

2 Samuel 16

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16 And when David was a little past the top of the hill, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred bunches of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine. (Mephibosheth was the son of Jonathan, whom David helped and returned all his lands to him. He appointed Ziba to be Mephibosheth's chief steward, to oversee his lands) in chapter-9

²And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.

³And the king said, And where is thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my father. (This doesn't ring true. David treated Mephibosheth like his own son)

(Ziba is up to something. He is falsely accusing Mephibosheth of treason against David)

⁴Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine are all that pertained unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, I humbly beseech thee that I may find grace in thy sight, my lord, O king. (Confused by the lie, David gave to Ziba all that used to belong to Mephibosheth)

(Ziba's plan was working, so far. He has just been given all of Mephibosheth's lands)

⁵And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came. (He was cursing David)

⁶And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of King David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. (That wasn't very smart – cursing the king and throwing rocks at him)

⁷ And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Come out, come out, thou bloody man, and thou man of Belial: (Shimei is calling David a worthless, corrupt and bloody murderer)

⁸ The LORD hath returned upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the LORD hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou art taken in thy mischief, because thou art a bloody man. (This guy is totally wrong. David did Saul no harm at all. In fact he did nothing wrong against Saul's descendants either)

⁹ Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head. (David's men aren't putting up with this fool)

¹⁰ And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? so let him curse, because the LORD hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say, Wherefore hast thou done so?

¹¹ And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more now may this Benjamite do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him. (David's son, Absalom, wanted to kill him)

(What more could this cursing fool, Shimei, do to him? David knows that he brought all this upon himself by his own sins with Bathsheba)

¹² It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite me good for his cursing this day. (This cursing is of Shimei, not of God. David did not retaliate against him. David is humbling himself before God. He is hoping to return into God's good graces)

¹³ And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust.

¹⁴ And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.

¹⁵ And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. (Absalom is acting like a type for antichrist in the end days. The false king, making promises of free stuff, in order to get the people to follow him)

¹⁶ And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, God save the king, God save the king. (Hushai knows that David is the true king, anointed by God. This blessing is not for Absalom)

¹⁷ And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend? (Why didn't you go with David? Absalom is suspicious. Hushai was a friend of David)

¹⁸ And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the LORD, and this people, and all the men of Israel, choose, his will I be, and with him will I abide. (God chose David, not Absalom. Hushai is not lying. He is speaking in riddles to fool Absalom)

¹⁹ And again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence. (Again he is speaking in riddles. He is now in Absalom's presence but he will serve "the king" – David in this case)

²⁰ Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give counsel among you what we shall do.

²¹ And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong. (Show the people that you have taken over as the king. It will encourage your men. Taking David's concubines will end any chance of reconciliation with David)

²² So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. (This was prophesied by Nathan to David when he took Bathsheba)
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²³ And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man had enquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom. (Ahithophel is giving Absalom good counsel; although he is unknowingly fulfilling the prophecy that God Gave to Nathan concerning David's women. They are being taken publicly, before all of Israel)