

THE AFTERMATH OF THE RAPE OF TAMAR

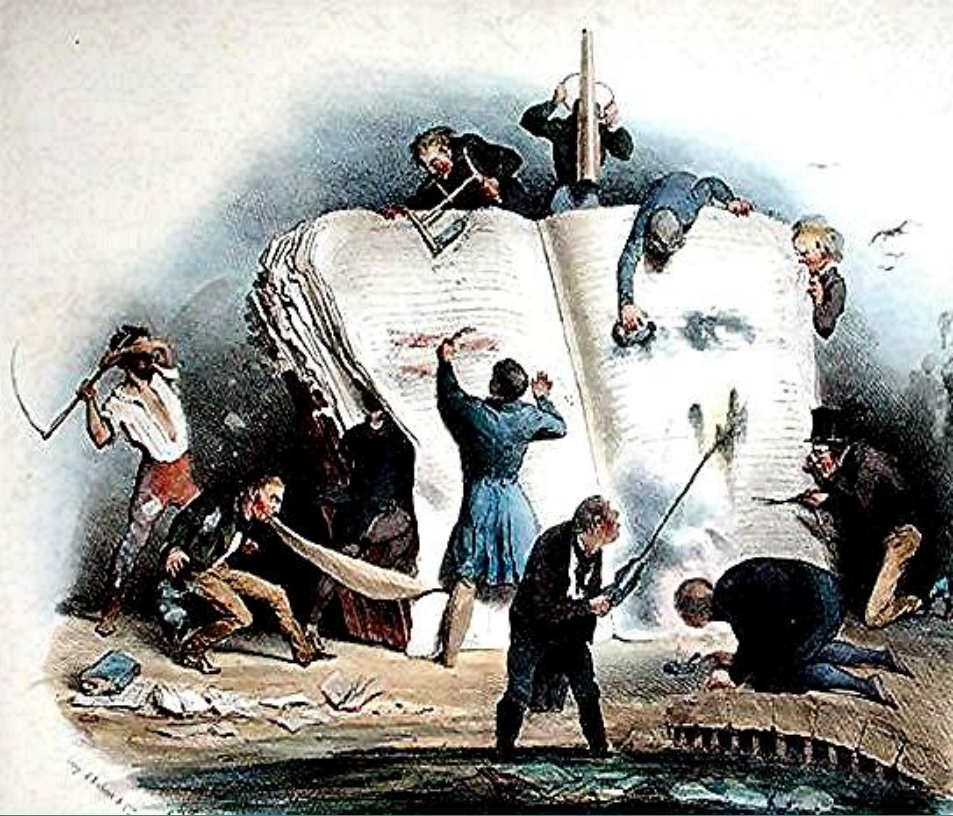


- The background was a playing out of political and family jealousies
- **Amnon**, heir apparent to the throne
- Absalom had his own desires to be king
- Having sex with **Tamar** sent a message that Amnon's political position was unquestioned
- **Avshalom** saw this as an opportunity to attain his aspirations



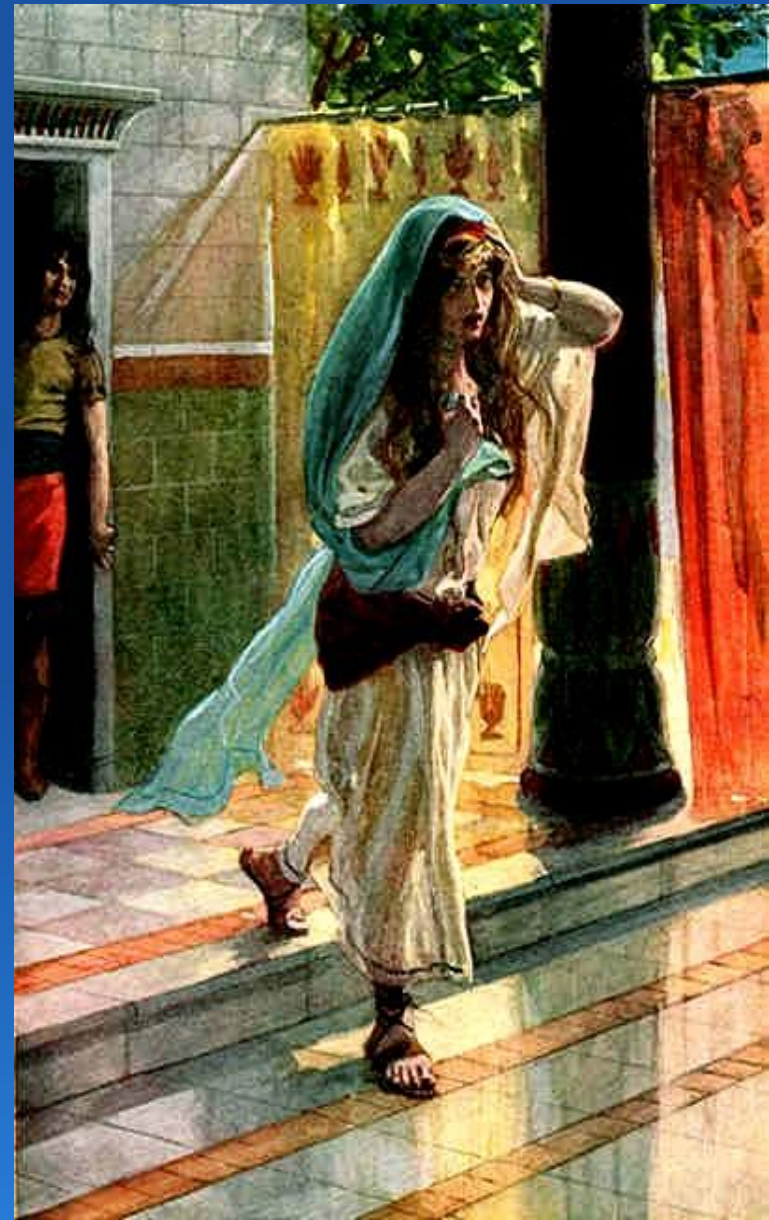
READING DOCTRINES BACK INTO THE BIBLE

- Rabbis read predisposed doctrines back into Scriptures to make David near perfect
- Allegorical teaching at the heart of Synagogue and Church liturgy for centuries
- Reading manmade doctrines back into the Bible distorts and harms Judeo-Christianity



TAMAR FLEES TO ABSALOM

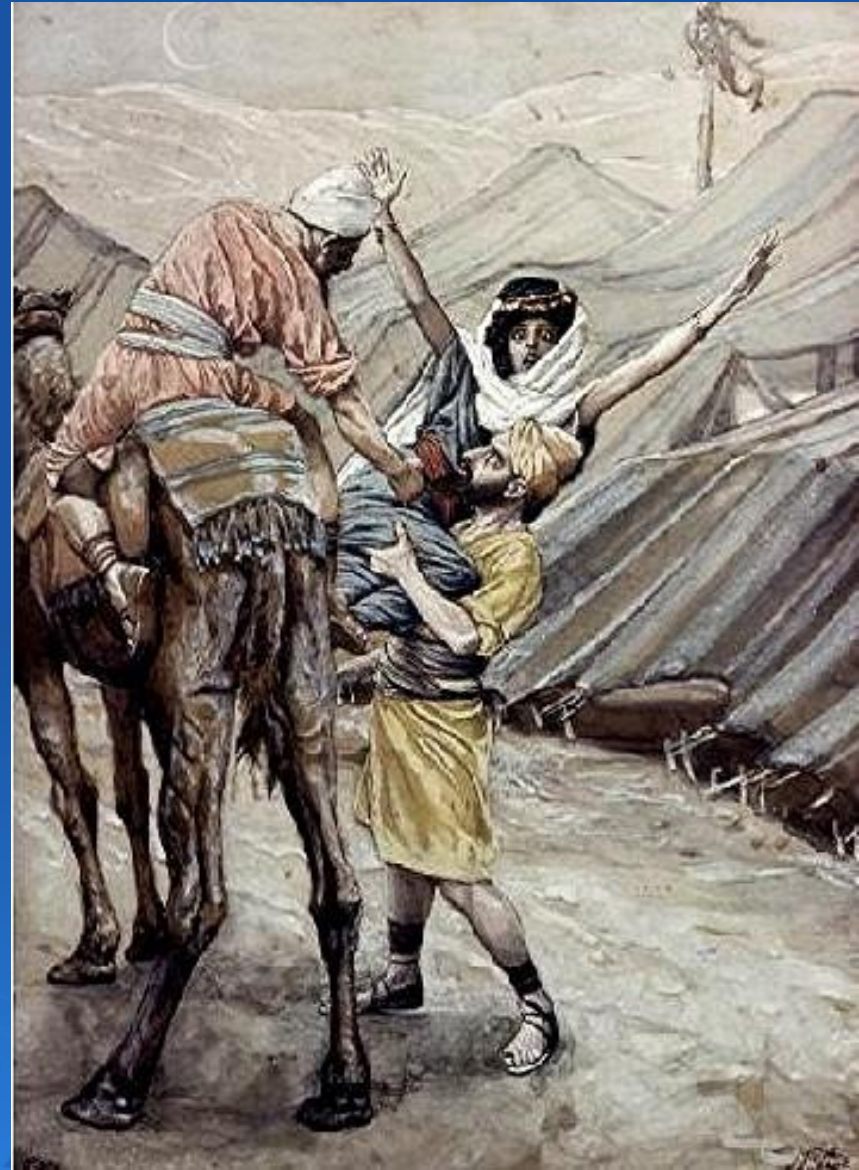
- Tamar goes to her brother Absalom's house for refuge
- Absalom told her to keep this matter quiet
- David found out, but did nothing
- Deut.22: 28 – 29
- Lev. 18:9
- Lev. 18:29 -30
- Amnon did NOT have the death penalty coming to him, but he should have been banished, according to The Law



GOD PRINCIPLE:

WRONG DOING MUST BE DEALT WITH

- Circumstance similar to Jacob at Shechem, when Dinah was raped
- Jacob did nothing, so his sons took improper violent revenge on innocent people
- Discipline or justice?
- Fathers of today have made mothers the disciplinarians
- David coddling his sons did NOT make them less violent and more responsible!



THE SHEEP SHEARING RUSE



- A joyful and festive time
- A family reunion of sorts
- David declined to go (Absalom counted on that happening)
- David agreed to let all of his sons go, including Amnon
- Not wise to have all the king's sons in one place in case of calamity

AMNON IS ASSASSINATED

- Absalom instructed his men to kill Amnon as he was drunk
- Servants were wrong to obey Absalom; they now carried blood-guilt
- David had instructed Joab, his servant, to kill **Uriyah**, Bathsheba's husband
- Proportional justice
- Absalom admitted to his killing of Amnon
- He was seen as the *go'el*, the family blood avenger



DAVID HEARS THAT ALL OF HIS SONS ARE DEAD!



- David's other sons climb on their Mules and flee
- Rumor reaches David that all of his sons died
- ***Yonadav*** informs David that only Amnon died
- ***“My lord shouldn't take it seriously....only Amnon died...”***
- ***“....the sword devours in one way or another..”***
- Absalom goes to his grandfather, the King of Geshur, to be protected

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THE PALACE INTRIGUE CONTINUES

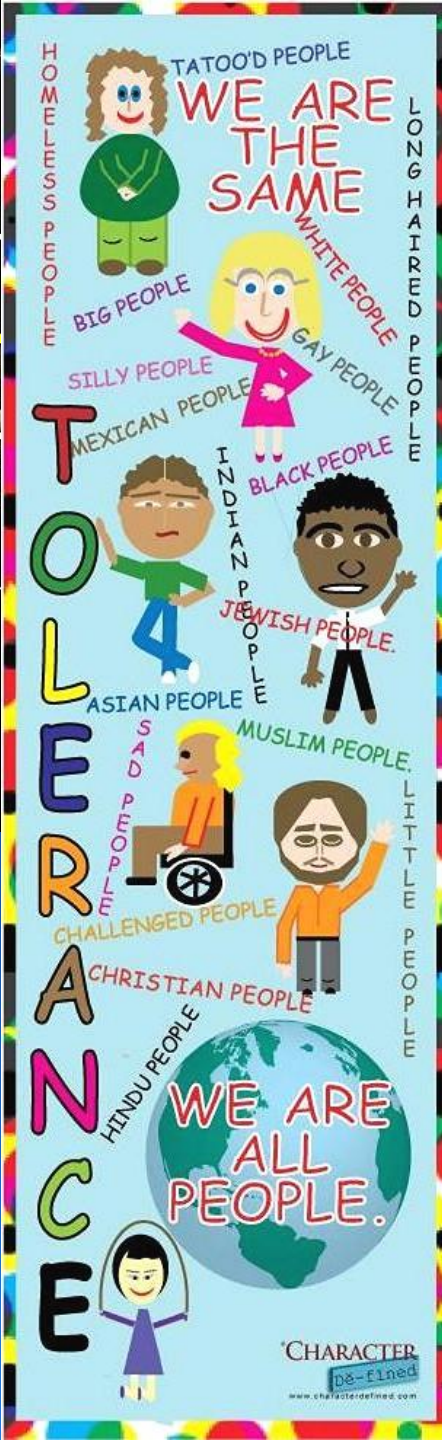


- Yo'av tries to convince David to allow Absalom to return
- Difficult to ascertain Joab's motives
- All Israel was probably behind Absalom and admired him for taking revenge for his sister
- Laws of Moses did NOT permit this!
- Amnon had NOT committed a capital offense in raping Tamar
- Populist sentiment often gets mixed up with right and wrong

SUNDAY NIGHTS



GAY CHURCH
@ 7 pm



THE ASSAULT ON GOD'S LAWS

- Issues of today viewed through the eyes of 21st century modernity stress TOLERANCE
- Issues of today should be viewed through God's eyes that stress OBEDIENCE!
- Striking parallel between today and David's era of 980 BC
- There is HOPE in grassroots revival to rediscover the value of the Torah!

THE GOD OF ONE ATTRIBUTE ?

- Does Love demand approval of gay marriage? Peace at any price? Turning over a “fair” portion of the Holy Land to gentiles? Abortion on demand? Allah made equal to Yehoveh?
- Does Humanitarianism demand the end of the Jews as God’s set-apart people? Bringing righteousness through good behavior? God’s enemies to be treated as friends?

