

2 Samuel 19

There is an Appointed
Time for Everything:
The Kingdom is
Restored to David

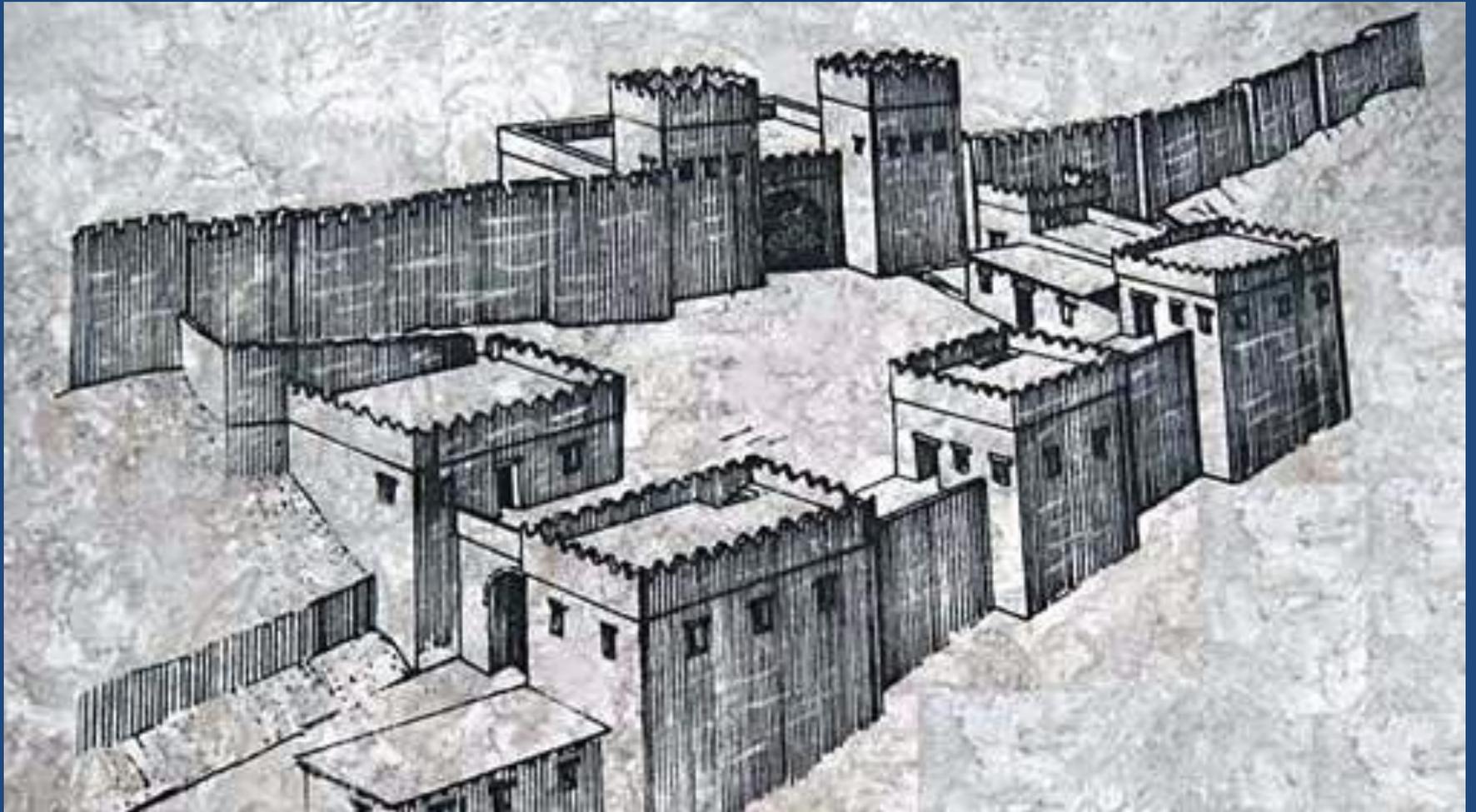
Outline for Chapter 19

1. A time to lay aside mourning for the good of others: David's mourning and Joab's rebuke—vs. 1-8a
2. A time to solve a political pickle: Israel decides to bring back the king; men of Judah drag their feet; David brings them together—vs. 8b-15
3. A time to give mercy and a time to heal: the confession and sparing of Shemei—vs. 16-23

Outline (continued)

1. A time to judge fairly and get downwind (remember the clothes!!!): clarification and truth about Mephibosheth—vs.24-30
2. A time to appreciate and bless a friendship: the faithfulness and humility of Barzillai—vs. 31-39
3. A time of bickering and pride that regrettably leads to hard feelings—rivalry between Judah and Israel

Chamber Above City Gate



Joab's Rebuke

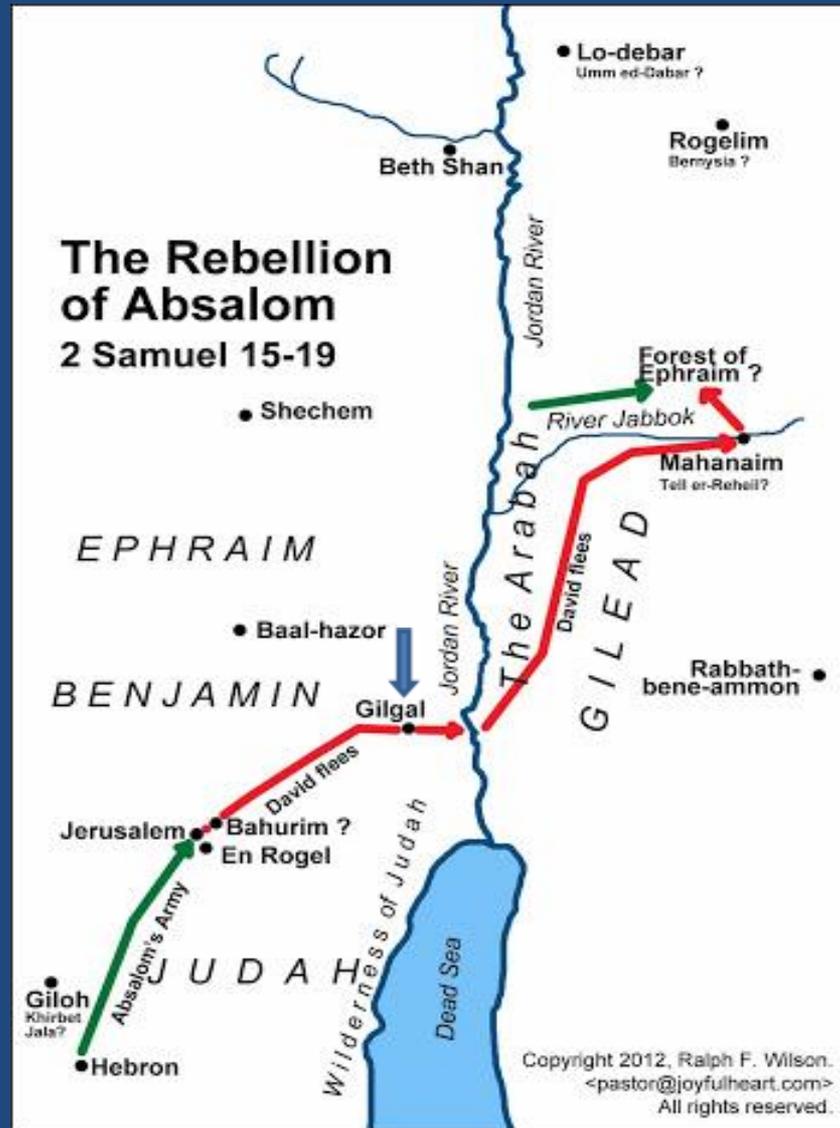
- (1) Pinpoints the problem—vs. 5-6
- (2) Identifies the effects of the problem—v.7b
- (3) Offers the solution to the problem—v.7a

Result: David lays aside his grief and meets with his people.

David's Peace Offer: a brilliant political strategy to get Judah on board

- He appeals to Judah's pride—why should they lag behind in restoring David to the throne?
- He appeals to their relationship—David is from Judah—shares same bone and flesh.
- David appeals to their anxieties—He gives Amasa command over his army in place of Joab, eliminating Judah's fear of retribution!

Significance of Gilgal—Josh. 4:19-5:12 and 1 Sam. 11:15



Difference between Forgiveness and Mercy

Forgiveness is an agreement between you and God to lay aside or abandon your grievance. God becomes the creditor or bill collector. You release the debt to Him.

**** You give up your right for vengeance.****

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Mercy is not getting the punishment you deserve. “You shall not die.”

[Mary’s addition: while David is thinking, “At least not today!”]

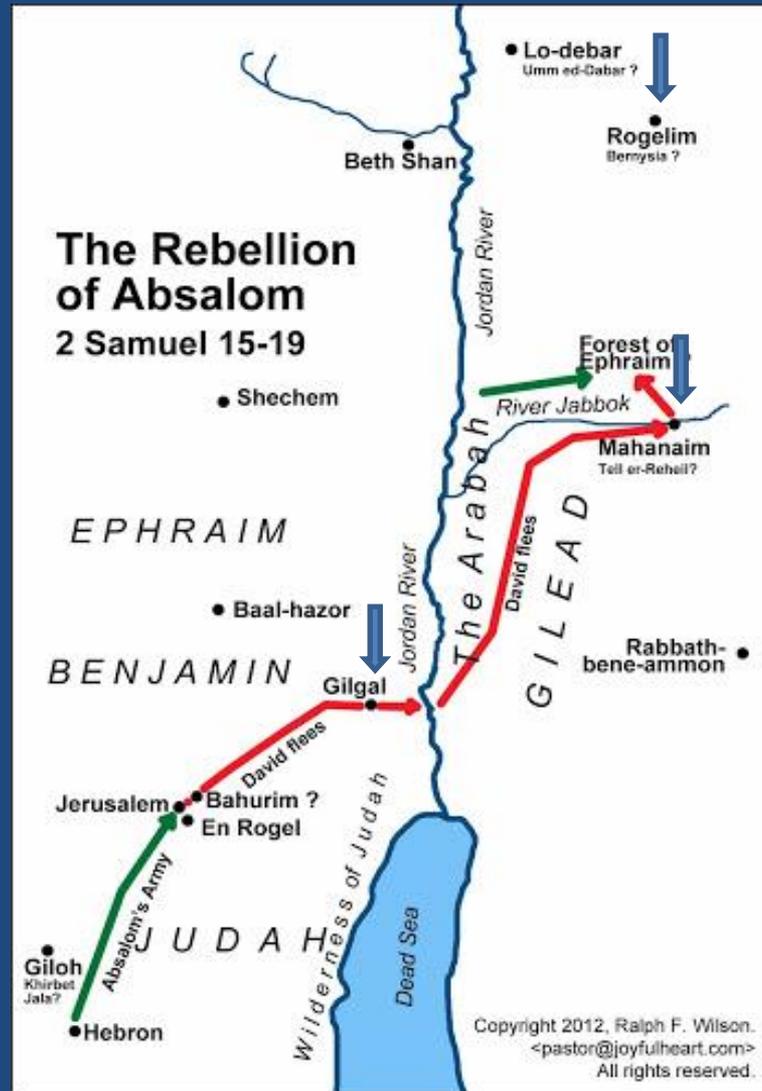
There is no mention of forgiveness!

See 1 Kings 2 for the day David, through Solomon, did take vengeance, and Shimei was punished for cursing God’s anointed.

Why Mephibosheth was grieving over David's sorrows

“True love will show itself in
grief at the sorrows of the
beloved, and in joy at the
return of their joy.”

Barzillai's Long Journey



Lessons for Us Today

1. Treasure and nurture your friends. They are a gift from God for encouragement, for providing for needs, and a help in time of trouble. Verse 39—kiss them and bless them.
 - There is no greater friend than the Lord Jesus Christ. “Greater love has no man than this, that one lay down his life for his friends” (John 15: 13-15).
 - He gave His life that we might have forgiveness of sin and be His friend for eternity if we accept Him as our personal Savior.

LESSONS (continued)

2. Be willing to give up your rights (your right to be right) if it will promote reconciliation and make peace. (Mephibosheth—Verses 25-30)
3. The long-range consequences of serious sin and the long-range blessings of a godly life. (Compare the lives of David and Barzillai.)
 - Neh. 7:63 mentions the sons of Barzillai who were among those who came back with Zerubbabel to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple.

LESSONS (continued)

4. Deal gently with those who are dealing with grief. This may be grief due to the loss of a loved one, a body part, a job, a beloved pet, or divorce, miscarriage, kids going into the military or off to college, etc.
 - Tell the person you are praying for her.
 - Genuinely express love and concern.
 - Cry with her. Be there for the person to vent. Let her talk without interruption.
 - Write a note or a card. It's never too late to let someone know you are thinking especially of her.

LESSONS (continued)

5. Finally, if someone's grief is so debilitating, she cannot function, or her grief is harmful to others, then we should not confront her as Joab confronted David. We should gently and lovingly guide her to seek professional help while supporting her as she goes through her difficult time.