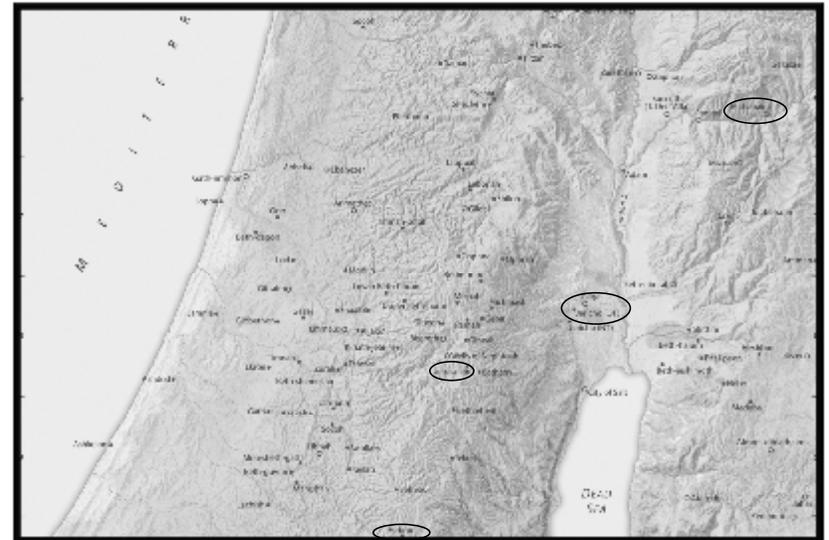
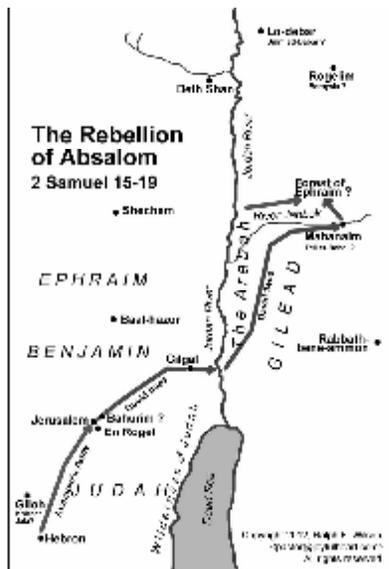


2 Samuel 16:1–17:23

Lesson 11: Human Plans vs. Divine Power



From Jerusalem to Jericho



Part of the Road from Jerusalem to Jericho

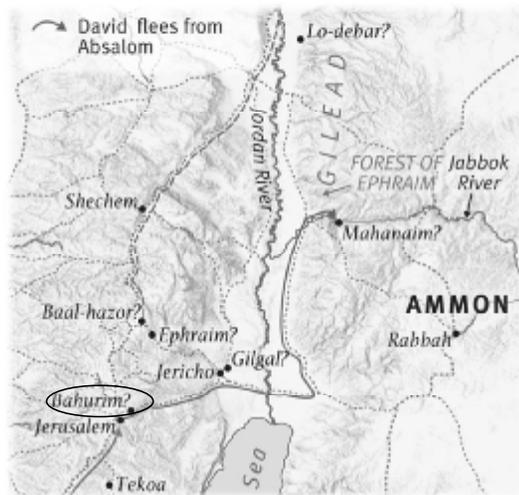


Conflicts during the Chaos

- Ziba vs. Mephibosheth
- Shimei vs. David
- Hushai vs. Ahitophel
- Ahitophel vs. David
- Absalom vs. the Spies

Ziba's Master's [Grand]son (16:3)

- Then the king called Saul's servant Ziba and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson.
- "You and your sons and your servants shall cultivate the land for him, and you shall bring in the produce so that your master's grandson may have food; nevertheless Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall eat at my table regularly."
(2 Sam. 9:9-10).



David's Response to Shimei's Curse

- Perhaps God has told Shimei to curse me! (16:10-11).
- What Shimei is doing is insignificant in light of the fact that David's own son is wanting to kill him (16:11).
- David throws himself on God's mercy (16:12).

2 Samuel 15:25-26

- 25 The king said to Zadok, “Return the ark of God to the city. If I find favor in the sight of the LORD, then He will bring me back again and show me both it and His habitation.
- 26 “But if He should say thus, 'I have no delight in you,' behold, here I am, let Him do to me as seems good to Him.”

Hushai's Ambiguous Words

- “Long live the king!” (16).
- “For whom the LORD, this people, and all the men of Israel have chosen, his I will be, and with him I will remain” (18).
- “Should I not serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father's presence, so I will be in your presence” (19).

Ahitophel's Advice

- “Go in to your father's concubines” (16:21).
- Purposes:
 - § Claiming the throne
 - § Making himself odious (abhorrent) to David
- Also fulfilled Nathan's prophecy

Consequences of David's Sin (12:10-12, 14)

- He will reap what he has sown.
- His household will be filled with immorality and violence (brother raping sister, brother killing brother, son taking father's concubines publicly)
- He will pay fourfold—4 sons will die (unnamed baby, Amnon, Absalom, Adonijah).

Absalom's Sin

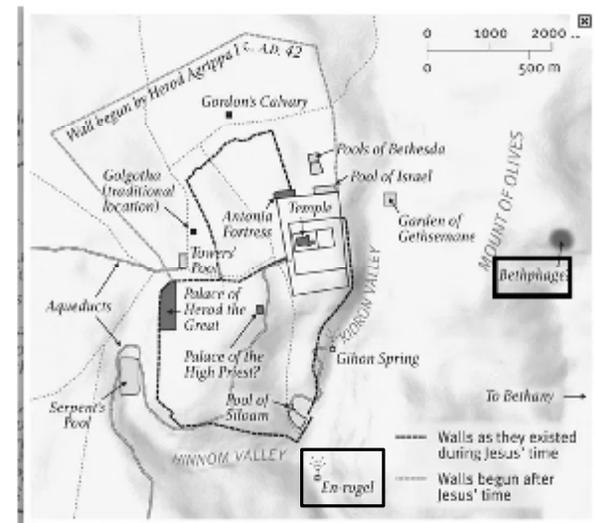
- Leviticus 20:11—If a man sleeps with his father's wife, he has violated the intimacy that belongs to his father. Both of them must be put to death; their death is their own fault.
- He has made himself a stench in God's nostrils—much more serious than his sin against David!

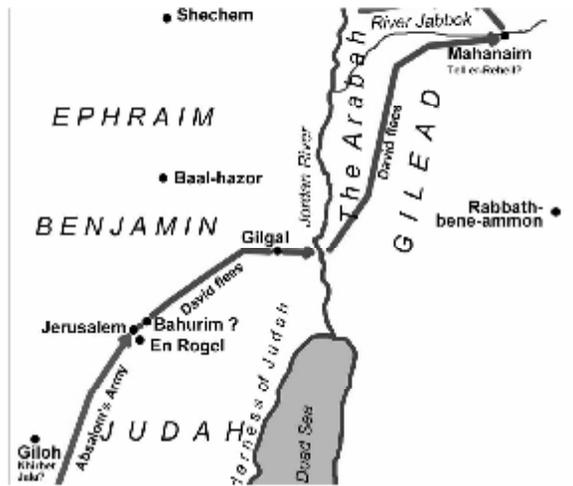
Ahitophel—Grandfather of Bathsheba?

- 2 Sam.23.34—Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite
- 2 Sam.11.3—Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite

Ahitophel—Traitor & Type of Judas

- Even my close friend in whom I trusted, Who ate my bread, Has lifted up his heel against me (Psalm 41:9).
- 12 For it is not an enemy who reproaches me, Then I could bear it; Nor is it one who hates me who has exalted himself against me, Then I could hide myself from him. 13 But it is you, a man my equal, My companion and my familiar friend; 14 We who had sweet fellowship together Walked in the house of God in the throng (Psalm 55:12-14).





OUR EXCITING STORY WILL
BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK. . . .
STAY TUNED!

Lessons:

1. Focus on the Lord, not circumstances.
(Psalm 3:3—But you, LORD, are a shield.)
2. Pray and receive God's peace that defies logic (Ps. 3:4-6) as you trust him totally.
3. Continue to do what God has called you to do (Ps. 3:8)—David is still caring for his people and praying for them.