

25 – DAVID RETURNS (2 SAMUEL 19:1-20:26)

I. Joab Confronts David (2 Samuel 19:1-8)

A. The King and the People (19:1-4)

- Joab was informed that the king was weeping and mourning for Absalom.
- This led the victory of the battle to be turned into mourning as the people heard the news.
- David's army quietly returned to the stronghold like those who were ashamed.
- David covered his face and cried loudly for his son, Absalom.

B. Joab's Rebuke (19:5-7)

- Joab tells David that he has disgraced his servants who saved him and his family.
- He points out that David would have been okay if Absalom had lived and they had died.
- He states that if David doesn't comfort his men, no one will stay with him again.

C. David Responds (19:8)

- David took his place at the gate of the city and the people were comforted.

II. Bringing David Back (2 Samuel 19:9-15)

A. The Dispute Within Israel (19:9-10)

- A debate arose between the people concerning the status of David as King.
- It was pointed out that the king delivered them in the past, but he fled from Absalom.
- Absalom whom they anointed as king is now dead.
- The issue confronting them now is when will they bring back the king.

B. Judah Brings David Back (19:11-15)

- David sent word through the priests to Judah about his return.
- David called them to bring him back and states that Amasa would remain the commander.
- David swayed the hearts of Judah and they called for David and his servants to return.
- The men of Judah escorted David across the Jordan as he journeyed to Jerusalem.

God, His People & the Messiah: A Survey of Old Testament

III. David Returns to Jerusalem (2 Samuel 19:16-43)

A. Shimei (19:16-23)

- Shimei the Benjamite came down with the men of Judah to meet the King.
- Accompanying Shimei were 15,000 men of Benjamin with Ziba and his household.
- Shimei fell down before the king and begged for mercy with regards to his insults earlier.
- Abishai responded that he should be killed for insulting the Lord's anointed.
- David rebuked Abishai and swore to Shimei that he will not be killed.

B. Mephibosheth (19:24-30)

- Mephibosheth came to the king and his appearance had not been cared for since David left.
- David questioned why Mephibosheth did not come with him when he fled.
- Mephibosheth claimed that he was deceived by his servant and his father's house is nothing.
- David appears to believe him somewhat and gives him back half of his estate.

C. Barzillai (19:31-39)

- Barzillai was a aged rich man who supplied David while he was on the run.
- David offered for him to come to Jerusalem and that he would provide for him.
- Barzillai declined and sent Chimham to go in his place.
- David promised to do everything for Chimham that he had promised to Barzillai.

D. The Men of Israel (19:40-43)

- The men of Israel came to David's group because they were upset at being left out.
- They claimed that they too had a right to David as king as Judah did.
- Their protest did not prevail since the words of Judah appeared stronger.

IV. The Rebellion (20:1-26)

A. Sheba the Benjamite (20:1-2)

- There was a rebel named Sheba who was there when the men of Israel protested.

God, His People & the Messiah: A Survey of Old Testament

- He blew a horn, claiming that the ten tribes had no claim in the house of Israel.
- So, the men of Israel abandoned David and followed Sheba.
- Judah and the area around Jerusalem remained loyal to David.

B. David's Orders (20:3-7)

- When David returned to palace, he took the ten concubines and secluded them.
- David provided for their needs, but he never had went to them again.
- David told Amasa to assemble the men of Judah in three days.
- Amasa took longer than three days, so David looked to Abishai to pursue Sheba.

C. Amasa's Murder (20:8-13)

- As they were pursuing Sheba, Joab took Amasa aside and killed him with his sword.
- He left Amasa's body in the road, as he continued on to pursue Sheba.
- The men of Judah paused at Amasa's body until someone covered it.

D. The Wise Woman (20:14-22)

- Joab and the men of Judah pursued Sheba until he was holed up in Abel.
- Joab besieged the city and built a siege mount to take the city.
- A wise woman called out from the city to speak to Joab.
- She questioned why Joab is ready to destroy the innocent and city for what matter.
- Joab stated that he is not there to destroy a city, but is seeking a rebel named Sheba.
- Joab stated that if they delivered Sheba, he would leave the city unharmed.
- The woman stated that Joab should watch since Sheba's head will be thrown over the wall.
- The woman went to the people of the city and they threw Sheba's head over the wall.
- Joab then blew the horn and the army withdrew as he returned to David in Jerusalem.

E. David's Administration (20:23-26)

- The writer lists all those who served David in administering the kingdom.