

The Life of David – Lesson 14

Absalom's Revolt

72. David Flees Jerusalem

II Samuel 15:13-18, 1026 B.C., Age 59

- Whether through despair or design, David offers no resistance to Absalom and flees with his family and some faithful friends.

73. David's Flight

II Samuel 15:19-16:14, 1026 B.C., Age 59

- This account is punctuated with personal interactions:
 - Ittai, a Philistine military captain who remained faithful – 15:19-23
 - Zadok, the co-high priest who went back with the ark – 15:24-29
 - vs. 28 – David trusted Zadok to tell him if it was safe to return.
 - Hushai, David's friend that was sent back as a spy – 15:32-37
 - Ziba, the deceptive servant of Mephibosheth – 16:1-4
 - Shimei, kinsman of Saul who bitterly curses David – 16:5-8
 - Abishai – Joab's brother who offered retribution on Shimei – 16:9-12
- 15:30 – it is worth noting David's demeanor here.
- 15:31 – Ahithophel, David's chief counselor and possibly Bathsheba's grandfather, had sided with Absalom (15:12). I think David feared his schemes as much as he did Absalom's actions (15:34).

♪ **Psalm 3**

♪ **Psalm 41**

- vs. 9 – prophecy about Judas (John 13:18), may also refer to Ahithophel

♪ **Psalm 55**

- vs.12-13 – likely about Ahithophel and possibly Judas.

74. Absalom Enters Jerusalem

II Samuel 16:15-23, 1025 B.C., Age 60

- vs. 22 - the fulfillment of II Samuel 12:11.
 - Should it be any surprise that Ahithophel, grandfather of Bathsheba (compare II Samuel 11:3 and 23:34), would counsel thus?
 - Ellicott's Commentary: "The counsel of Ahithophel was in effect that Absalom should make the breach between him and his father absolute and irreconcilable. His followers would thus be assured of the impossibility of his securing a pardon for himself while they were left to their fate."

75. Ahithophel's Defeat

II Samuel 17:1-23, 1025 B.C., Age 60

- Ahithophel counseled a fast strike against David while he was weak (vs.1-2).
- Hushai counseled gathering a larger army and crushing David (vs. 11-13).
 - This would take more time to prepare and allowed Hushai to warn David.
- vs. 23 – Ahithophel could see Absalom would be defeated if David was given time to prepare.
 - The betrayers Ahithophel and Judas both died the same way – Matthew 27:5

76. David Pursued

II Samuel 17:24-26, 1025 B.C., Age 60

♪ **Psalm 4**

♪ **Psalm 14**

♪ **Psalm 22**

- *Aijeleth Shahar* – “deer of the dawn”, maybe the tune.
- The prophecies concerning Christ in this psalm are too numerous to list here.

♪ **Psalm 25**

♪ **Psalm 28**

♪ **Psalm 53**

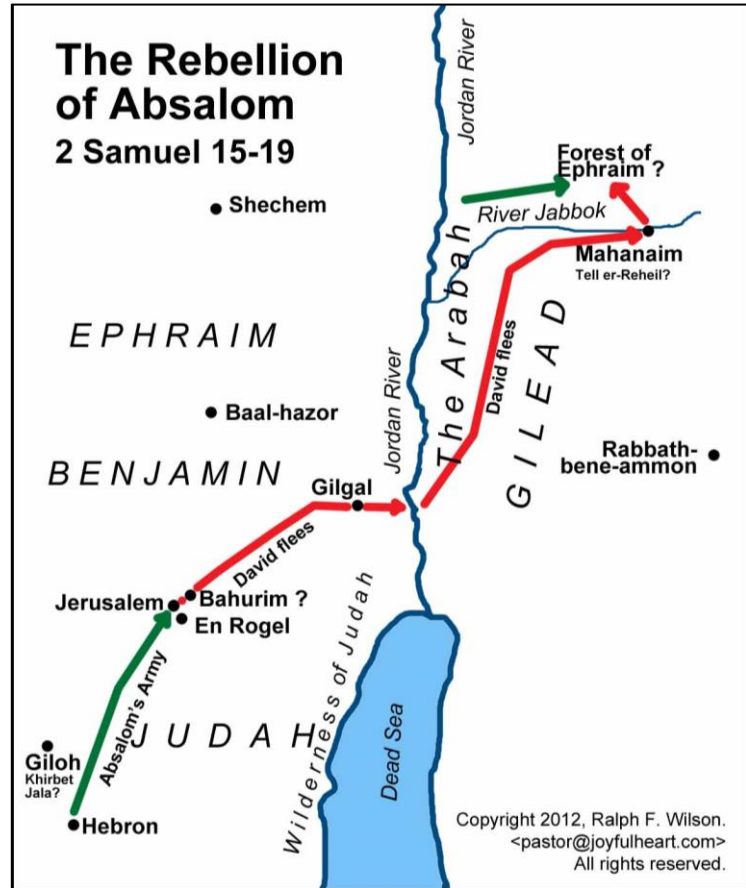
- *Mahalath* – “disease”, likely a tune.
- Similar to Psalm 14

♪ **Psalm 69**

- *Shoshannim* – “lilies”, perhaps the tune or an instrument shaped like a lily.
- vs. 25 – prophecy concerning Judas – Acts 1:20.

♪ **Psalm 70**

- Similar to Psalm 40:13-17.



77. Provisions at Mahanaim

II Samuel 17:27-29, 1025 B.C., Age 60

- God provides for David in his dark (darkest?) hour though the generosity of Shobi, Machir and Barzillai.