

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
2 Samuel 20:1-26
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2 Samuel 20 – Is An Unstable Kingdom: Worldliness.

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1. Verses 1-5 – Tribal Conflict

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1. Verses 1-5 – Tribal Conflict:

2 Samuel 20:1

“Now” – This takes us back to the context in 2 Samuel 19 in which David is now returning to Jerusalem and reclaiming his rightful throne.

2 Samuel 19:40 – “Now the king went on to Gilgal,”

2 Samuel 19:41-20:5 – Tribal Conflict

2 Samuel 19:42-43

Gilgal was the place where Israel had made a new beginning in Joshua’s day, Joshua 3-5.

Matthew 12:25

2 Samuel 20:1

“a worthless fellow” – KJV “man of Belial”, “without profit, worthlessness; wickedness, evil, ungodly.”

“Bichri,” – the name in Hebrew means “youthful”.

"Bichri" – Benjamin had a son whose name was "Becher"; the adjective formed from the name would be "Bichrite". Saul is believed to be of the same family.

"and he blew the trumpet" – The trumpet was used to call to war, solemn assembly, for religious feasts; this was a call to rebellion.

"Every man to his tents, O Israel!" – Campaign slogan "Every man to his tents!" Call to separate from David and the rest of Israel that has chosen David.

2 Samuel 20:14 – "Now he went through all the tribes of Israel to Abel,"

2 Samuel 20:2

"but the men of Judah remained steadfast to their king, from the Jordan even to Jerusalem." – The Southern tribes held fast to David.

2 Samuel 20:3

2 Samuel 16:21-22

2 Samuel 20:4

"Amasa," – is David's new commander that replaced Joab, 2 Samuel 19:13.

2 Samuel 20:5

There are some situations in which expediency is crucial.

2. Verses 6-13 – Personal Conflict:

2 Samuel 20:6

"And David said to Abishai," – David now gives the command of the army to Abishai.

2 Samuel 20:7-8

"which is in Gibeon," – some 6 miles Northwest of Jerusalem.

"Amasa came to meet them." – Joab had no love for Amasa, who had betrayed David and led Absalom's army, 2 Samuel 17:25.

Joab had killed Abner and Absalom, so his hands were already stained with blood.

2 Samuel 20:9-10

Judges 3:20-22

2 Samuel 20:11-12

"But Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the middle of the highway." – Joab left Amasa lying in a pool of blood on the highway, dying agonies ignored.

2 Samuel 20:13

3. Verses 14-26 – City Conflict:

2 Samuel 20:14-15

"Abel Beth-maacah," – about 25 miles North of the Sea of Galilee.

2 Samuel 20:16 – "Then a wise woman called from the city,"

"David's story," a woman changes the course of events 3X:

1. Abigail was the first, 1 Samuel 25.
2. The woman of Tekoa was the second, 2 Samuel 14.
3. The wise woman called to Joab from the wall and assured him that her city was not in league with any rebels and therefore didn't deserve to be attacked.

2 Samuel 20:17-19

"mother in Israel" – "a mother city or recognized capital of the region"; This city would support smaller cities. If this mother city fell, the other cities would fall as a result.

Deuteronomy 20:10-16 – requiring that a city first be given an offer of peace before it was attacked.

2 Samuel 20:20-22

Verses 23-26 – List Of David's Officers: (1st List 2 Samuel 8:15-18)

2 Samuel 20:23-24

1 Samuel 8:11-16 – Samuel had warned Israel as to the consequences of wanting and having a king in Israel. Samuel said the Kings would enact forced labor upon the nation and that is exactly what happened.

2 Samuel 20:25-26

Application: 2 Samuel 20 – Is An Unstable Kingdom: Worldliness.

1. The Conflict Between Israel And Judah Reveals The Great Need For All People To Have A Heart Change And Submit To God's Kingdom. Revelation 11:15 – "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever."
2. Joab Exemplifies The Worldly Thinking Of Getting What One Wants Through Underhanded Ways. 2 Corinthians 4:2 – "but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God."
3. God's Kingdom Is A Matter Of "Righteousness And Peace And Joy In The Holy Spirit" – Romans 14:17.