

2 Samuel 18:1-18

I. Preparing for War (17:24-18:5)

- A. Organizing the army
- B. Protecting David
- C. Orders regarding Absalom

II. Battle and Death (18:6-15)

- A. The defeat of Absalom's army
- B. Absalom in the tree (see Deuteronomy 21:22-23)
- C. Absalom dies (see 2 Samuel 1:1-16; 4:5-12)

III. Aftermath (18:16-18)

- A. The end of the campaign
- B. Absalom's memorial (see Joshua 7:26; 8:29)

IV. Three things to think about under a tree

- A. Rulers who set themselves up against God and his anointed King are accursed. (see Psalms 2; 76:12; 46:9; 68:5)
- B. All mankind has set itself up against God and his anointed King, and is accursed. (see Romans 1:22; 3:19)
- C. The only way for our curse to be removed and for us to be reconciled to God, is for the anointed King to become accursed for us. (see Galatians 3:13-14; Romans 5:6, 8)