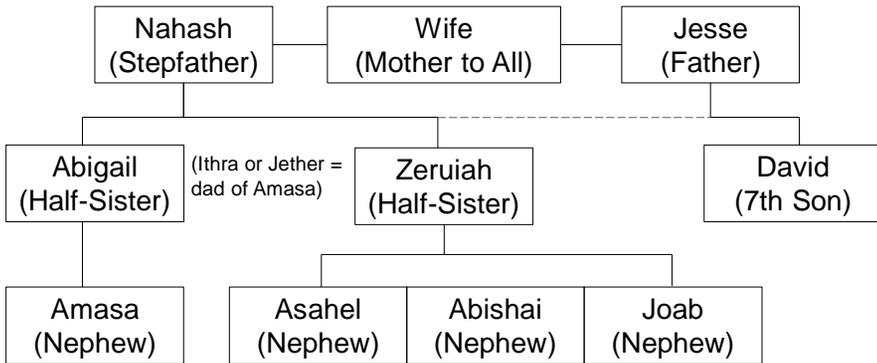
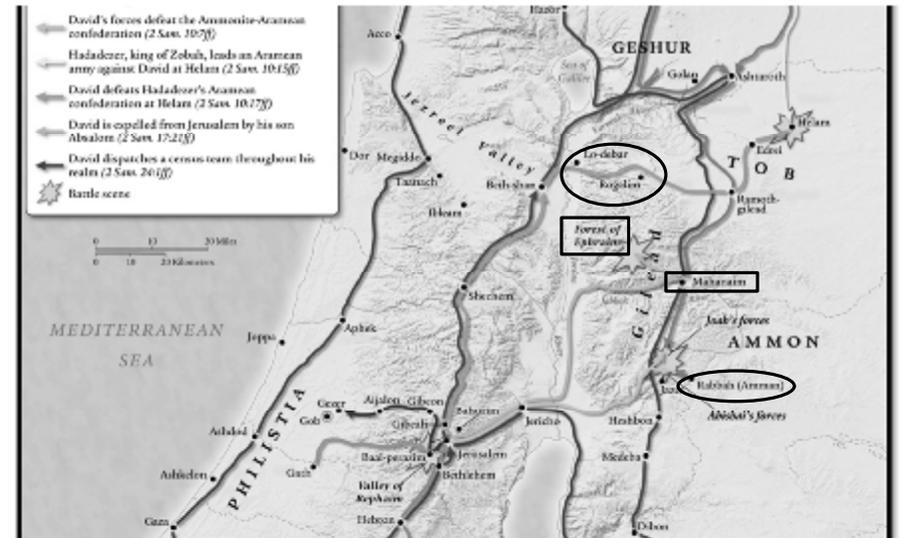


2 Samuel 17:24–18:33

Lesson 12: Warfare and Weeping



See 2 Samuel 17:25 and 1 Chronicles 2:16-17



17:27—Three Men Who Gave David Aid

- Shobi the son of Nahash from Rabbah, an Ammonite—apparently a prince, brother of Hanun (the king of the Ammonites who humiliated David’s emissaries & started a war with David, 2 Sam. 10:1-4)
- Machir the son of Ammiel from Lo-debar—the man who had taken care of Mephibosheth (9:4)
- Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim

David’s Organization of His Forces

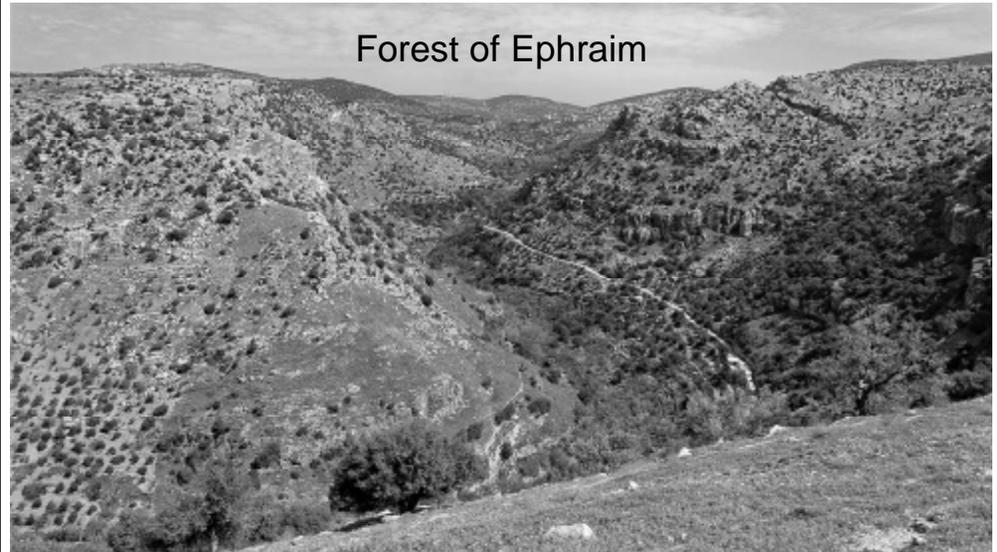
David

Joab—Abishai—Ittai

Commanders of Thousands

Commanders of Hundreds

Soldiers



Forest of Ephraim



Absalom's "head caught fast in the oak" (18:9).



Deuteronomy 21:22-23

- ²² "If anyone is found guilty of an offense deserving the death penalty and is executed, and you hang his body on a tree, ²³ you are not to leave his corpse on the tree overnight but are to bury him that day, for anyone hung on a tree is under God's curse.

Absalom—Under God's Curse

- The one who dishonors his father or mother is cursed (Deuteronomy 27:16).
- The one who sleeps with his father's wife is cursed (Deuteronomy 27:20).

Absalom's Sins Worthy of Death

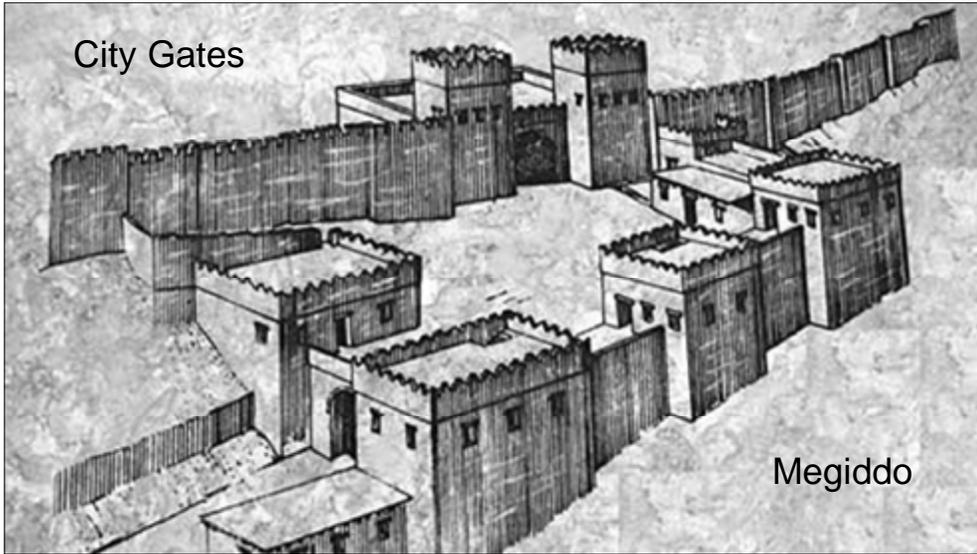
- Failure to honor his father (Exodus 20:12)
- Having sex with his father's concubines (Lev. 20:11)
- Treason against the king, the Lord's anointed (Exodus 22:28)
- Murder of Amnon (Numbers 35:30)



They “erected over him a very great heap of stones” (2 Samuel 18:17).



City Gates



Lessons:

1. God's Word is always true. He predicted Absalom's death in the prophecy of Nathan about the consequences of David's adultery and murder.

God's Word Is ALWAYS True.

- 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).
2 Samuel 12:10-12, 14

Lessons:

1. God's Word is always true.
2. Be aware of the needs of others and help.
3. Being an indulgent parent who doesn't correct a child only harms the child. He becomes proud, selfish, and cruel.
4. Pray fervently for your rebellious children. Take every opportunity to lead them to Christ.