

## 2 Samuel 18:18 - 20

### The Kingdom Restored

### Lesson 16

David's failure to discipline his sons resulted in his eldest son Amnon being murdered by his half brother Absalom. Sensing weakness in his father, Absalom successfully had himself declared king in Hebron. When David heard the news, he fled across the Jordan River but a battle was inevitable. The two sides came against each other but David's men quickly found Absalom. He was stuck, hanging in a tree by his beautiful hair. Joab killed Absalom to save David. What a mess! Who would tell the king?

#### **David Receives the News - 18:19 - 19:8**

1. Zadok's son Ahimaaz wanted to be the one to bring the news to David. Why did Joab not want him to go? (vs. 20)
2. Who did Joab send instead? (vs. 21)
3. But Ahimaaz kept insisting until finally Joab said, "run." What was the result of sending two messengers? (vs. 23b)
4. Where was David during the battle? (vs. 24a)
5. When the watchman told David he saw a man running, what was David's expectation? (vs. 25)
6. When the watchman said he saw a second man running, what news did David anticipate? (vs. 26)
7. What did David say when the watchman identified the first running as Ahimaaz? (vs. 27)
8. When Ahimaaz reached the king, he bowed. Then what were his first breathless words? (vs. 28a)
9. What was his message? (vs. 28b, c)

10. What did David ask which revealed his true concern? (vs. 29a)
11. Having been warned by Joab, what was Ahimaaz's answer? (vs. 29b)
12. Accepting his answer, the king asked him to step aside as the second runner arrived. What did the second runner say he brought to the king? (vs. 31)
13. To David, good news meant that Absalom was safe. When he asked the second runner about his son, how did he answer? (vs. 32b)
14. After hearing the "good news" that the rebellion had been put down, what was David's reaction? (vs. 33)
15. What effect did the king's behavior have on the army who brought him victory?
  - vs. 19:2
  - vs. 19:3
16. As the king continued louder, what did Commander Joab have to say to David? (vs. 5-6a)

Today you have \_\_\_\_\_ all your men  
Who have just \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.  
You \_\_\_\_\_ those who \_\_\_\_\_ you  
and \_\_\_\_\_ those who \_\_\_\_\_ you.
17. What had David made clear that day? (vs. 6b, c)
18. What stern warning did Joab give to David? (vs. 7)

19. Did David listen to Joab? (vs. 8a, b)

**David's Return to Jerusalem -19:9-43**

20. With the king in exile and Absalom dead, the people were divided. What were the tribes arguing over? (vs. 9-10)

21. Using 2 Samuel 19:11-12:

- To whom did David send a message?
- To whom were they to go?
- What was David's message?
- What position did David offer to Amasa? (vs. 13)
- Who would Amasa replace?

22. Did David's strategy work? (vs. 14)

23. What tribe came to help escort David home? (vs. 15)

24. When David fled, a man named Shimei cursed David and threw stones at him. (vs. 16:5) What did Shimei do when David was returning? (vs. 16-20)

25. What did Abishai ask to be done? (vs. 21)

26. Notice David's harsh response to his nephew. What did he call Abishai? (vs. 22a,b)

27. Why did David reject Abishai's request? (vs. 22c,d)

28. What did David say and do with regard to Shimei? (vs. 23)

29. Who else went out to meet David? (vs. 24a)
30. How had he taken the king's absence? (vs. 24b)
31. Review what David and had been told and by whom when he fled. (vs. 16:3) When David questioned him, what was his explanation? (vs. 25-28)
32. In response, what did David decree? (vs. 29)
33. How did he demonstrate his loyalty to David? (vs. 30)
34. Barzillai the Gileadite was also mentioned. What had he done for David while he was in exile? (vs. 31-32)
35. What did David offer Barzillai? (vs. 33)
36. Why did Barzillai not accept? (vs. 34-37a)
37. Instead, Barzillai asked that David's kindness be shown to his son, Kimham.  
Using 2 Samuel 19:38 & 39b:
  - What did David say?
  - What did David do?
38. Summarize what took place as the king, his people and those who had come to escort him home were crossing the Jordan River. (vs. 41-43)

**Rebellion - 20:1-26**

39. From 2 Samuel 20:1:

- Who was the troublemaker?
- What tribe was he from?
- What did he shout?

40. From 2 Samuel 20:2, what happened to:

- The men of Israel?
- The men of Judah?

41. When David returned, what did he do with the ten concubines he had left to take care of the palace? (vs. 3)

42. What was David's first order to Amasa? (vs. 4)

- How did that go? (vs. 5)

43. Using vs. 20:6-7:

- When Amasa didn't show up, whom did David turn to?
- What was David's fear?
- What orders did David give?
- Who went?

44. At the great rock in Gibeon, all the men met. How did the meeting go between Amasa and Joab? (vs. 8-10)

45. One of Joab's men tried to use this situation as an example of loyalty, but what was the result? (vs. 11-12a)

46. How did he solve the situation? (vs. 12b-13)
47. Sheba had fled and was hiding out in the walled city of Abel Beth Maach. David's men began to build a siege ramp to break down the city walls. Who stepped in? (vs. 16)
48. What type of city was Abel? (vs. 18-19)
49. Why did Joab say they were laying siege? (vs. 20-21a)
50. What did Joab say would allow them to withdraw from the city? (vs. 21b)
51. How did the siege end? (vs. 22)
52. Chapter 20 ends with another list of David's officials. (vs. 23-26)
- Joab was over Israel's \_\_\_\_\_
  - Benaiah was over the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - Adoniram was in charge of \_\_\_\_\_
  - Jehoshaphat was \_\_\_\_\_
  - Sheva was \_\_\_\_\_
  - Zadok and Abiathar were \_\_\_\_\_
  - Ira the Jairite was \_\_\_\_\_
53. Referring to the first list of officials given in 2 Samuel 8:15-18:
- What positions had been added?
  - What was missing from the second list?