under the direction of Abishai, and one group under the direction of Ittai. King David stayed behind at the beckoning of the people to keep him safe, so he waited by the gate as the people assembled by the hundreds and by the thousands. The king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, telling them to deal gently with Absalom for his sake.

So the people went into the field to the battle that was in the woods of Ephraim. The people of Israel were led by Absalom and they were slaughtered in the battle by the servants of David, to as many as twenty thousand men. It was said that day that the woods devoured more people than the swords.

Absalom riding upon a mule met the servants of David, and as his mule went under a huge oak tree his head got caught in the tree by his hair as his mule rode off. A man that was afraid of the king's commandment to deal gently with Absalom saw him but was afraid to do

Absalom harm but he did tell Joab where he could find Absalom. When Joab found him he threw three darts into his heart, and then ten young men gathered around Absalom and slew him, cast him into a pit, and put a great heap of stones upon him.

Joab blew the horn to signal an end to the battle, and two runners went to take King David the news of the battle. How the armies did was not the pressing question upon David's heart, but what has become of his son Absalom? When David finds that Absalom is dead he is overwrought with grief? The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went he said: "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you-O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Some know this kind of grief that only a father can know at the loss of his son. We can be sure that Father God was filled with that same pain and again when his son Jesus died on the cross that we might be saved. Even though it was his plan to save mankind, deep within the heart of God, filled with love, he too was crying out: "O my son Jesus! My son, my son, Jesus!"