

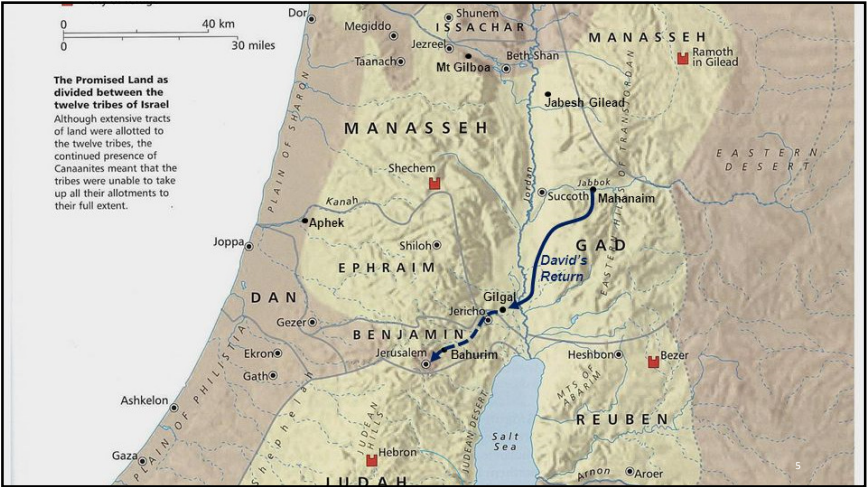


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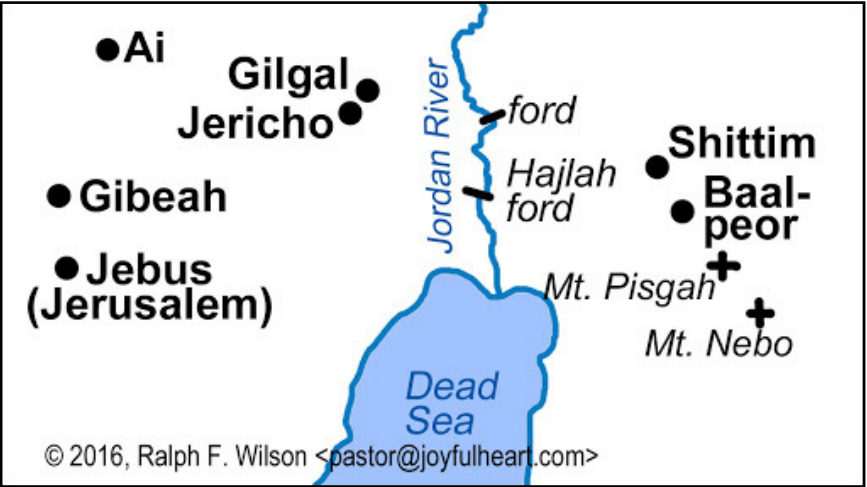
Divisions forming in chapter 19:

- 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

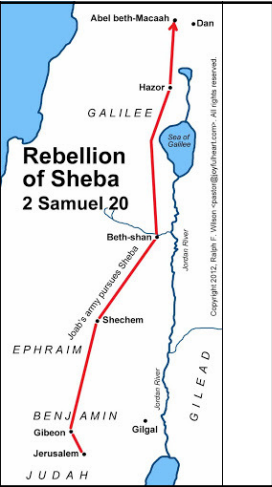
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Why didn't David take them back as his wives?

- 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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Excavations at Abel Beth-macah (began in 2014):



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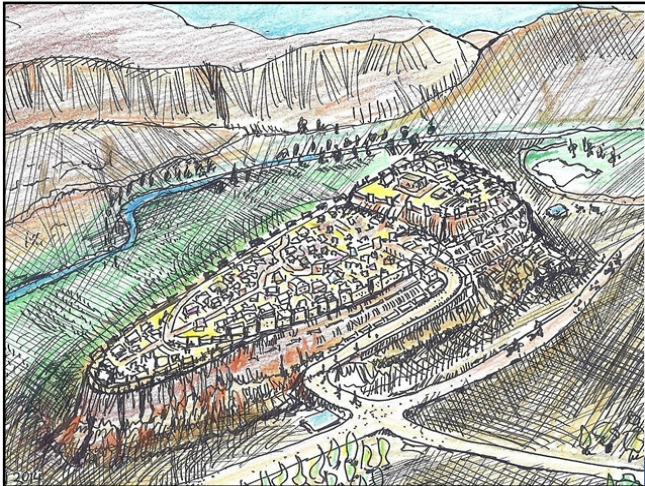


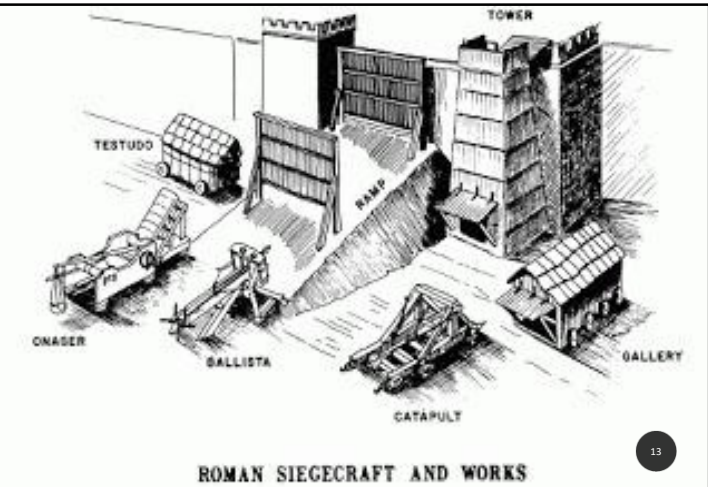
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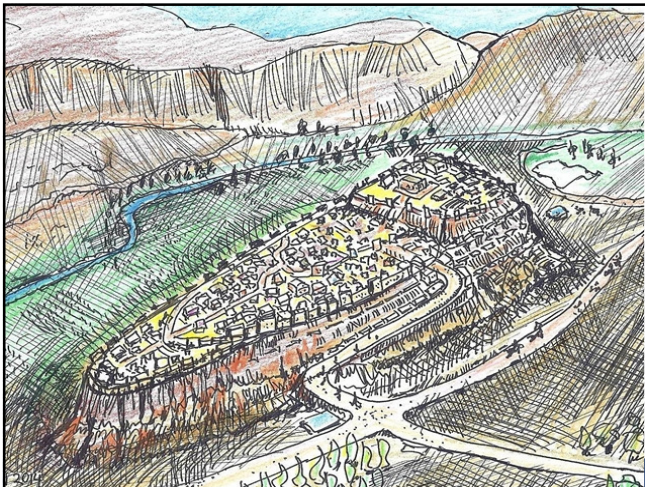


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“...if you listen obediently to my commandments...that **He will give the rain** for your land in its season....Beware that your hearts are not deceived, and that you do not turn away....or the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and **He 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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