

Old Testament Characters: Joab
1 Kings 2:5-6
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Thesis: I want to show the lessons we can learn from Joab.

- Intro:
1. The name Joab means “Jehovah is Father” or “Whose Father is Jehovah”
 2. Joab’s mother was Zeruah, sister of David (2 Sam 2:13), this would make Joab a nephew to David.
 3. Joab is a character that is surrounded by violence, envy & hatred.

I. People & Incidents in the Life of Joab

A. Joab & Abner

1. Joab killed Abner because Abner killed his brother Asahel (**2 Sam 3:27**).
2. Joab took what he thought was justice, into his own hands.

B. Joab & Uriah

1. Joab had a part in the killing of Uriah.
2. He obeyed David’s wicked plan to kill the husband of Bathsheba (**2 Sam 11:16-21**)

C. Joab & Absalom

1. Joab used a “wise woman” to deceive David (**2 Sam 14:2-8,9ff**).
2. Absalom felt he was being ignored by David & Joab, so he burned Joab’s barely field.
3. So, Joab faces Absalom & his army in battle, Joab kills Absalom in the battle (**2 Sam 18:14-15**)

D. Joab & Amasa

1. Joab reinstates himself as leader of Israel in 2 Sam 20.
2. He does so by using violence, a common thread in the life of Joab (**2 Sam 20:9-12**)

E. Joab & Adonijah

1. Joab tried to help Adonijah become king instead of Solomon (**1 Kings 1:7, 1 Kings 2:28**)
2. Joab had no intention of being loyal to anyone, except himself and his own desires.

F. Joab & Solomon

1. The ambition Joab showed for trying to prevent Solomon from becoming king backfires.
2. Solomon has Benaiah kill Joab (**1 Kings 2:34**)

II. Lessons we can learn from Joab

A. Joab was loyal to David, but only for a time.

1. His loyalty to David often involved sin.
 - a. Killing Uriah (2 Sam 3:30)
 - b. Numbering the people (2 Sam 24)
 - c. We must obey God rather than men (**Acts 5:29**)

B. Joab had a spirit of vengeance

1. He killed Abner because He killed his brother Asahel (2 Sam 3:30)
2. We are not to take vengeance on others (**Rom 12:19**)

C. Joab was envious & jealous.

1. Killed Amasa because of such (2 Sam 17:25)
2. Perhaps the same reason Cain killed his brother Abel (**1 Jn 3:12**)

D. Joab had to reap as he had sown, He shed blood (**Gen 9:6**).

1. We reap what we sow (**Gal 6:6-8**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Joab is a person who's example should be a warning to us.
2. Evil has a price, Joab reaped what he had sown. He sinned and do so greatly.
3. Joab paid the price for such, so will we unless we repent.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9