



The Life of David

2 Samuel 19:1-23

Joab's Rebuke and David's Mercy



...his righteousness, and shall
a people that shall be born, that
he hath done *this*.

PSALM 23
A Psalm of David.

THE LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures: he leadeth
me beside the still waters.
3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.



Joab's rebuke of David (vv1-8a)

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2 Samuel 18:5 ⁵The king charged Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “*Deal* gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king charged all the commanders concerning Absalom.

2 Samuel 18:14 ¹⁴Then Joab said, “I will not waste time here with you.” So he took three spears in his hand and thrust them through the heart of Absalom while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak.

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- Joab rebukes David for mourning for his enemy (vv5-6)
- Joab challenges David to go to the gate among the people (vv7-8a)

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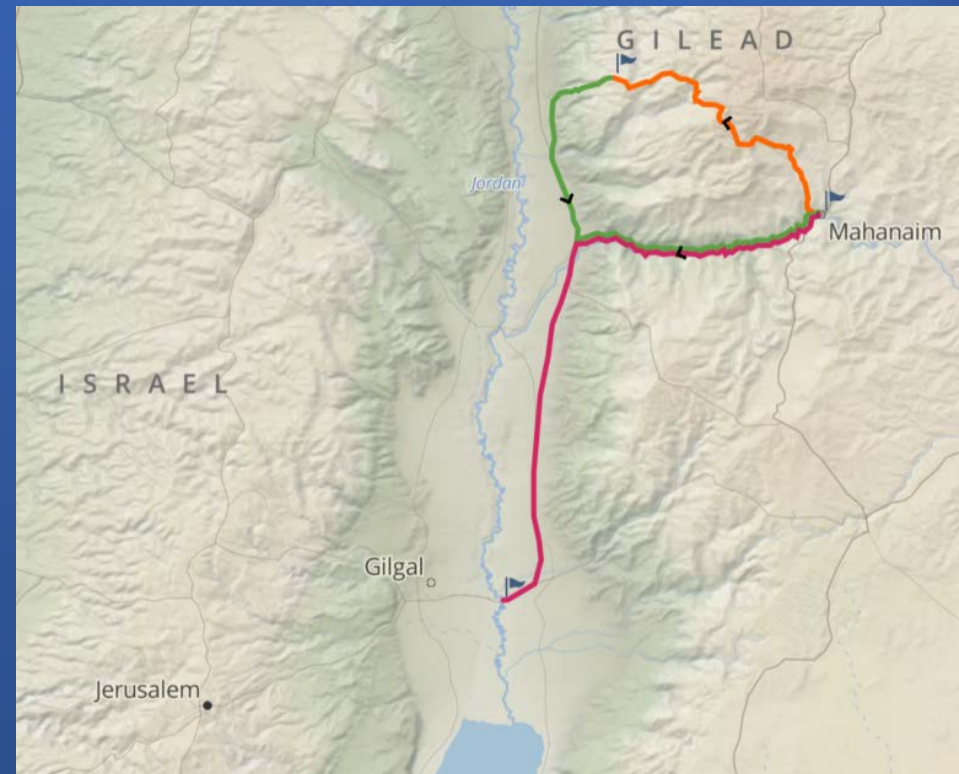
2 Samuel 15:29²⁹Therefore Zadok and Abiathar returned the ark of God to Jerusalem and remained there.

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 - Tactic #2** – Invite Amasa (Absalom's commander) to replace Joab as the commander of his army (v13)
 - The hearts of Judah are turned back and they ask David to return as king (v14)

The initial reception of David (vv15-18a)

- David begins the return trip back to Jerusalem (v15a)
- Many go out to meet David to help him cross the Jordan (vv15b-18a)
 - People of Judah (v15b)
 - Shimei (v16)
 - Thousand men of Benjamin (v17a)
 - Ziba, along with his 15 sons and 20 servants (v17b)



David's mercy to Shimei (vv18b-23)

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1 Samuel 26:8⁸Then Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hand; now therefore, please let me strike him with the spear to the ground with one stroke, and I will not strike him the second time."

2 Samuel 16:9⁹Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, "Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Let me go over now and cut off his head."

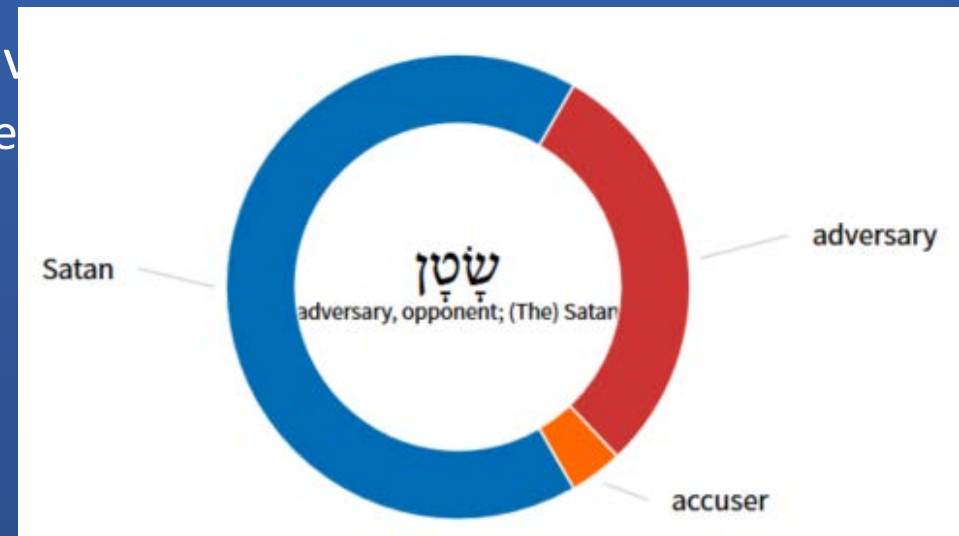
Exodus 22:28²⁸"You shall not curse God, nor curse a ruler of your people."

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 - He makes an oath to Shimei that he will not kill him (v23)

From Psalm 37 Last Week

Characteristics of the righteous

- Waits for the Lord (v9)
- Is humble (v11)
- Is upright in conduct (v14,37)
- Is gracious (v21,26)
- Gives and lends to others (v21,26)
- Has descendants who are a blessing (v26)
- Utters wisdom (v30)
- Speaks justice (v30)
- Has the law of God in his heart (v31)
- Doesn't slip in his steps (v31)
- Is blameless (v37)
- Is peaceful (v37)
- Takes refuge in God (v40)

Fate of the righteous

- Will delight themselves in abundant peace and satisfaction (v4)
- Will receive the promised inheritance that lasts forever (v9,11,18,22,27,29,34)
- Will not be ashamed in the time of evil (v19)
- Will have abundance in time of famine (v19)
- Will not utterly fall when he stumbles (v24)
- Will never be forsaken or abandoned (v25)
- Will not beg for bread (v25)
- Will be preserved forever (v28)
- Will witness the demise of the wicked (v34)
- Will have a future (v37)

Topic Layers of Psalm 37

God's responses to the righteous

- Will give him the desires of his heart (v4,5)
- Will bring about his vindication and honor (v6)
- Sustains him (v17)
- Watches over his days (v18)
- Will bless him (v22)
- Establishes his steps (v23)
- Delights in his way (v23)
- Holds his hand when he stumbles (v24)
- Does not forsake him (v28)
- Will not leave him in the hand of the wicked (v33)
- Will not let him be condemned when judged (v33)
- Will exalt him (v34)
- Provides his salvation (v39,40)
- Is his strength in time of trouble (v39)
- Helps and delivers him (v40)

God's commands to the righteous

Attitudes toward the wicked

- Don't fret because of them (v1,7,8)
- Don't be envious toward them (v1)
- Do good (v3,27)
- Cease from anger (v8)
- Forsake wrath (v8)
- Depart from evil (v27)

Attitudes toward God

- Trust Him (v3,5)
- Enjoy His covenant blessings and inheritance (v3)
- Feed on His faithfulness (v3)
- Delight yourself in Him (v4)
- Commit your way to Him (v5)
- Rest in Him (v7)
- Wait patiently for Him (v7,9,34)
- Keep His way (v34)

Closing Thoughts

- God, according to His sovereign plans, brought David back as king of all Israel
- These difficulties in David's life were God's punishment for David's sin
- David provides a great illustration here of godly attitudes and actions toward the wicked
- How about you? Respond in godly ways toward the wicked