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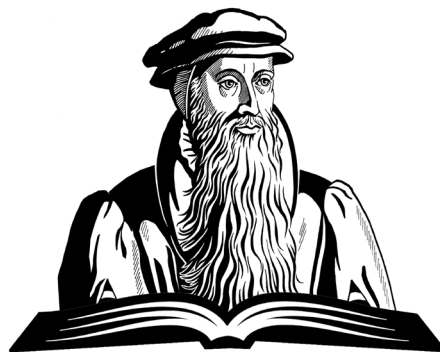
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The Second Book of Samuel, chapters 16 thru 20

Memory Verse

"Oh my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son! "

2 Samuel 18:33b

Historical Summary

During Absalom's revolt, Saul's former servant, named Shimei, took advantage of David having to flee. He came out as David was leaving, and he cursed David. He said the troubles David was having were because David had stolen the kingdom from Saul. But David did not defend himself. He let the matter rest in the hand of God. For many years, David's good friend and advisor had been Ahithophel. But when Absalom came into Jerusalem, Ahithophel turned and became Absalom's advisor.

The heart of Absalom was filled with deadly intentions against his father. There was nothing more that he would like than to become king himself. To do that, he sought the advice of Ahithophel and Hushai. What Absalom did not know was that Hushai was David's loyal servant. Ahithophel advised Absalom to immediately send 12,000 men after David which would bring a quick end to this war. But Hushai, who was loyal to David, advised Absalom to wait until a multitude of troops could be gathered together. In God's providence, Absalom rejected Ahithophel's advice and followed Hushai's counsel, which gave time for Hushai to warn David of Absalom's plans. It also gave David, and all who were with him, to escape over the Jordan River. This also gave David time to organize his forces. So providentially, the Lord spared David from what otherwise would have been certain death.



When Absalom had gathered an army, he went out in pursuit of his father, David. Eventually a battle ensued. David divided his men into three parts and placed them under the leadership of three generals—Joab, Abishai, and Ittai. His last words to each of them before the battle started was, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even

with Absalom.” But Absalom was killed by Joab. When a messenger told David that Absalom was dead, he wept and cried, “Oh my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee. Oh Absalom my son, my son!”

David had to flee when Absalom led a rebellion against him, and he even had to cross Jordan eastward. But when Absalom was dead, all Israel proclaimed David to be king. Even his enemies bowed to his authority, and they asked forgiveness for their rebellion. Even Shimei asked for forgiveness. David was so humbled by God’s care and protection that he desired no revenge on anyone. On the day that David crossed back over Jordan into the land of Israel, it was a day of joy and gladness.

Although all Israel united in proclaiming David king, there was one wicked man named Sheba who still rebelled, and many followed him. When David heard of it, he commanded Amasa to assemble the men of Judah and go after Sheba. But Amasa was slow to act. So Joab pursued Amasa instead, and killed him, then took his men and went after Sheba. Meanwhile Sheba had fled to a city called Abel. Joab and his army besieged the city and would have broken down the wall. Then a wise woman came out to find out what they wanted. She told the people inside, and they agreed to kill Sheba in exchange for Joab not destroying the city.

The Gospel in the Old Testament

“Like as a father pitieth his children, so the LORD pitieth them that fear him” (Psalm 103:13). David loved his son, Absalom, with a love beyond description. And when Absalom died, he mourned and wept for him with almost unbearable grief. This shows us the compassion of Jesus Christ when he wept over Jerusalem. “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!” (Matthew 23:37) When the people saw David weeping for his lost son, they saw something of a picture of the Savior—the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ—weeping over lost sinners.

Questions

1. How did David receive food for him and his men while he was fleeing from Absalom?
 - a. Ziba brought them food.
 - b. They stole it from another army.
 - c. They took it with them from Jerusalem.
 - d. Absalom gave it to them.
2. What did Ahithophel tell Absalom to do?
 - a. Immediately send an army after him.
 - b. Leave David alone.
 - c. Wait and gather a large army to go after him.
 - d. Ask for help from the Syrians.

3. From what two advisors did Absalom seek advice before going to war with David?
 - a. Jonathan and Hushai
 - b. Hushai and Ahithophel
 - c. Ahithophel and Amasa
 - d. Amasa and Jonathon.
4. How did Absalom die in the battle?
 - a. He fell off his mule and hit a stone.
 - b. He committed suicide with a sword.
 - c. He was killed by his own men.
 - d. He was thrust through with a dart while hanging from a tree.
5. What caused David to turn from his sorrow to his duties as a king?
 - a. A rebuke from Joab.
 - b. A plea from Shimei.
 - c. A command from Barzallai.
 - d. An encouragement from Chimham.
6. What did Sheba plan to do when David returned to Jerusalem?
 - a. Call all his servants to obey David.
 - b. Organize an army against David.
 - c. Go out to battle with the city of Abel.
 - d. Compete with Joab for the honor of being David's captain.
7. Who killed Sheba the wicked man of Belial?
 - a. Amasa
 - b. Abishai
 - c. Joab
 - d. The inhabitants of Abel

Discussions

1. What was the reason Shimei cursed David?

2. Show that the Lord uses means to help his people in a remarkable way.

3. What was the underlying reason that caused Absalom to listen to Hushai?

4. Show from 2 Samuel 18 that David loved his enemies, even those who desired to take his throne and to kill him.

5. When David crossed back over the Jordan to return to his throne in Jerusalem, it seemed like everyone wanted to be his friend. Why do you think they had a change of heart and were united in proclaiming him king?

6. It seemed David had one trouble after another in his life even though he was the rightful king of Israel. Give two possible reasons for this.

7. David was anointed by God to be king over Israel. Yet he faced rebellion by Saul, by Absalom, and also by Sheba. How does this compare to the life of a child of God who also has “many enemies”?

8. Show that Old Testament believers could see a picture of God’s love for sinners in the way that David mourned for his lost son, Absalom.
