



2 Samuel

17:24 - 18:33

David flees Jerusalem

“David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, ‘Arise and let us flee, for otherwise none of us will escape from Absalom. Go in haste, or he will overtake us quickly and bring down calamity on us and strike the city with the edge of the sword.’”

2 Samuel 15:14

David Flees Jerusalem With His People

“Arise and let us flee, otherwise none of us will escape from Absalom.”

2 Sam. 15:14



Ahithophel

Surprise attack

Trained army

Ahithophel leads

Kill David

Hushai

Wait to attack

Large untrained army

Absalom leads

Kill David and his men

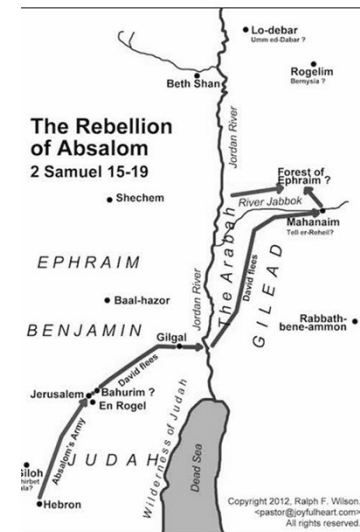
David Warned to Cross the Jordan—He Heads to Mahanaim

“...do not spend the night at the fords of the wilderness, but by all means cross over or else the king and all who are with him will be destroyed...”

2 Sam. 17: 16

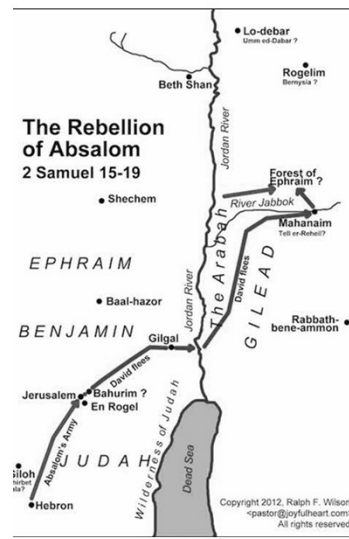
“Then David Came to Mahanaim...”

2 Samuel 17:24



Mahanaim

- East of the Jordan River.
- Remote
- Fortified.
- Capital City.
- Levitical city.
- Economically strong.
- Good relationship.



The Kindness of David

2 Sam. 3:32—“Thus they buried Abner in Hebron; and the King lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner, and all the people wept.” **Vs. 36**—“Now all the people took note of it, and it pleased them, just as everything the king did pleased all the people.”

2 Sam. 4:12—“So David gave an order to his men, and they killed them...But they took the head of Ishbosheth and buried it in Abners tomb at Hebron.”

2 Sam. 9:7—“Do not fear, for I will surely show kindness to you (Mephibosheth) for the sake of your father, Jonathon, and will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul; and you shall eat at my table regularly.”

**“I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I
was a stranger and you welcomed
me.”**

—Matthew 25:35

The Spirit of kindness is:

- Spontaneous—Their hearts went out to David.
- Practical—They gave needful items.
- Timely—Their gifts came at just the right time.
- Discriminating—Good judgment in what they brought.
- Generous—They gave liberally.
- Courageous—Identified with David's cause.

2 Sam. 17:27-29

Generosity

“You shall generously give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all your undertakings...therefore I command you saying, ‘You shall freely open your hand to your brother, to your needy and poor in your land.’”

Deut. 15:10-11

Why Three Forces?

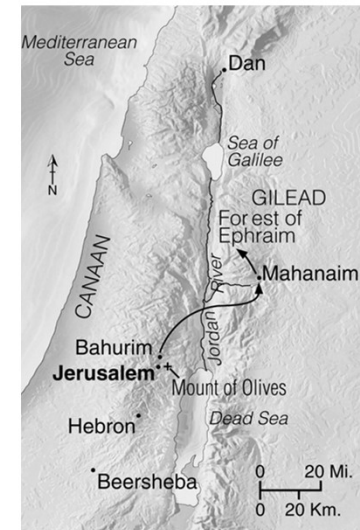
- More choices.
- Can work simultaneously with other two.
- Help a force that's defeated.
- Attack from three sides.
- Prevents a larger army from annihilating one small force.

2 Samuel 18: 2

Forest of Ephraim

2 Samuel 18:6-8

The battle took place in the forest of Ephraim in the land of Gilead.



The Terebinth Tree

2 Samuel 18:9



The Great Oak

2 Samuel 18:9

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“...Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. And his head caught fast in the oak, so he was left hanging between heaven and earth; and the mule that was under him went away.”



Cursed of God

- “...for he who is hanged (on a tree) is accursed of God...” Deut. 21:23
- “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, ‘cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.’ Gal. 3:13



Joab Thrusts Three Spears Into Absalom

2 Samuel 18:14

A Rebellious Son

“Then all the men of the city shall stone him to death; so you shall remove the evil from your midst, and all Israel will hear of it and fear.”

Deut. 21:21

“The monument Absalom builds is meant to commemorate his fame, but is eclipsed by one that perpetuates his infamy.”

–Dale R. Davis

Lessons

- God always brings special people in our life at the time of our greatest need.
- Be kind to others. “You can not do kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late.” R. W. Emerson
- A Spirit-filled heart is a teachable heart.
- There are no accidents in the great scheme of things.
- Parents make peace with your children, and children make peace with your parents before it's too late.