

THE LIFE OF  
DAVID

# THE FOREST FIRE OF SIN

2 Samuel 14-16 – Absalom's Coup

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## 2 SAM. 12:11-13 – GOD’S JUDGMENT AGAINST DAVID FOR HIS ADULTERY WITH BATHSHEBA

“You shall not die (12:13), <sup>11</sup> [But] This is what the LORD says: ‘Behold, I am going to raise up evil against you from your own household; I will even take your wives before your eyes and give them to your companion, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. <sup>12</sup> Indeed, you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, and in open daylight.’”



## DAVID'S VARIOUS RELATIONSHIPS



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    Aaron[Aaron] --> Eleazar[Eleazar]
    Aaron --> Ithamar[Ithamar1]
    Eleazar --> Phinehas[Phinehas]
    Ithamar -.- Eli[Eli2]
    Eli --> Hophni[Hophni]
    Eli --> Phinehas2[Phinehas]
    Phinehas2 --> Ahitub[Ahitub]
    Phinehas2 --> Ichabod[Ichabod3]
    Ahitub --> Ahijah[Ahijah5]
    Ahitub --> Ahimelech[Ahimelech6]
    Ahimelech --> Abiathar[Abiathar8]
    Abiathar --> Jonathan[Jonathan10]
    Phinehas -.- Ahitub4[Ahitub4]
    Ahitub4 --> Zadok[Zadok7]
    Zadok --> Ahimaaz[Ahimaaz9]
  
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The chart illustrates the lineage of the Aaronic Priesthood. It begins with Aaron, who has two sons: Eleazar and Ithamar. Eleazar's line continues through Phinehas to Ahitub, then to Zadok, and finally to Ahimaaz. Ithamar's line, indicated by a dashed red line, leads to Eli. Eli's sons are Hophni and Phinehas. Phinehas has two sons: Ahitub and Ichabod. Ahitub has two sons: Ahijah and Ahimelech. Ahimelech's son is Abiathar, whose son is Jonathan. A large yellow arrow points from the line of Eli down to Jonathan, highlighting the continuation of the priesthood through this branch.

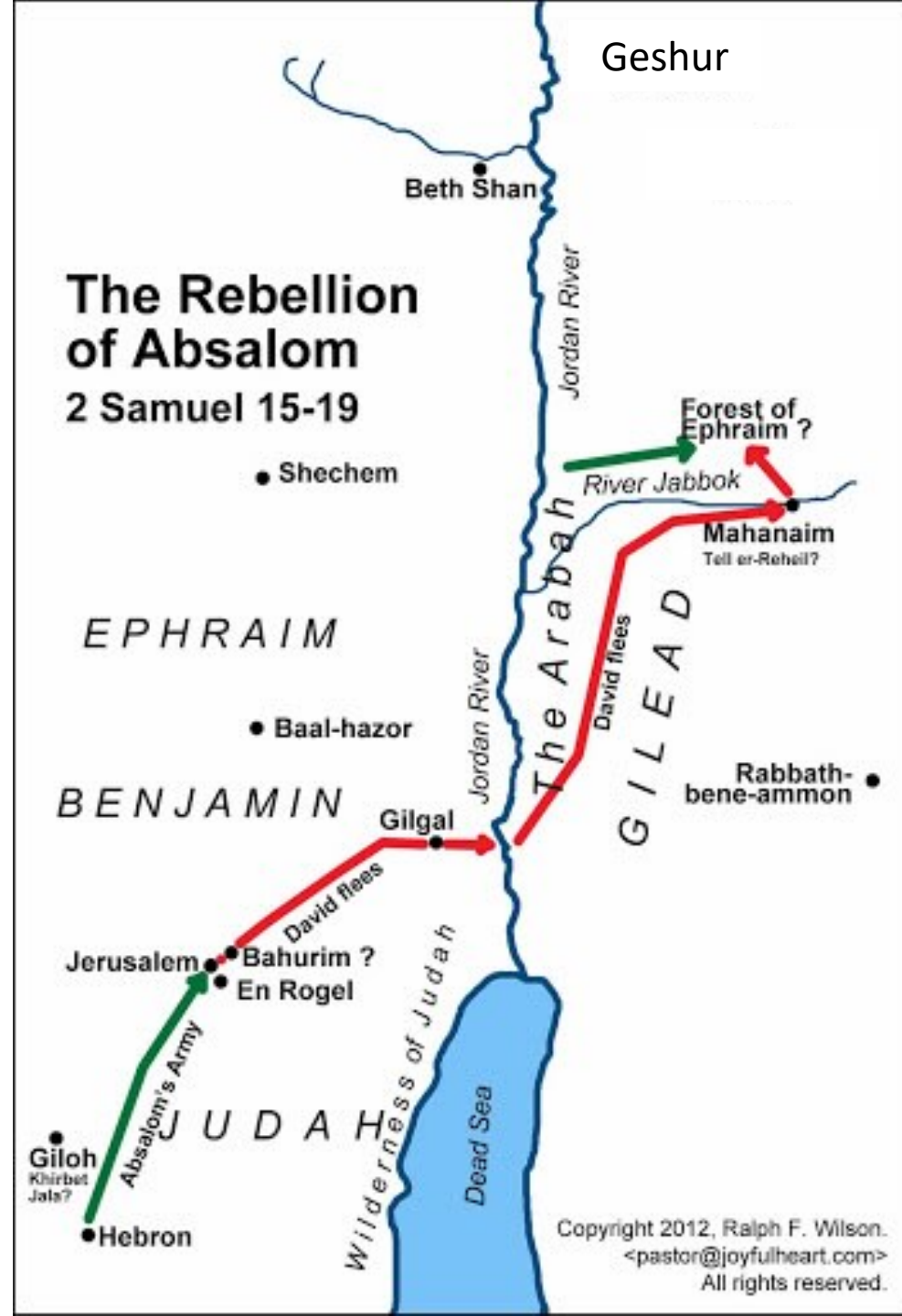
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 **Kingdom of David**  
c. 1000 B.C.

**Absalom flees  
to Geshur**

**70 miles**





## David's flight from Absalom



# ABSALOM DARES TO SLEEP WITH HIS DAD'S CONCUBINES

2 Sam. 16:20 <sup>20</sup> Absalom said to Ahithophel, "Give us your advice. What should we do?"

2 Sam. 16:21 <sup>21</sup> Ahithophel answered, "Sleep with your father's concubines whom he left to take care of the palace. Then all Israel will hear that you have made yourself obnoxious to your father, and the hands of everyone with you will be more resolute."

2 Sam. 16:22 "So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the roof, and he slept with his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel."



# DAVID INNER THOUGHTS

Ps. 38: <sup>1</sup>Lord, do not rebuke me in Your wrath,  
And do not punish me in Your burning anger.  
<sup>2</sup> For Your arrows have sunk deep into me,  
And Your hand has pressed down on me.  
<sup>3</sup> There is no healthy part in my flesh because of Your indignation;  
There is no health in my bones because of my sin.  
<sup>4</sup> For my guilty deeds have gone over my head;  
Like a heavy burden they weigh too much for me.  
<sup>5</sup> My wounds grow foul and fester  
Because of my foolishness.  
<sup>6</sup> I am bent over and greatly bowed down;  
I go in mourning all day long.



# DAVID'S INNER THOUGHTS

Ps. 38:<sup>7</sup> For my sides are filled with burning,  
And there is no healthy part in my flesh.

<sup>8</sup> I feel faint and badly crushed;  
I groan because of the agitation of my heart.

<sup>9</sup> O Lord, all my longing is before you;  
my sighing is not hidden from you.

<sup>10</sup> My heart throbs; my strength fails me,  
and the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.

<sup>11</sup> My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague,  
and my nearest kin stand far off.

<sup>12</sup> Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek my  
hurt speak of ruin and meditate treachery all day long.



# DAVID TAKES HIS MEDICINE LIKE A MAN

Ps. 38:17-18

<sup>17</sup> I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me.

<sup>18</sup> I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin.

Ps. 32:5

<sup>5</sup> I acknowledged my sin to You, And I did not hide my guilt;  
I said, “I will confess my wrongdoings to the Lord”

Ps. 51:3-5 - <sup>3</sup> For I know my wrongdoings, And my sin is constantly  
before me. <sup>4</sup> Against You, You only, I have sinned and done what  
is evil in Your sight, So that You are justified when You speak  
And blameless when You judge. <sup>5</sup> Behold, I was brought forth in guilt,  
And in sin my mother conceived me.



# DAVID TAKES HIS MEDICINE LIKE A MAN

Ps. 32:9 - “Do not be like the horse or like the mule, which [has] no understanding.”





# TEACH OTHERS FROM YOUR MISTAKES

Ps. 51:13 - Then I will teach wrongdoers Your ways,  
And sinners will be converted to You.





# The End

