

Absalom, Absalom!

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I. BIBLICAL PREMISE

In the Fifteenth Chapter of the Second Book of Samuel in the Old Testament of the Christian Bible, or the second part of Books of Samuel in the Hebrew Bible, one may read the story of **Absalom**'s conspiracy against his father **David**.

1. **David** was the **King of Israel and Judah**;
2. **Absalom** was **David**'s third son, by Maacah;.
3. Now, there was at the Court of **David** one courtier, **Ahithophel**, whose great wisdom was not received in humility as a gift from Heaven, and so became a stumbling block to him. He was one of those who, while casting longing eyes upon things not belonging to them, also lose the things they possess.

This **Ahithophel** advised **Absalom** to rebel against **David** and declare himself **King of Israel and Judah** in lieu of **David**.

He also suggested that **Absalom** publicly disgrace **David** by taking over his concubines, which **Absalom** did.

However, **Ahithophel**'s ultimate plan to rout **David** in battle was dreadfully defeated.

II. QUESTION FOR ASPIRING GRADUATES OF THE HOLIER THAN THOU SCHOOL OF GEOPOLITICAL BAD FAITH

In your opinion and analysis, when he saw that his plot did not go as planned, which of the two conflicting decisions did **Ahithophel** take:

- A. He abruptly exchanged his role for that of **God Almighty** and admonished **Absalom** as well as **David** for the feud which he had himself fomented, but now characterized quite impatiently as a turbulent quarrel between unruly and riotous youngsters, or
- B. When he took conscience that his plot had utterly failed, **Ahithophel** quietly took his own life?

The correct answer is:



III. THE PRESOCRATIC PARABLE

The reader of this short essay is free to see the **Absalom** episode in the Second Book of Samuel as a parable on current events in the **Slavic Realms**, one playing the part of **David** and the other that of **Absalom**, while the part of **Ahithophel** would be filled by the **United Princely States** ¹ of **All-America Borealis** ².

¹ Before the Grand Continental Union, the United States was a republic, while both Canada and Greenland were monarchies.

² The largest country on Earth, with nearly 22 million square kilometers, not including the U.P.S. Federal Province of McKinleya (*ex-Panama*).