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A scenic landscape featuring a calm lake in the background, surrounded by lush green trees. In the foreground, a grassy bank slopes down towards the water, with a few large rocks. A single sheep is resting on the grass near the base of a large tree on the right side of the frame. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

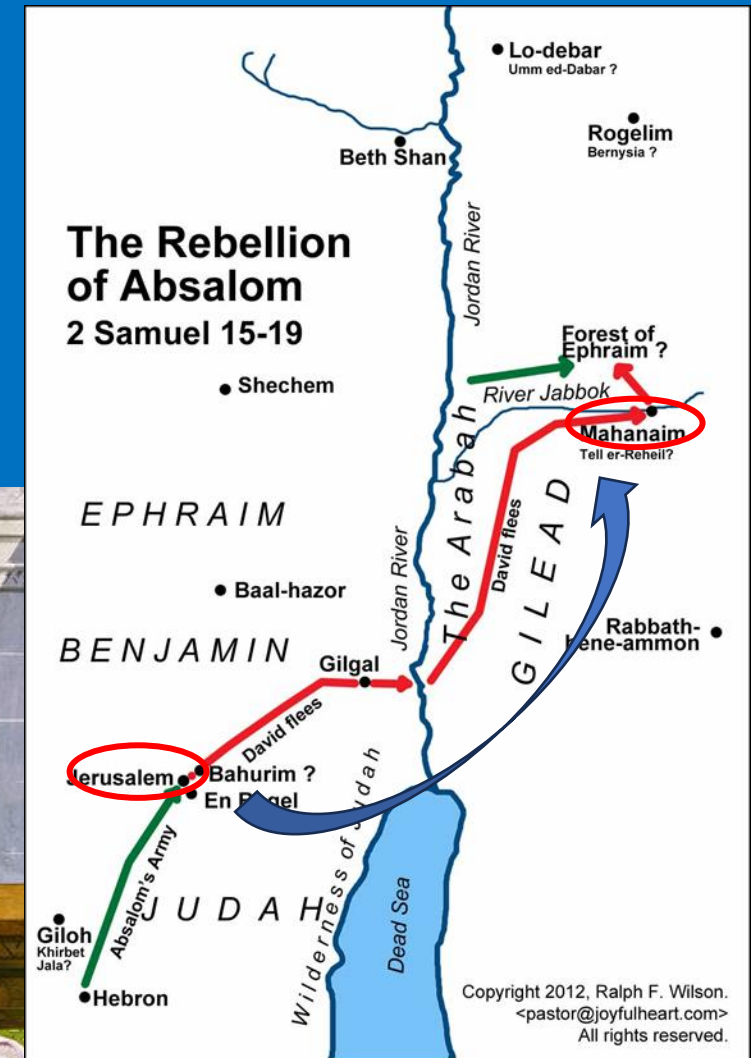
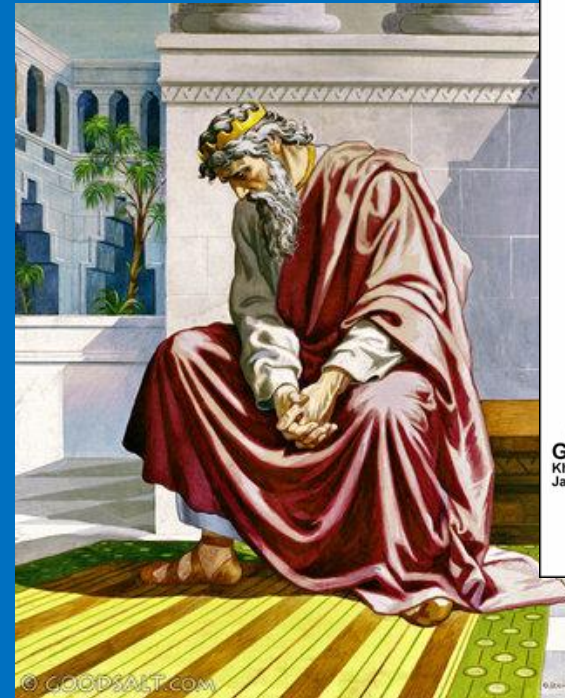
A Bible Study Through the Book of 2nd Samuel

**LESSON 8: TENSION WITHIN
THE KINGDOM
2ND SAMUEL CHAPTERS 19-20
Proverbs 3:6 [*]**

CHAPTER 19: DAVID RETURNS TO JERUSALEM

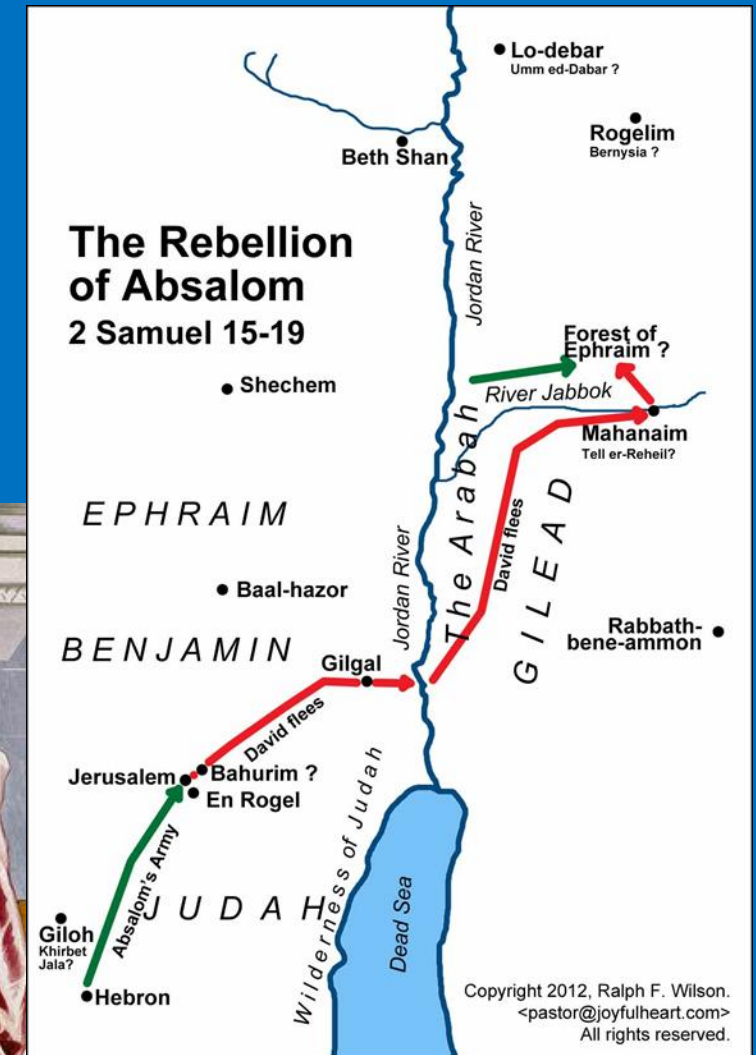
Vs. 1-23: David comes back to Jerusalem

- David could not rejoice in his victory but mourned greatly for Absalom. (2nd Samuel 19:1-4) []
- *This is David's ultimate breaking point toward redemption, repentance, and humility before the Lord. (Psalm 51:17) []*

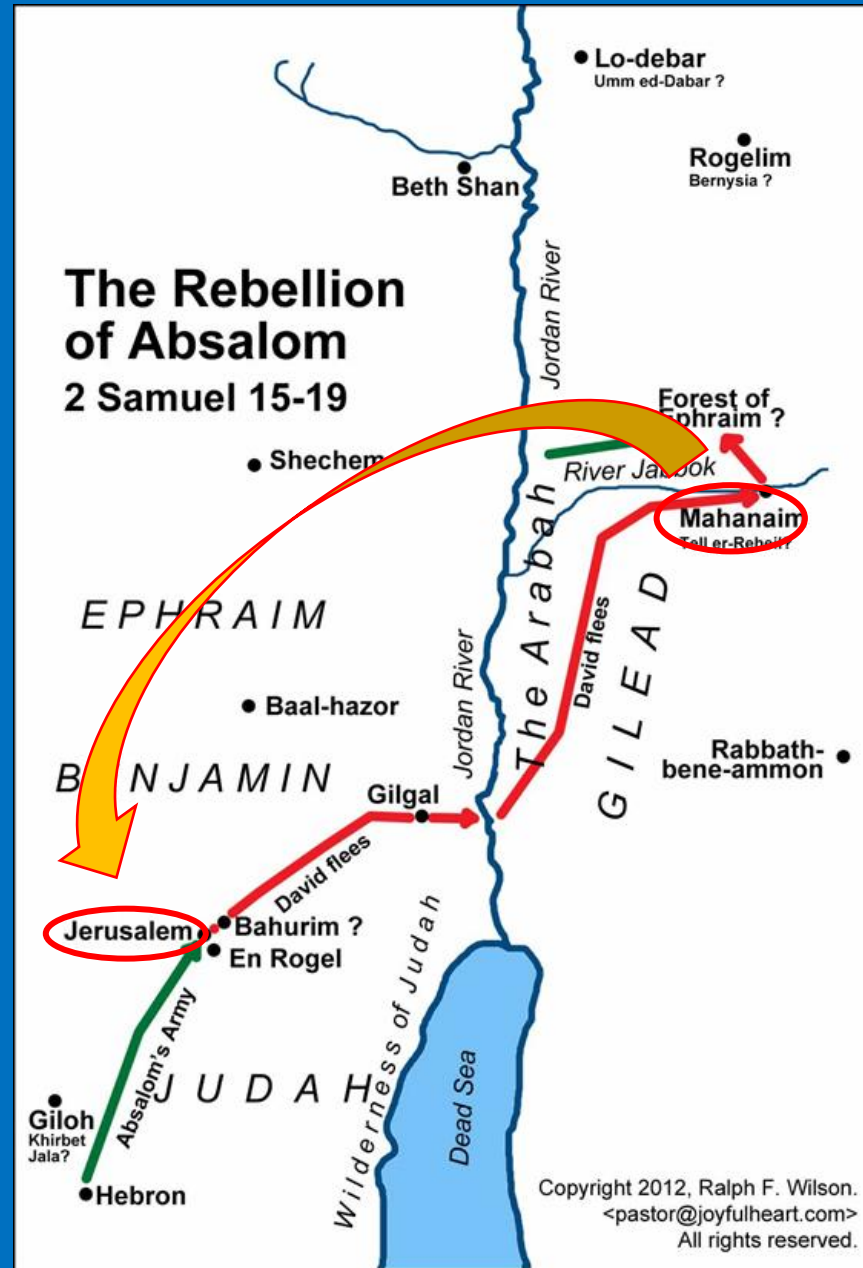


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- Because of David's mourning, his warriors and all those in Mahanaim hid their faces in shame.
- When Joab heard of David's attitude, he went and rebuked David by grieving for his enemy and allowing his faithful follows to feel ashamed.
- *There comes a time when God tells us to quit the guilt, shame, and remorse and follow a redeemed path.*
(Josuha 34:8; 35:1-2) [] []



King David's Return Trip to Jerusalem

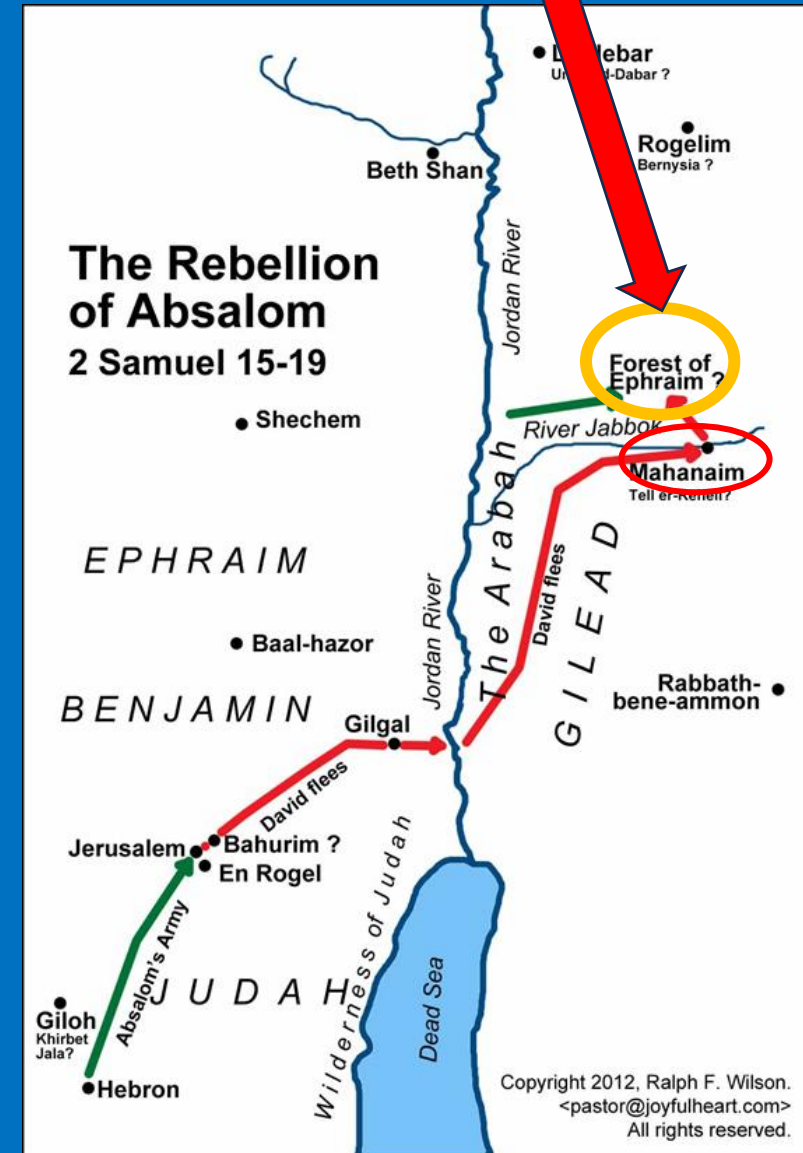


- Joab told David to go to the people or they would abandon him. As a result, David went to the city gate and honored the people.
- In the meantime, a quarrel erupted in Israel (the northern kingdoms) against those who did not bring David back to Jerusalem.

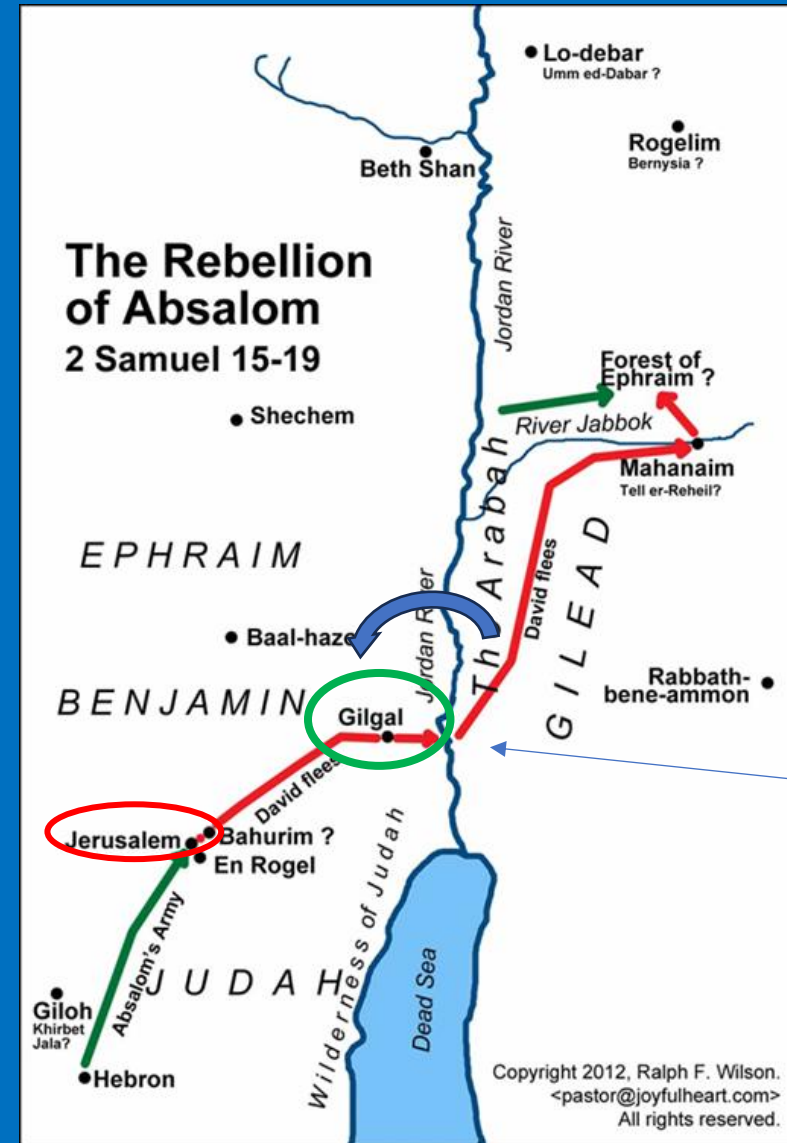


Absalom's Defeat

- Those who sided with David told the others that David had defeated the Philistines and Absalom.
- *Word was spreading about David's victory. God had directed David's steps all along. Story-[]*

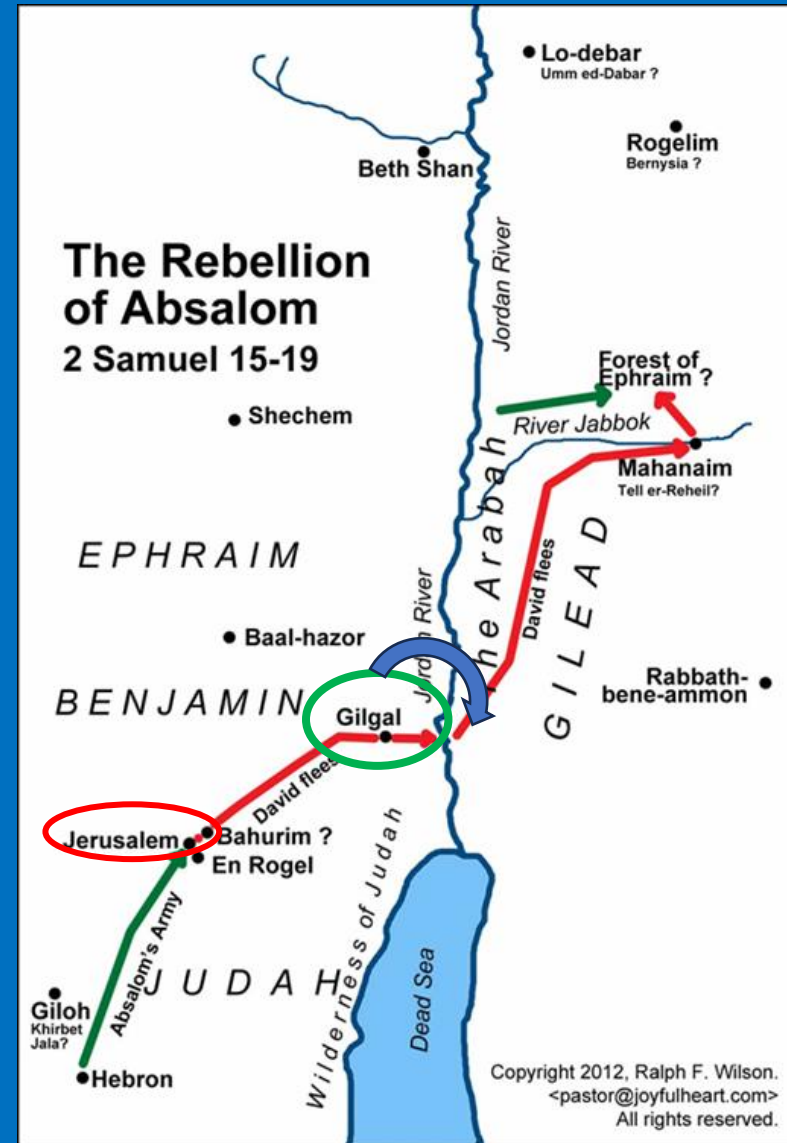


- The people in Judah also hesitated to bring David back to Jerusalem, possibly since some who remained in Jerusalem had supported Absalom.
- To win the support of Absalom's followers, David placed Amasa, the commander of Absalom's army, in command of his army (Romans 12:20) []



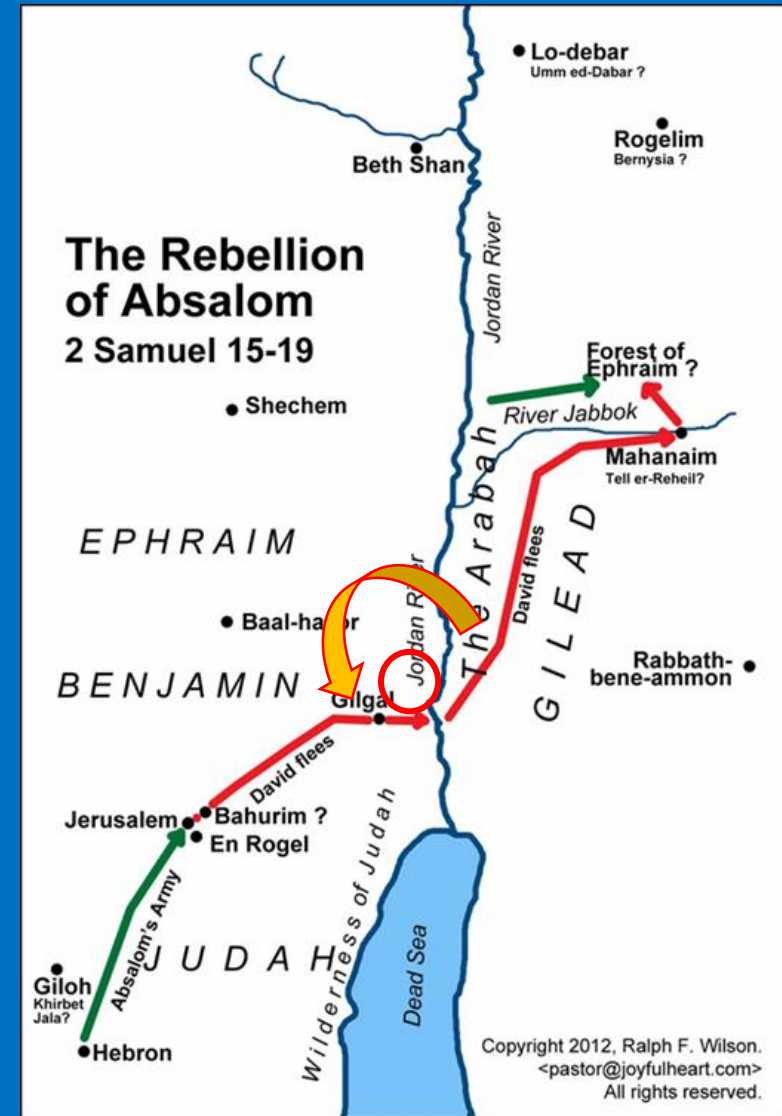
Gilgal

- David therefore replaced Joab as his commander. Perhaps, David replaced Joab as punishment for killing Absalom.

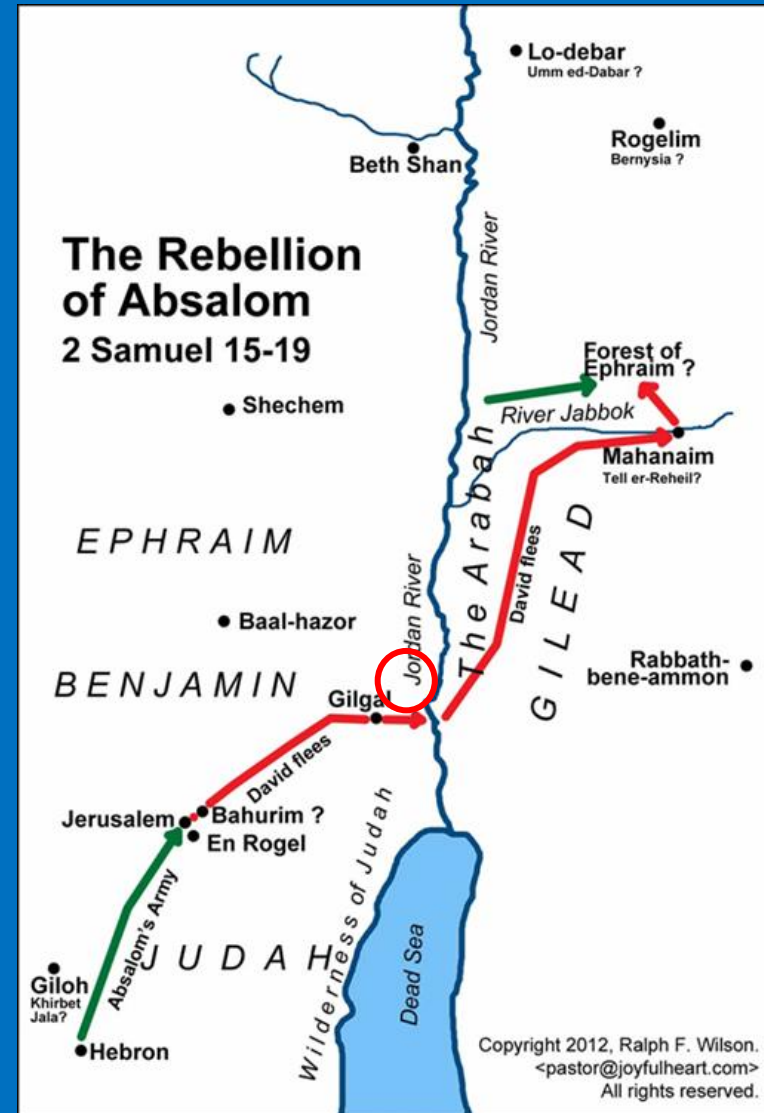


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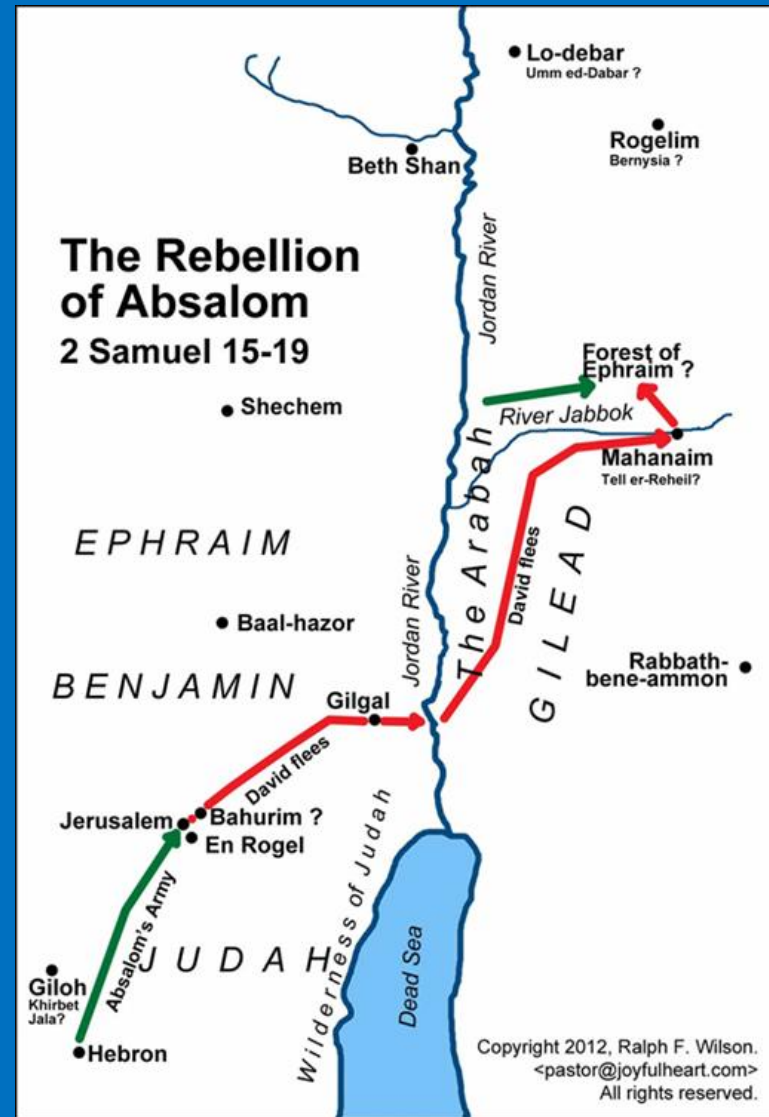
- When David got as far as the Jordan river, the tribes of Judah came to Gilgal and brought him across the Jordan.
- *Gilgal-Rolling (Rolling Away) God had directed David's paths.*
- As David crossed the Jordan, Shimei, the one who had cursed and thrown rocks at David, came and repented. David spared Shimei's life (Ephesians 4:32). []



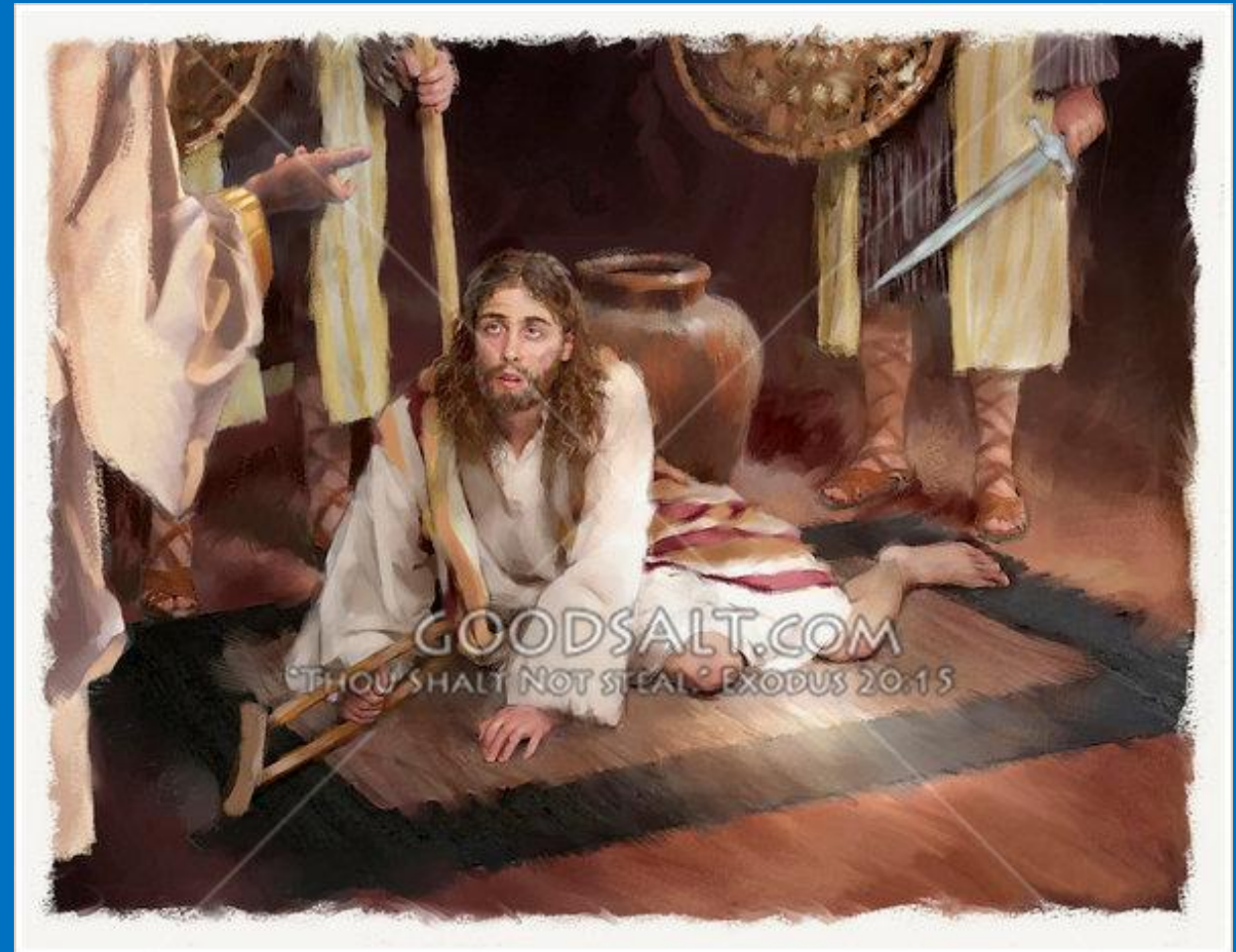
- However, on David's deathbed, he will order the punishment of Shimei (1 Kings 2:8-9, 36-46). []



- Ziba, the servant who betrayed Mephibosheth, also came with his fifteen sons and his twenty servants to meet David at the Jordan.
- Ziba had told David, upon his departure from Jerusalem, that his master Mephibosheth had stayed in Jerusalem hoping to have the kingdom restored to him.



- Ziba lied. Mephibosheth could not go with David due to his handicap.
- Mephibosheth met David (*apparently in Jerusalem vs. 25*). He had not cared for his feet, trimmed his mustache, or washed his clothes, from the day David departed.



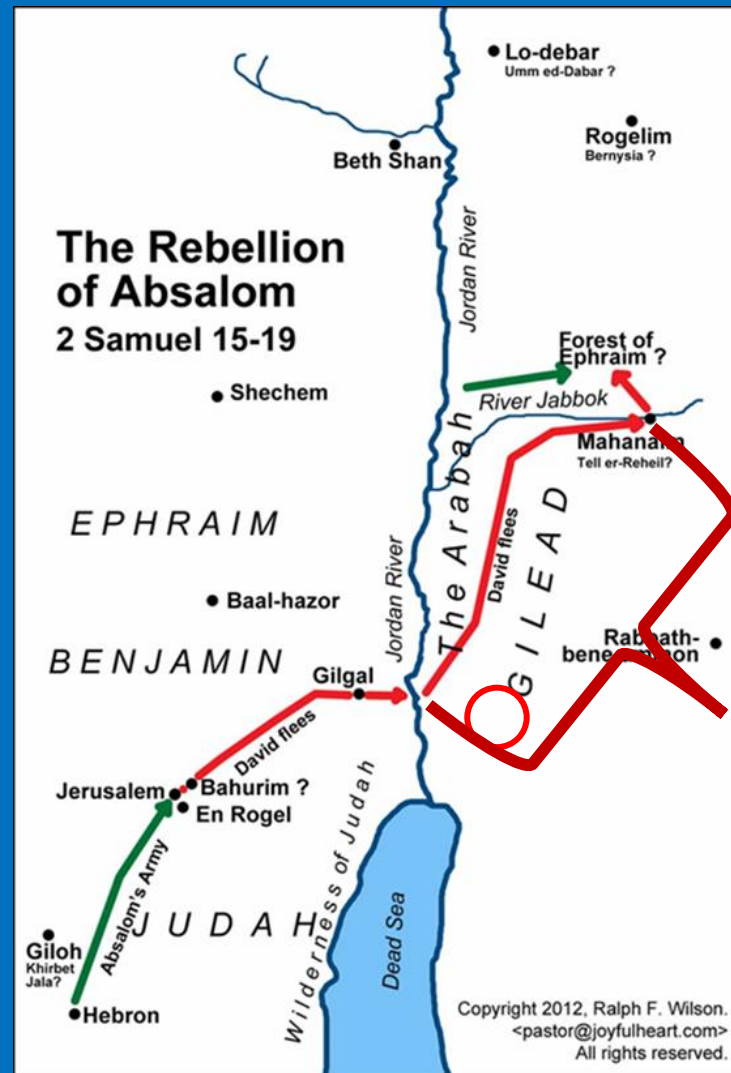
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- David asked Mephibosheth why he did not go with him from Jerusalem. Mephibosheth answered and said Ziba had deceived him.
- David decided Mephibosheth and Ziba would divide the land. Mephibosheth, in his anguish, said for Ziba to take it all.



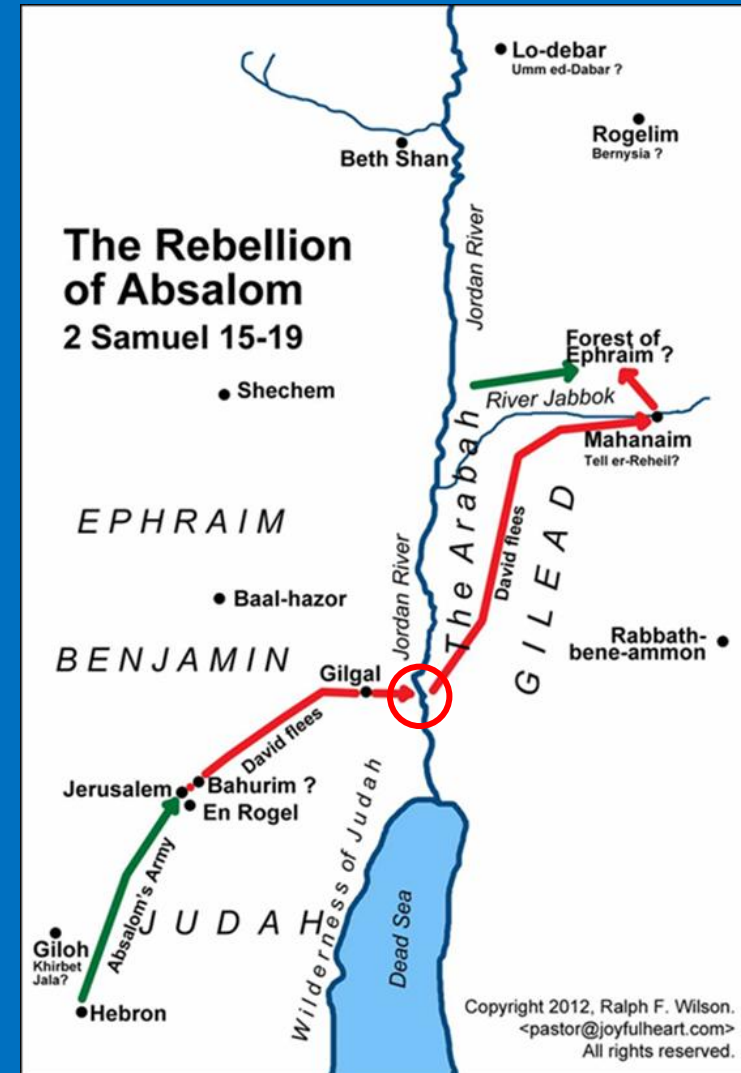
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- Barzillai [bar-zay' lie] came to David. He had gone with David to the Jordan from Mahanaim and brought David and his men food and supplies while they camped in Mahanaim.
- At the age of eighty, Barzillai asked David's permission to live out his years in Mahanaim.



About 45 miles

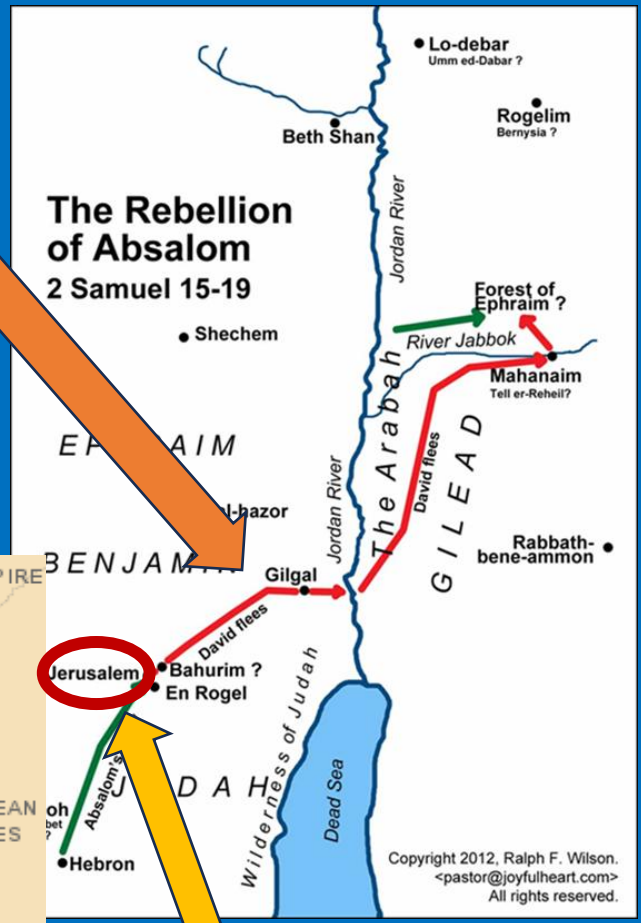
- In his place, Barzillai sent Chimham (perhaps his son or servant) to cross over with David. David promised to take care of Chimham.
- David might have, in respect to Barzillai, given part of his personal estate in Bethlehem to Chimham and his descendants (1st Kings 2:7, Jeremiah 41:17). []



Vs. 40-43: A Revolution Within the Kingdom

- David continued to Jerusalem with the people of Judah and half the people of Israel.

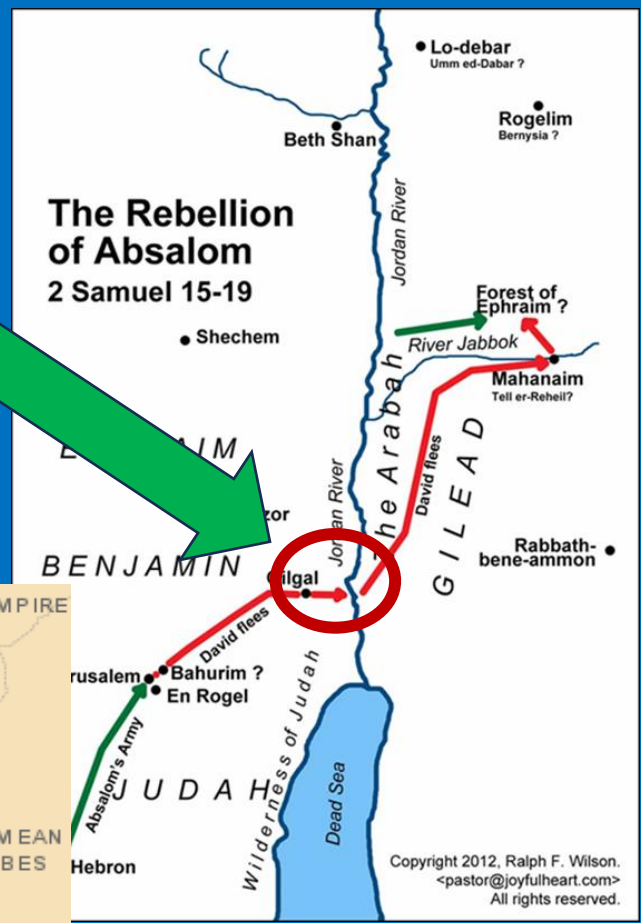
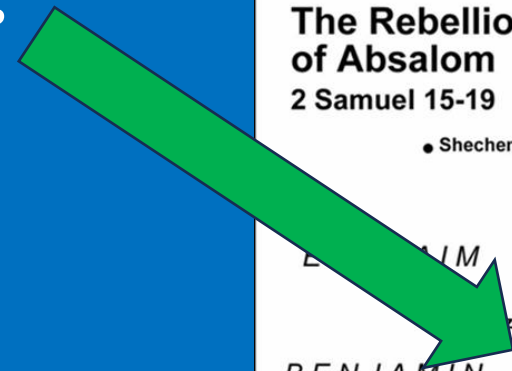
David continues to Jerusalem



Jerusalem

- The men of Israel (the northern tribes) felt angry and hurt with those of Judah for not waiting for them at the Jordan to receive the king. As a result, there arose a harsh feeling between Israel and Judah.

Crossing



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CHAPTER 20: TENSION BETWEEN ISRAEL AND JUDAH

Vs. 1-26: The Makings of a Revolution

- Due to the tension between Israel and Judah, Sheba-a Benjamite-blew a trumpet and announced Israel would withdraw from following David. 2nd Samuel 20:1-2 []



- The men of Judah, however, remained faithful to David.
- David entered Jerusalem, went to his house, took the ten concubines that Absalom defiled and sheltered them as widows. (2nd Samuel 12:11-12) []



- David ordered Amasa, Absalom's chief of the army and now David's chief of the army, to call out the men of Judah and present themselves within three days.
- Amasa did not follow David's orders in time and David replaced him with Abishai, Joab's brother. He told Abishai to pursue Sheba before he escaped.



Gibeon

- Both Joab and Abishai pursued Sheba. When they reached Gibeon, they met Amasa at a large stone. Joab let his sword fall from its sheath.
- Pretending it an accident, he picked up the sword and killed Amasa. Both brothers then went on to pursue Sheba.



Gibeon

- One of Joab's young men pronounced Joab as the commander of David's army and the power transferred back to Joab.
- Joab caught up with Sheba who hid in the city of Abel Beth-maacah [abel-beth-ma-haw].



Abel Beth-maacah

About 100 miles

Gibeon

- Joab's army laid a siege to Abel Beth-maacah and set up a siege ramp against the city.
- A very wise woman yelled to Joab and suggested he make a peaceful solution without destroying the city. Joab told her he wanted Sheba due to his disloyalty to King David.



<https://www.biblewalks.com/AbelBethMaacah/>

- The woman gathered the people of Abel Beth-maacah, killed Sheba, and threw his head over the wall to Joab. Satisfied, Joab returned to Jerusalem.
- Joab commanded David's army.



SUMMARY

Unless something very drastic happens to a person, they tend to stay the same throughout life. Most dramatic changes occur with the help of the Lord. Without the Lord, a person's soul has very little opportunity to change.

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Proverbs 26:3-12 describes the fool: 3 A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the donkey, And a rod for the back of fools. 4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly, or you will also be like him. 5 Answer a fool as his folly deserves, that he not be wise in his own eyes. 6 He cuts off his own feet and drinks violence who sends a message by the hand of a fool.

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7 Like the legs which are useless to the lame, so is a proverb in the mouth of fools. 8 Like one who binds a stone in a sling, so is he who gives honor to a fool. 9 Like a thorn which falls into the hand of a drunkard, so is a proverb in the mouth of fools. 10 Like an archer who wounds everyone, so is he who hires a fool or who hires those who pass by. 11 Like a dog that returns to its vomit is a fool who repeats his folly. 12 Do you see a man wise in his own eyes? There is more hope for a fool than for him.

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2nd Samuel portrays many accounts of the fool. Without God's guidance a person has little chance in becoming all that God intended. God will make the paths straight for one who seeks His guidance.

End---

1st Kings 2:8-9, 36-37

8 Behold, there is with you Shimei the son of Gera the Benjamite, of Bahurim; now it was he who cursed me with a violent curse on the day I went to Mahanaim. But when he came down to me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD, saying, 'I will not put you to death with the sword.' 9 Now therefore, do not let him go unpunished, for you are a wise man; and you will know what you ought to do to him, and you will bring his gray hair down to Sheol with blood."

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36 Now the king [Solomon] sent and called for Shimei and said to him, "Build for yourself a house in Jerusalem and live there, and do not go out from there to any place. 37 For on the day you go out and cross over the brook Kidron, you will know for certain that you shall surely die; [*comopare this phrase with Genesis 2:16-17*) [] your blood shall be on your own head."

[Next---]

39 But it came about at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away to Achish son of Maacah, king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying, "Behold, your servants are in Gath." 40 Then Shimei arose and saddled his donkey, and went to Gath to Achish to look for his servants. And Shimei went and brought his servants from Gath.

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41 It was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had returned. 46 So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and he went out and fell upon him so that he died. Thus the kingdom was established in the hands of Solomon. []

1st Kings 2:7

7 But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be among those who eat at your table; for they assisted me when I fled from Absalom your brother.

Jeremiah 41:17

17 And they went and stayed in Geruth Chimham, which is beside Bethlehem, in order to proceed into Egypt... []

Proverbs 3:6

6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

Romans 2:14-16

14 For when Gentiles who do not have the Law do instinctively the things of the Law, these, not having the Law, are a law to themselves, 15in that they show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending them, []

2nd Samuel 19:1-4

1 Then it was told Joab, “Behold, the king is weeping and mourns for Absalom.” 2 The victory that day was turned to mourning for all the people, for the people heard it said that day, “The king is grieved for his son.” 3 So the people went by stealth into the city that day, as people who are humiliated steal away when they flee in battle. 4 The king covered his face and cried out with a loud voice, “O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!” []

Psalm 51:17

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;

A broken and a contrite [remorse] heart, O God, You will not despise. []

Deuteronomy 34:8;

8 So the sons of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses came to an end.

Joshua 1:1-2

1 Now it came about after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' servant, saying, 2 "Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. []

Romans 12:20

20 “But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” []

Ephesians 4:32

32 Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. []

Genesis 2:16-17

16 The Lord God commanded the man, saying, “From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; 17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”

[]

2nd Samuel 20:1-2

1 Now a worthless fellow happened to be there whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri [Bick-rye], a Benjamite; and he blew the trumpet and said, “We have no portion in David, Nor do we have inheritance in the son of Jesse; Every man to his tents, O Israel!” (Romans 1:32) []

Romans 1:32

32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them. []

Lost: Treasured Wedding Ring

Amy Harris saw in the shallow water along the bank of Redfish Lake in Idaho wasn't a bolt, as she suspected—it was a gold wedding band. She posted her find on Craigslist, but when no one had claimed the ring four months later, she all but gave up finding the owner.

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Found: As a last-ditch effort, Harris's husband Jody called his old friend, Richard Black, a jeweler in the next town, for advice on what to do with the ring. Black asked, "Did you find it in Redfish Lake?" The surprised couple found out that Alair and Dana Schroeder had recently stopped by Black's shop—to buy a replacement for the ring Alair lost that summer at the lake. The same ring! Harris dropped off the band at Black's shop, and, by Thanksgiving, Alair had her ring back. []



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2nd Samuel 12:11-12

11 Thus says the Lord, ‘Behold, I will raise up evil against you from your own household; I will even take your wives before your eyes and give them to your companion, and he will lie with your wives in broad daylight. 12 Indeed you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and under the sun.’ ” []