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1.1-17: Death of Saul: a programmatic poem

2.1-5.5: David consolidates his reign against "insiders": the death of Saul's son

5.6-10.19: David consolidates his reign against outsiders

11.1-2: the "high point": David on the roof of his house

11.3-12.25: The Bathsheba/Uriah situation

13.1-14.33: The unraveling of the "house of David" from inside: a "wise woman"

15.1-19.43: Absalom's rebellion: David re-consolidates his reign against "insiders": the death of David's son

20.1-22: Sheba's rebellion: a "wise woman"

20.23-26: summary of David's staff

21.1-24.25: famine, census and a programmatic poem