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XI. DAVID RETURNS TO JERUSALEM (2 Samuel 19:1-20:26)

- A. David mourns over the death of Absalom in Mahanaim causing his victorious people to sorrow, and Joab to rebuke him (19:1-8)
- B. Israel quick to want David back as King in Jerusalem, and David seeks to know why Judah is so slow in asking him back (19:9-14).
- C. David returns to Jerusalem via the Jordan River at Gilgal (19:15-43).
 - 1. Shimei, accompanied by one thousand Benjamites and Ziba, crosses the Jordan to confess his sin and greet David as King (v. 15-23).
 - 2. Mephibosheth reveals Ziba's deception and manifests his own dedication to David as King when they finally arrive in Jerusalem (v. 24-30).
 - 3. Barzillai, the Gileadite, accompanies David and men across the Jordan and then returns to die in own country – Chimham will serve and be blessed by David in Barzillai's stead (v. 31-43).
- D. Sheba, the Benjamite, rebels against David as King (20:1-22).
 - 1. Sheba influences the men of Israel away from David (v. 1-2)
 - 2. David places his ten concubines in ward (v. 3)
 - 3. David charges Abishai to take men and pursue Sheba when Amasa does not come when appointed (v. 4-7).
 - 4. Joab kills Amasa with sword (v. 8-13)
 - 5. Through the influence of a wise woman, Sheba is beheaded by the inhabitants of Abel of Beth-maacah (v. 14-22).
- E. David's chief officers (20:23-26).

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What effect did David's grief for Absalom have on his people?
- 2. Was Joab's rebuke to David justified?
- 3. Who was first to want David back as King?
 - (a) Judah
 - (b) Israel (10 tribes)
- 4. What two consequential messages did David send by the priests?
- 5. Shimei was the first of the house of Joseph to meet David upon his return. (T) (F)

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6. How had Shimei changed since the last time he saw David?
7. Where did Mephibosheth explain to David why he did not follow after David when he had to flee Jerusalem?
8. How did Ziba deceive and slander Mephibosheth?
9. When David commanded that the possessions should be divided among Ziba and Mephibosheth, Mephibosheth manifested
 - a. a covetous character.
 - b. a grateful character.
 - c. a sarcastic character.
10. Why was David so generous in his treatment of Barzillai and Chimham?
11. How did David dignify the aged Barzillai?
12. Why did a feud begin between the ten tribes and Judah?
13. How successful was Sheba in his rebellion against David?
14. Why did David treat his concubines the way he did?
15. How did the woman of Abel manifest prudent wisdom to Joab?
16. What changes occurred in circumstances and personnel relating to David's reign from 8:15-18 to 20:23-26?