

The Return of the King

2 Samuel 19

Then the king returned and came to the Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to escort the king across the Jordan.

2 Samuel 19:15



Life of David Outline

David's Rise and King Saul's Demise	1 Sam. 16 - 2 Sam. 1
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2 Samuel 7:16

THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

“Your house and your
kingdom shall endure before
Me forever; your throne
shall be established
forever.”

Assessing the Cost

2 Samuel 18:33

1. David wept at the cost of the death of his son Absalom

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The king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And thus he said as he walked, “**O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!**”

2. To be continued - Chapter 19

2 Samuel 19:4

The king covered his face and cried out with a loud voice, “**O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!**”

Theme Statement

When all seems lost, it is the LORD God who causes all things to work together for our good and for His purposes.

2 Samuel 17:14

Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said,
“The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better
than the counsel of Ahithophel.”

For the **Lord had ordained**
to thwart the good counsel of Ahithophel,
so that **the Lord might bring**
calamity on Absalom.

Mourning the Losses

2 Samuel 19:1-4

1. Ponder the mindset behind David's mourning - v. 1-4
 - a. Paternal love for a son
 - b. Whatever hopes David had for reconciliation with Absalom were shattered by the death of Absalom
 - c. Regrets regarding his own sin and its consequences
 - d. Regrets regarding his own failures and its consequences
2. Ponder the impact of David's mourning without showing appreciation for the victory achieved by his loyal followers - v. 2-3

Refocussing on the Main Thing

2 Samuel 19:5-7

1. David, you have shamed those who have saved your life and saved the lives of your family! - v. 5
2. David, you have preferred Absalom who hated you over those loyal to you who love you! - v. 6
3. David, go out among your people and shepherd them OR ELSE things will get really bad for you - v. 7

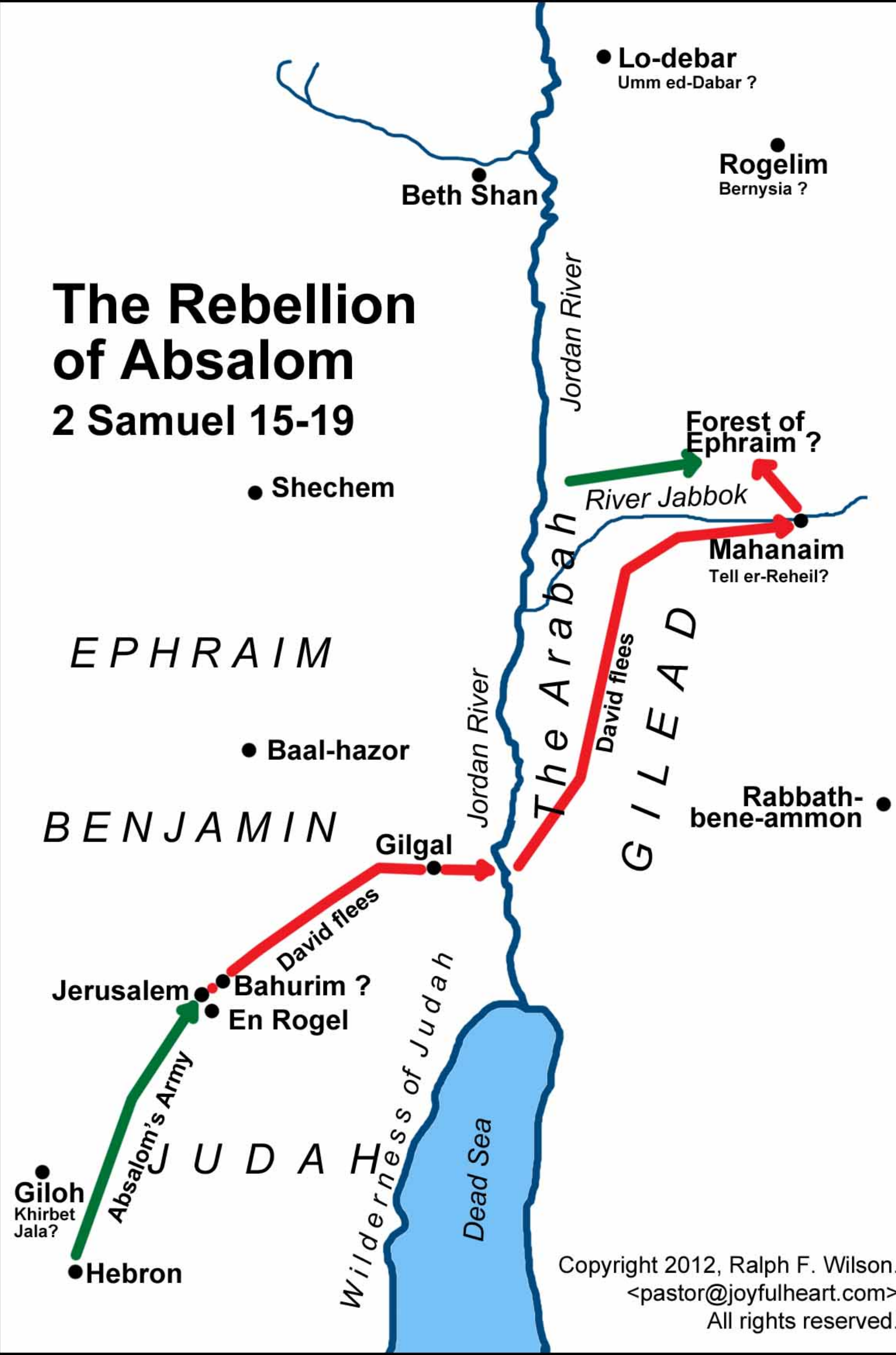
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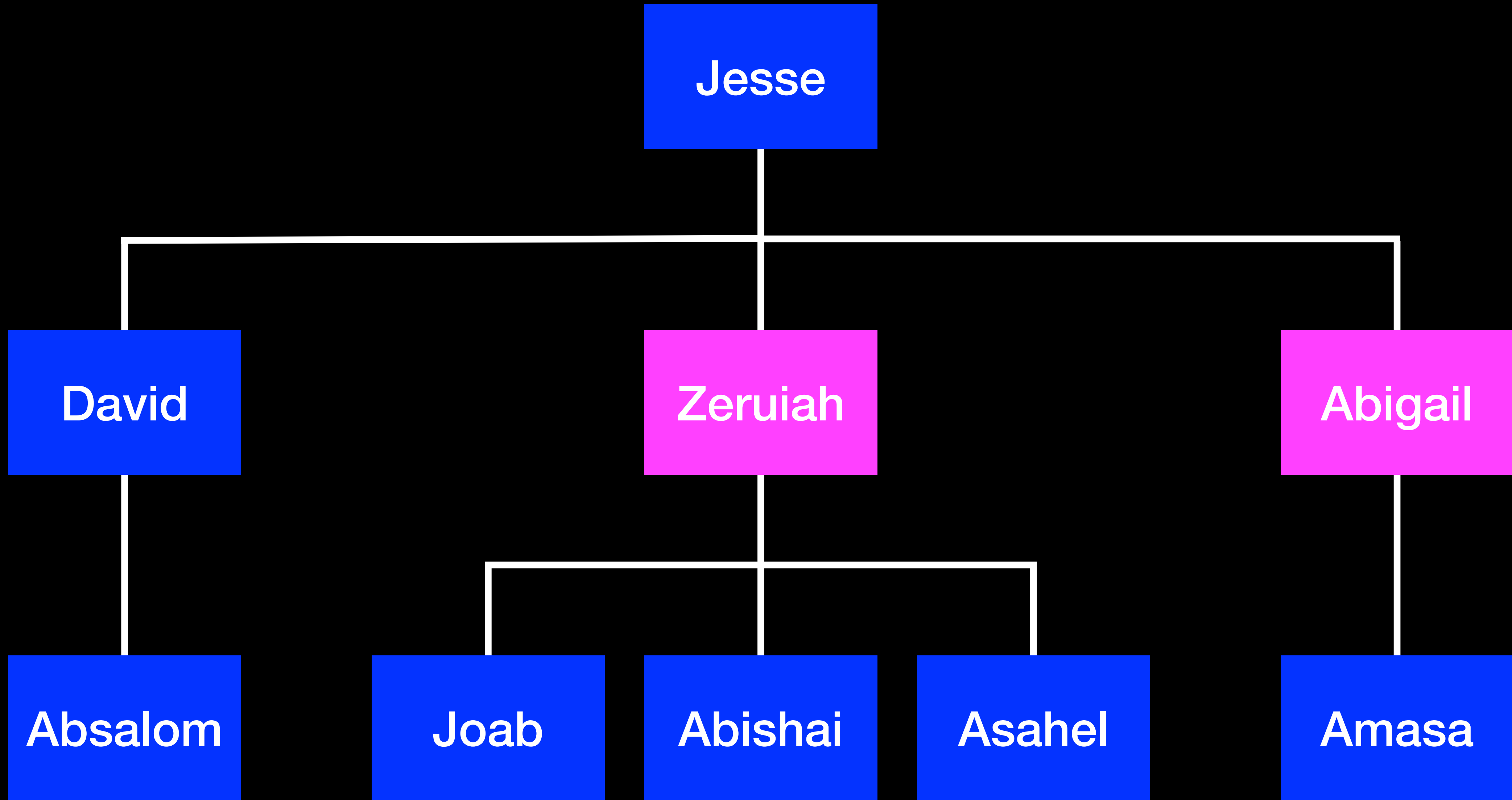
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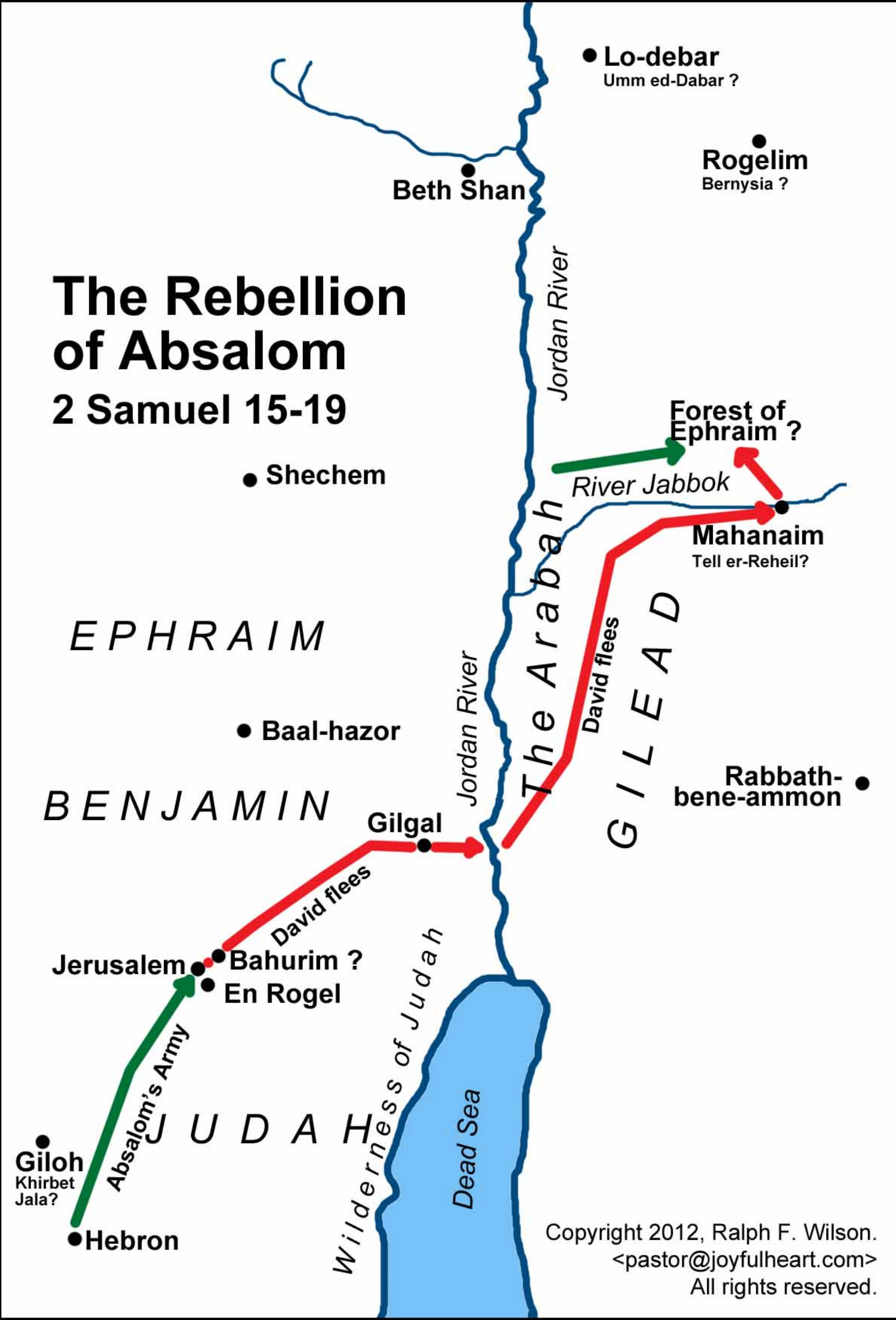
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5. Judah agreed to submit to the rule of King David and traveled to Gilgal to bring the king back - v. 14-15

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Joshua 5:9 - Then the Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have **rolled away** the reproach of Egypt from you." So the name of that place is called Gilgal to this day.

“This was the same offer that David was making to the people who accepted his grace by coming to him in faith: their reproach would be removed as they recommitted themselves in covenant with him. Roger Ellsworth notes the parallel with us: ‘The truth is that we all from time to time become infatuated with some Absalom and recklessly pursue it without regard to God’s will, even as Israel of old did. But God does not wash his hands of us. He would be justified in doing so, but He patiently bears with us, forgives us and restores us to fellowship with himself.’ Instead of ruling over his people with a rod of iron, Christ, like David, desires to rule in our hearts and so restores his sinful people by appeals of mercy and grace.”



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Setting the Tone

2 Samuel 19:16-23

1. Shimei verbally repented of his sin against King David and pled for mercy - v. 16-20
2. Abishai rightly recommended the death penalty for the second time - v. 21
3. King David rejected Abishai's recommendation for the second time and vowed not to put him to death - v. 22-23



Application

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1. “King David.....sheds tears for his own griefs and over his own guilt. We will have to wait for his Descendant, the man of sorrows, who will bear our griefs and carry our sorrows (Isaiah 53:4) (Dale Ralph Davis)

Isaiah 53:4–6

Surely **our griefs He Himself bore**, And **our sorrows He carried**; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

Application

2. King David's taking the initiative in restoring his people is a type of Christ's taking the initiative in saving His people - Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:4-7

Romans 5:8 - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were yet sinners**, Christ died for us..

Ephesians 2:4-7 - But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **even when we were dead in our transgressions**, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Application

3. Shimei is an example of a false confession of faith

1 Kings 2

“Commentators on the passage are in general unimpressed by the spirit of Shimei’s ‘repentance.’ Dale Ralph Davis writes: ‘There is no reason to hold that Shimei had undergone any massive change of heart. He had committed a tactical error called treason and now he must save his skin.’.....If this was his attitude, **Shimei represents many today who come to church not out of a genuine devotion to Christ but out of self-interest.**”

