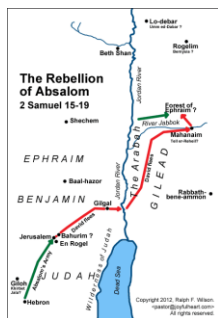


Chapter 18 – Extremely SAD and COMPLEX Chapter > CIVIL WAR

LEADERS of 2 Sides > FATHER and SON – TRUE King / REBEL King

Chapter ENDS > ABSALOM SLAIN – DAVID SOBBING

LIFE GOES ON... NATIONS Need DIRECTION > LEADERSHIP



10 TRIBES put HOPES in YOUNG KING ABSALOM > at a LOSS

2 TRIBES – Judah & Benjamin / DAVID'S People also NOT SURE

David's EXCESSIVE MOURNING for Absalom – Will PEOPLE Follow him?

1. Kingdom with CRACKED FOUNDATION
2. King with COMPROMISED FAITH

2 Samuel 19.8-43

Now Israel had fled every man to his own home. 9 And all the people were arguing throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "The king delivered us from the hand of our enemies and saved us from the hand of the Philistines, and now he has fled out of the land from Absalom. 10 But Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why do you say nothing about bringing the king back?" 11 And King David sent this message to Zadok and Abiathar the priests: "Say to the elders of Judah, 'Why should you be the last to bring the king back to his house, when the word of all Israel has come to the king? 12 You are my brothers; you are my bone and my flesh. Why then should you be the last to bring back the king?' 13 And say to Amasa, 'Are you not my bone and my flesh? God do so to me and more also, if you are not commander of my army from now on in place of Joab.'" 14 And he swayed the heart of all the men of Judah as one man, so that they sent word to the king, "Return, both you and all your servants."

15 So the king came back to the Jordan, and Judah came to Gilgal to meet the king and to bring the king over the Jordan. 16 And Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, from Bahurim, hurried to come down with the men of Judah to meet King David. 17 And with him were a thousand men from Benjamin. And Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, with his fifteen sons and his twenty servants, rushed down to the Jordan before the king, 18 and they crossed the ford to bring over the king's household and to do his pleasure. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was about to cross the Jordan, 19 and said to the king, "Let not my lord hold me guilty or remember how your servant did wrong on the day my lord the king left Jerusalem. Do not let the king take it to heart. 20 For your servant knows that I have sinned. Therefore, behold, I have come this day, the first of all the house of Joseph to come down to meet my lord the king." 21 Abishai the son of Zeruah answered, "Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD's anointed?" 22 But David said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruah, that you should this day be as an adversary to me? Shall anyone be put to death in Israel this day? For do I not know that I am this day king over Israel?" 23 And the king said to Shimei, "You shall not die." And the king gave him his oath. 24 And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king. He had neither taken care of his feet nor trimmed his beard nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came back in safety. 25 And when he came to Jerusalem to meet the king, the king said to him, "Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?" 26 He answered, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me, for your servant said to him, 'I will saddle a donkey for myself, that I may ride on it and go with the king.' For your servant is lame. 27 He has slandered your servant to my lord the king. But my lord the king is like the angel of God; do therefore what seems good to you. 28 For all my father's house were but men doomed to death before my lord the king, but you set your servant among those who eat at your table. What further right have I, then, to cry to the king?" 29 And the king said to him, "Why speak any more of your affairs? I have decided: you and Ziba shall divide the land." 30 And Mephibosheth said to the king, "Oh, let him take it all, since my lord the king has come safely home." 31 Now Barzillai the Gileadite had come down from Rogelim, and he went on with the king to the Jordan, to escort him over the Jordan. 32 Barzillai was a very aged man, eighty years old. He had

provided the king with food while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very wealthy man. 33 And the king said to Barzillai, “Come over with me, and I will provide for you with me in Jerusalem.” 34 But Barzillai said to the king, “How many years have I still to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem? 35 I am this day eighty years old. Can I discern what is pleasant and what is not? Can your servant taste what he eats or what he drinks? Can I still listen to the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king? 36 Your servant will go a little way over the Jordan with the king. Why should the king repay me with such a reward? 37 Please let your servant return, that I may die in my own city near the grave of my father and my mother. But here is your servant Chimham. Let him go over with my lord the king, and do for him whatever seems good to you.” 38 And the king answered, “Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do for him whatever seems good to you, and all that you desire of me I will do for you.” 39 Then all the people went over the Jordan, and the king went over. And the king kissed Barzillai and blessed him, and he returned to his own home. 40 The king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him. All the people of Judah, and also half the people of Israel, brought the king on his way. 41 Then all the men of Israel came to the king and said to the king, “Why have our brothers the men of Judah stolen you away and brought the king and his household over the Jordan, and all David's men with him?” 42 All the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, “Because the king is our close relative. Why then are you angry over this matter? Have we eaten at all at the king's expense? Or has he given us any gift?” 43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, “We have ten shares in the king, and in David also we have more than you. Why then did you despise us? Were we not the first to speak of bringing back our king?” But the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

1. Kingdom with **CRACKED FOUNDATION**

Civil War is OVER on OUTSIDE – WEAPONS Silent / Alive on INSIDE

USA – POLARIZED Nation / Red & Blue / PARALYZED by DIVISION

TIME GAP between vs. 8 / 9 – Not sure how LONG Leadership VACUUM

12 Tribes lined up BEHIND – Father and Son – Now SON DEAD

Theocratic Monarchy > CONSTITUTIONAL – LAW OF GOD

HUMAN King did NOT HAVE ABSOLUTE POWER > UNDER GOD

PEOPLE of GOD had VOICE and VOTE > Would they SUPPORT this King?

Support DAVID > By DEFAULT – Not be DELIGHT

Absalom used to rise early and stand beside the way of the gate. And when any man had a dispute to come before the king for judgment, Absalom would call to him and say, “From what city are you?” And when he said, “Your servant is of such and such a tribe in Israel,” Absalom would say to him, “See, your claims are good and right, but there is no man designated by the king to hear you.” Then Absalom would say, “Oh that I were judge in the land! Then every man with a dispute or cause might come to me, and I would give him justice.” And whenever a man came near to pay homage to him, he would put out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him. Thus Absalom did to all of Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. 2 Samuel 15.2-6

Ahithophel said to Absalom, “Let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight. 2 Samuel 17.1

GOD SPARED David – Did NOT Listen – If HAD, David Dead, Absalom Alive

Reading BEGINS / ENDS with DISPUTE between 10 Tribes and 2 Tribes

David sends MESSAGE to Judah thru PRIESTS

Vs. 11,12 King David sent this message to Zadok and Abiathar the priests: “Say to the elders of Judah, ‘Why should you be the last to bring the king back to his house, when the word of all Israel has come to the king? You are my brothers; you are my bone and my flesh. Why then should you be the last to bring back the king?’

BOLD Move > REBELLION BEGAN in Judah – David’s Advisors DEFECTED

POLITICS >> Ahithophel and Amasa from JUDAH had BETRAYED David

Vs. 14,15 And he swayed the heart of all the men of Judah as one man, so that they sent word to the king, "Return, both you and all your servants." So the king came back to the Jordan, and Judah came to Gilgal to meet the king and to bring the king over the Jordan.

GILGAL where JOSHUA/ People Camped when ENTERED Promised LAND
SAMUEL'S Time > RENEWAL of Covenant of Nation of ISRAEL

RESTORING KING > THEOLOGICAL Foundation – RIGHT with GOD

Acknowledge > UNITY and BLESSING Come ONLY from GOD

v. 40 The king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him. All the people of Judah, and also half the people of Israel, brought the king on his way.

NATIONAL Unity NOT by BALLOT or BULLET but BLESSING from God

Vs. 41-43 Then all the men of Israel came to the king and said to the king, "Why have our brothers the men of Judah stolen you away and brought the king and his household over the Jordan, and all David's men with him?" All the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because the king is our close relative. Why then are you angry over this matter? Have we eaten at all at the king's expense? Or has he given us any gift?" And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, "We have ten shares in the king, and in David also we have more than you. Why then did you despise us? Were we not the first to speak of bringing back our king?..."

HAPPY JOY of GILGAL was SHORT LIVED > 10 Tribes ARRIVE...

FEEL LEFT OUT – Absalom DEAD now JUDAH has INSIDE Track to Throne

NATIONAL Treasury – Economic Miracle > MIGHT NOT Impact US!

Vs. 43 But the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

NOT True COALITION – Not CEMENTED > CRACKED FOUNDATION

Beginning of Reign of David's Son > 2 Kingdoms FOREVER TORN APART

2. King with COMPROMISED FAITH

INTERACTION Between DAVID and 4 People....

a. JOAB – PUBLIC Rejection of PATRIOT

v. 13 And say to Amasa, ‘Are you not my bone and my flesh? God do so to me and more also, if you are not commander of my army from now on in place of Joab.’”

JOAB SAVED David’s LIFE – he WON the Battle – SAVED the Kingdom

SNUBBED > FIRED and hears about it from OTHERS – NO RESPECT

AMASA – COMMAND of ABSALOM’s Army – Commander of NORTH

Political EXPEDIENCY > Show that David does NOT FAVOR the South

Next Chapter > JOAB Vindicates HIMSELF > MURDERS Amasa

b. MEPHIBOSHETH – Grandson of FORMER REGIME

When DAVID fled LAME Mephib. Could NOT FOLLOW

Servant LIED > DECEIVED David, BETRAYED his MASTER

PROOF that David could SEE and SMELL > Hair, Beard, Nails, Dirt, Smell

DAVID NOT OMNISCIENT > Cannot tell WHO is TELLING Truth

Son SOLOMON will be Stumped by 2 Mothers – 1 Baby Died > Cut in Half!

Maybe LEARNED from David > DIVIDED land btwn Mephib and ZIBA

Vs. 27,30 my lord the king is like the angel of God; do therefore what seems good to you...Mephibosheth said to the king, “Oh, let him take it all, since my lord the king has come safely home.”

GREATER DAVID – EYES LIKE BLAZING FIRE – See ALL Things

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4.12

c. Barzillai the Aged Donor

v. 32 Barzillai was a very aged man, eighty years old. He had provided the king with food while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very wealthy man.

OLD MAN – No Taste, No Sight, No Hearing > Stay HOME and DIE

Not Ride Horse – Lift Spear or Sword in David’s ARMY

But DID WHAT He could for David’s KINGDOM CAUSE > Supporter

SACRIFICED for David’s LIFE AND VICTORY > Gave What Could

v. 39 Then all the people went over the Jordan, and the king went over. And the king kissed Barzillai and blessed him, and he returned to his own home.

KING SEES what you DO in SECRET > You ADVANCE Kingdom

YOU will be FOREVER REWARDED by DAVID’S LORD, Jesus Christ

The righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

Matthew 25.37-39

d. SHIMEI the SNAKE

When King David came to Bahurim, there came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera, and as he came he cursed continually. And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David, and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. And Shimei said as he cursed, “Get out, get out, you man of blood, you worthless man! The LORD has avenged on you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned, and the LORD has given the kingdom into the hand of your son Absalom. See, your evil is on you, for you are a man of blood.”

1 Samuel 16.5-8

Vs. 16-20 And Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, from Bahurim, hurried to come down with the men of Judah to meet King David. And with him were a thousand men from Benjamin... Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was about to cross the Jordan, and said to the king, “Let not my lord hold me guilty or remember how your servant did wrong on the day my lord the king left Jerusalem. Do not let the king take it to heart. For your servant knows that I have sinned...”

ABISHAI wants to KILL him > Same as in Chapter 16....

Perfect WORDS AND ACTS of REMORSE and REPENTANCE

AND 1000 Men who COULD Join David’s SIDE > POWER BROKER

David FORGIVES > At least OUTWARDLY – No BLOOD SHED Today

David’s Last Words to Solomon: “...there is also with you Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite from Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse on the day when I went to Mahanaim. But when he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD, saying, ‘I will not put you to death with the sword.’ Now therefore do not hold him guiltless, for you are a wise man. You will know what you ought to do to him, and you shall bring his gray head down with blood to Sheol.”
1 Kings 2.8,9

Next Verse 1 Kings 2.10: David slept with his fathers and was buried

FINAL Words of David Recorded in 1 Kings > BITTER REVENGE

BIBLE NOT DAVID PRAISING Book > Jesus PRAISING Book

DAVID is ACLAIMED When he is LIKE Jesus > David is NOT Jesus!

ANOTHER SCORNED King RESTORED to THRONE by Resurrection

PARDONS Repentant SINNERS – Guilty, Undeserving, Shamed...

Saul of Tarsus > ANANIAS “Lord, do you know what this guy has done??”

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. Romans 5.7-11

IF you are Christian TONIGHT > NOT Your EFFORTS, No Thanks to YOU!

You were CLEVER Enough to RECEIVE Amazing GIFT of Forgiveness

PURE HEART of Mercy in GOD KING > God LOVES and Forgives

PERFECT JUSTICE > God is RIGHTEOUS KING > Son Paid PENALTY!

Thru Jesus Christ > RECEIVED Reconciliation – PEACE with GOD!

Jesus comes CONQUERING KING, KINGDOM with SOLID FOUNDATION

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire. Hebrews 12.28,29

No GUILT like David – No SHAME – No Sin – No IGNORANCE

Fully God – Fully MAN with NO SIN – HOLY, WISE, MERCIFUL, WORTHY

ONLY TRUE RESPONSE > WORSHIP HIM!

Mephibosheth DELIGHTED in Return of King // Shimei DREADED

Which One are You???....

And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. Daniel 12.2,3