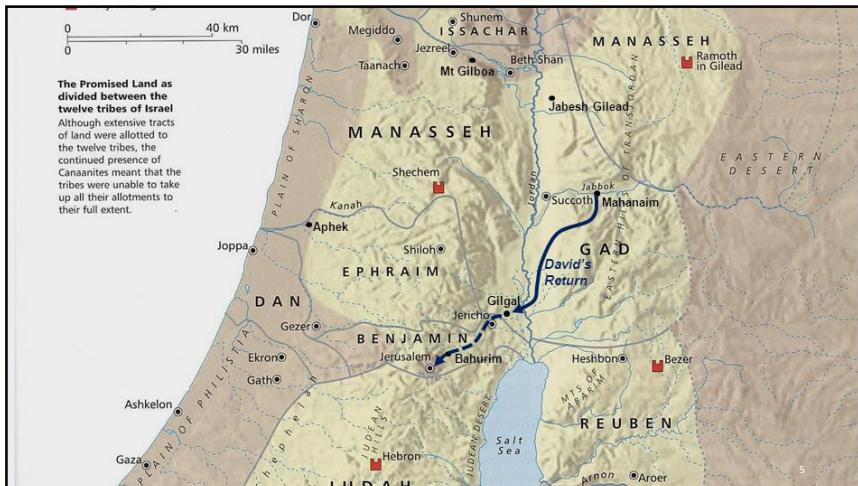




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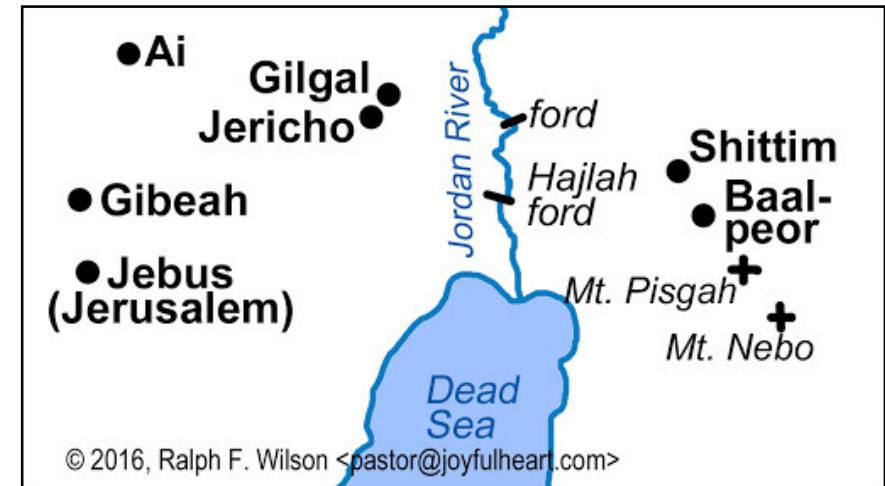
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Divisions forming in chapter 19:

- 19:8-9 "...Now Israel had fled, each to his tent. **All the people were quarreling throughout all the tribes of Israel....**"
- 19:15 "...**And Judah came to Gilgal in order to meet the king, to bring the king across the Jordan.**"
- 19:16-17 **Shimei "hurried and came down...to meet King David. There were a thousand men of Benjamin with him..."**
- 19:17 **Ziba with his 15 sons and 20 servants "rushed to the Jordan before the king."**
- 19:18 "Then they **kept crossing the ford to bring over the king's household...**"

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The “battle-cry” of the 10 northern tribes:

“We have no portion in David, Nor do we have inheritance in the son of Jesse; Every man to his tents, O Israel” II Sam 20:1

“What portion do we have in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse; To your tents, O Israel! Now look after your own house, David!” I Kings 12:16

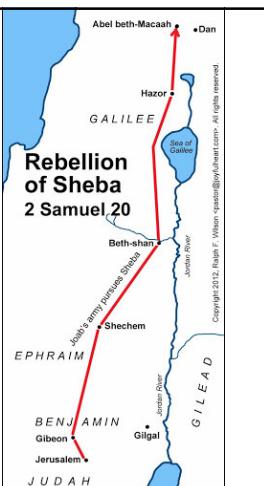
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Why didn't David take them back as his wives?

1. They would have been a reminder of Absalom's rebellion.
2. They are treated as if widows of dead Absalom. 20:3 “living as widows”
3. Their care is like Absalom's care for Tamar. 13:20
4. To do so would violate OT laws against incest. Lev 18:15
5. To do so would profane the Lord's holy name. Amos 2:7

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Sheba's path of rebellion:

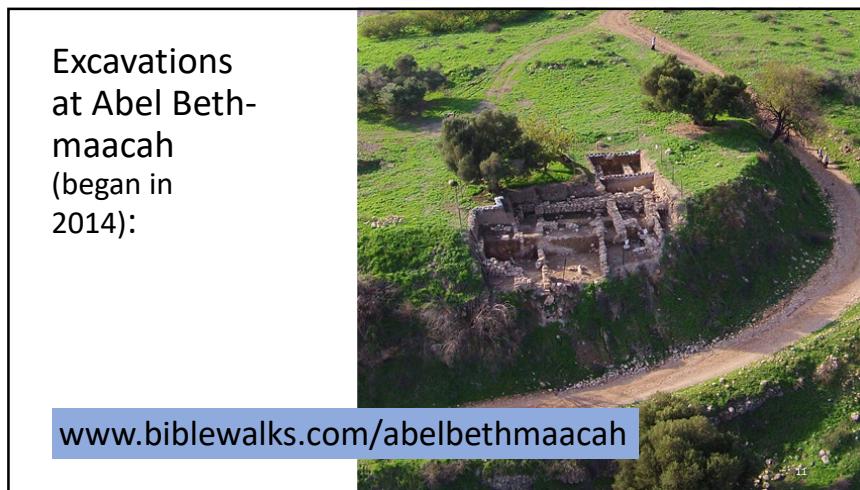


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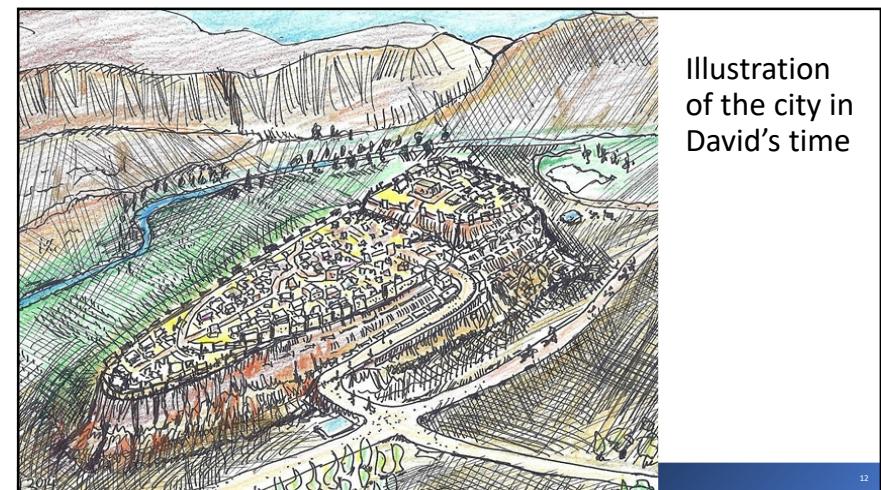
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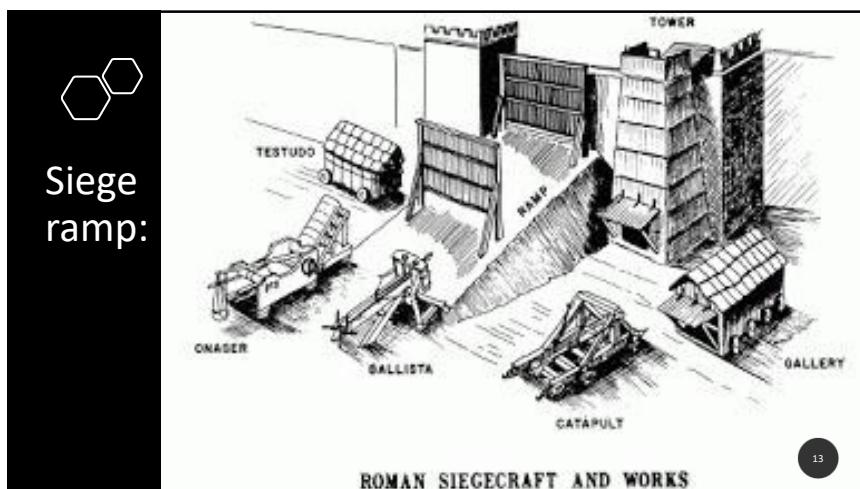
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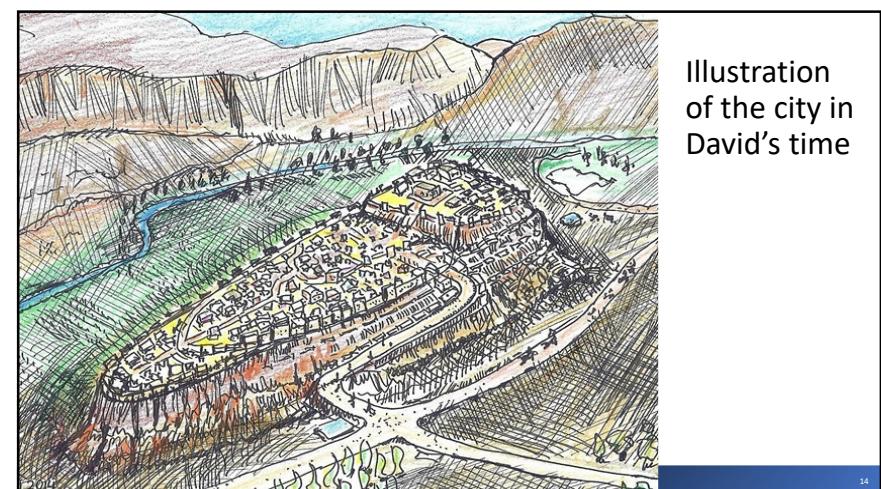
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“...if you listen obediently to my commandments...that **He will give the rain** for your land in it is season....Beware that your hearts are not deceived, and that you do not turn away....or the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and **He will shut up the heavens so that there will be no rain....**”

Deut 11:13-17

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“The LORD will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to **give rain to your land in its season....**But is shall come about, if you do not obey the LORD your God....The heaven which is over your head shall be bronze, and the earth under you, iron. **The LORD will make the rain of your land powder and dust....**”

Deut 28:12,15, 23-24

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Lessons from II Samuel 20 & 21:

1. Be careful of the pettiness that can result in hurt, bitterness, and divisiveness. II Sam 19:41-20:2
2. Sheba: don't be a worthless rabble rouser! II Sam 20:1-2
3. Joab and Amasa: Beware of getting involved in power plays and jealousy. II Sam 20:7-11
4. A wise woman can make a BIG difference. II Sam 20:16-22
5. When trouble comes, seek the LORD! (but don't wait 3 years) II Sam 21:1
6. Gibeonites: Keep your promises, even if it hurts. Ps 15:4

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