Women trapped by power and patriarchy in 2 Samuel

Six women of David: Known only for producing David's sons in Heb-

ron (3.2-5)

Rizpah, secondary woman of Saul: Abner has seemingly noncensual sex with her

to send a message about his desire to be king

after Saul (3.7)

Michal, daughter of Saul: Taken from her man, Paltiel, and "returned" to

David as a possession (3.13-16)

An unnumbered group of women: Taken by David to produce more children in Je-

rusalem (5.13-16)

Bathsheba, woman of Uriah: David takes her, has sex with her, and has her

husband murdered in a coverup (ch. 11)

Tamar, daughter of David: Raped by her half-brrother, Amnon, David's

firstborn; David does nothing to restore her

honor/dignity. (ch. 13)

Wise woman of Tekoa: Seemingly forced into deceptive service by

Joab (ch. 14)

Secondary women of David: Forced by David to guard the king's house dur-

ing the rebellion by Absalom (15.16)

Later, Absalom has seemingly involuntary sex

with them (?!, 16.22)