

Lesson 21
David Returns to Jerusalem
(2 Samuel 19:1 – 20:26)

Questions

1. What did Joab tell David to do when he saw how David responded to the death of Absalom (19:1-8)?

2. How did the people of Israel respond to the death of Absalom (19:9-10)?

3. What question did David have for the elders of Judah and how did they respond to it (19:11-15)?

4. What did Shimei admit to David when he met David (19:16-20)?

5. What did Abishai want done with Shimei and how did David respond (19:21-23)?

6. What did David learn about Ziba from Mephibosheth (19:24-30)?

7. What kind of man was Barzillai (19:31-39)?

8. How did the men of Israel respond to the men of Judah concerning David's return to Jerusalem (19:40-43)?

9. What did Sheba do upon David's return (20:1-2)?

10. What did David do with his 10 concubines (20:3)?

11. What did Joab do to Amasa during his pursuit of Sheba (20:4-13)?

12. Where and how did Sheba die (20:14-22)?

13. What kind of officers are mentioned in 20:1-26 (see also 1 Chron. 18:15-17)?

Digging Deeper

1. Locate the following on a map: Gilgal (19:15, 14), Rogelim (19:31), Gibeon (20:8), and Abel of Beth-maacah (20:14-15).

2. What family connection did Amasa have with David (19:13; see 17:25)?

3. What actions of Shimei, previously mentioned in 2 Samuel, is he referring to in 19:18-20 when he speaks to David? Where previously in 2 Samuel did Abishai want to kill Shimei (19:21-23)?

4. What did Ziba say earlier in 2 Samuel that we here to be deceit and slander toward Mephibosheth (19:24-30)?

5. What kindness of Barzillai, previously mentioned in 2 Samuel, had he shown to David (19:32)?

6. What was the job of the Cherethites and Pelethites (20:23)?

Applications for Today

1. Internal conflict and strife among a few can lead to external conflict and strife among the many (19:1-10, 40-43; Gal. 5:20).
2. Love your enemies (19:6; Mt. 5:43-46).
3. When you wrong someone, be willing to admit it and confess it (19:16-20; Mt. 27:4; Jas. 5:16).
4. Good advice is still good advice after the passing of time (19:21-23; Prov. 19:20).
5. Great men and woman can be generous to others and humble at the same time (19:31-39; Mk. 15:42-46).
6. Using wisdom puts you in the company of the “peaceable and faithful in Israel” (20:19; Jas. 3:13-18).