

## Chapters 14, 15

When David had finished his time of mourning for Amnon, he allowed Absalom to return to Jerusalem.

Only after two years did David agree to meet Absalom. He met him and pardoned him.

But as time went on Absalom started to plot against David. Absalom gathered enough supporters to overthrow David.

David found out about the plot and fled from Jerusalem.

David was very sad and prayed to God that someday he could return to Jerusalem.

Dear God, please help people  
who are exiled from their homes

## Chapters 16 – 24

When David was living in exile, some people helped him, some people insulted him.

To insult his father and to claim the kingship Absalom publicly had sex with his father's concubines.

Gradually David was able to re-build his army and his army defeated Absalom's soldiers in battle.

In that battle, Absalom died and David mourned his death for a long time.

Eventually David was able to become king of all Israel again.

Dear God, may Israel be a land of peace