

Old Testament

- 2Sa 19:1** It was told Joab, "Behold, the king is weeping and mourning for Absalom."
- 2Sa 19:2** So the victory that day was turned into mourning for all the people, for the people heard that day, "The king is grieving for his son."
- 2Sa 19:3** And the people stole into the city that day as people steal in who are ashamed when they flee in battle.
- 2Sa 19:4** The king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, "O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!"
- 2Sa 19:5** Then Joab came into the house to the king and said, "You have today covered with shame the faces of all your servants, who have this day saved your life and the lives of your sons and your daughters and the lives of your wives and your concubines,
- 2Sa 19:6** because you love those who hate you and hate those who love you. For you have made it clear today that commanders and servants are nothing to you, for today I know that if Absalom were alive and all of us were dead today, then you would be pleased.
- 2Sa 19:7** Now therefore arise, go out and speak kindly to your servants, for I swear by the LORD, if you do not go, not a man will stay with you this night, and this will be worse for you than all the evil that has come upon you from your youth until now."
- 2Sa 19:8** Then the king arose and took his seat in the gate. And the people were all told, "Behold, the king is sitting in the gate." And all the people came before the king. Now Israel had fled every man to his own home.
- 2Sa 19:9** And all the people were arguing throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, "The king delivered us from the hand of our enemies and saved us from the hand of the Philistines, and now he has fled out of the land from Absalom.
- 2Sa 19:10** But Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why do you say nothing about bringing the king back?"
- 2Sa 19:11** And King David sent this message to Zadok and Abiathar the priests: "Say to the elders of Judah, 'Why should you be the last to bring the king back to his house, when the word of all Israel has come to the king?"
- 2Sa 19:12** You are my brothers; you are my bone and my flesh. Why then should you be the last to bring back the king?"
- 2Sa 19:13** And say to Amasa, 'Are you not my bone and my flesh? God do so to me and more also, if you are not commander of my army from now on in place of Joab.'"
- 2Sa 19:14** And he swayed the heart of all the men of Judah as one man, so that they sent word to the king, "Return, both you and all your servants."
- 2Sa 19:15** So the king came back to the Jordan, and Judah came to Gilgal to meet the king and to bring the king over the Jordan.
- 2Sa 19:16** And Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, from Bahurim, hurried to come down with the men of Judah to meet King David.
- 2Sa 19:17** And with him were a thousand men from Benjamin. And Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, with his fifteen sons and his twenty servants, rushed down to the Jordan before the king,
- 2Sa 19:18** and they crossed the ford to bring over the king's household and to do his pleasure. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was about to cross the Jordan,
- 2Sa 19:19** and said to the king, "Let not my lord hold me guilty or remember how your servant did wrong on the day my lord the king left Jerusalem. Do not let the king take it to heart.
- 2Sa 19:20** For your servant knows that I have sinned. Therefore, behold, I have come this day, the first of all the house of Joseph to come down to meet my lord the king."

2Sa 19:21 Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered, "Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD's anointed?"

2Sa 19:22 But David said, "What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should this day be as an adversary to me? Shall anyone be put to death in Israel this day? For do I not know that I am this day king over Israel?"

2Sa 19:23 And the king said to Shimei, "You shall not die." And the king gave him his oath.

2Sa 19:24 And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king. He had neither taken care of his feet nor trimmed his beard nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came back in safety.

2Sa 19:25 And when he came to Jerusalem to meet the king, the king said to him, "Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth?"

2Sa 19:26 He answered, "My lord, O king, my servant deceived me, for your servant said to him, 'I will saddle a donkey for myself, that I may ride on it and go with the king.' For your servant is lame.

2Sa 19:27 He has slandered your servant to my lord the king. But my lord the king is like the angel of God; do therefore what seems good to you.

2Sa 19:28 For all my father's house were but men doomed to death before my lord the king, but you set your servant among those who eat at your table. What further right have I, then, to cry to the king?"

2Sa 19:29 And the king said to him, "Why speak any more of your affairs? I have decided: you and Ziba shall divide the land."

2Sa 19:30 And Mephibosheth said to the king, "Oh, let him take it all, since my lord the king has come safely home."

2Sa 19:31 Now Barzillai the Gileadite had come down from Rogelim, and he went on with the king to the Jordan, to escort him over the Jordan.

2Sa 19:32 Barzillai was a very aged man, eighty years old. He had provided the king with food while he stayed at Mahanaim, for he was a very wealthy man.

2Sa 19:33 And the king said to Barzillai, "Come over with me, and I will provide for you with me in Jerusalem."

2Sa 19:34 But Barzillai said to the king, "How many years have I still to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem?"

2Sa 19:35 I am this day eighty years old. Can I discern what is pleasant and what is not? Can your servant taste what he eats or what he drinks? Can I still listen to the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be an added burden to my lord the king?"

2Sa 19:36 Your servant will go a little way over the Jordan with the king. Why should the king repay me with such a reward?"

2Sa 19:37 Please let your servant return, that I may die in my own city near the grave of my father and my mother. But here is your servant Chimham. Let him go over with my lord the king, and do for him whatever seems good to you."

2Sa 19:38 And the king answered, "Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do for him whatever seems good to you, and all that you desire of me I will do for you."

2Sa 19:39 Then all the people went over the Jordan, and the king went over. And the king kissed Barzillai and blessed him, and he returned to his own home.

2Sa 19:40 The king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him. All the people of Judah, and also half the people of Israel, brought the king on his way.

2Sa 19:41 Then all the men of Israel came to the king and said to the king, "Why have our brothers the men of Judah stolen you away and brought the king and his household over the Jordan, and all David's men with him?"

2Sa 19:42 All the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, "Because the king is our close relative. Why then are you angry over this matter? Have we eaten at all at the king's expense? Or has he given us any gift?"

2Sa 19:43 And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah, "We have ten shares in the king, and in David also we have more than you. Why then did you despise us? Were we not the first to speak of bringing back our king?" But the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

2Sa 20:1 Now there happened to be there a worthless man, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjaminite. And he blew the trumpet and said, "We have no portion in David, and we have no inheritance in the son of Jesse; every man to his tents, O Israel!"

2Sa 20:2 So all the men of Israel withdrew from David and followed Sheba the son of Bichri. But the men of Judah followed their king steadfastly from the Jordan to Jerusalem.

2Sa 20:3 And David came to his house at Jerusalem. And the king took the ten concubines whom he had left to care for the house and put them in a house under guard and provided for them, but did not go in to them. So they were shut up until the day of their death, living as if in widowhood.

2Sa 20:4 Then the king said to Amasa, "Call the men of Judah together to me within three days, and be here yourself."

2Sa 20:5 So Amasa went to summon Judah, but he delayed beyond the set time that had been appointed him.

2Sa 20:6 And David said to Abishai, "Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom. Take your lord's servants and pursue him, lest he get himself to fortified cities and escape from us."

2Sa 20:7 And there went out after him Joab's men and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men. They went out from Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

2Sa 20:8 When they were at the great stone that is in Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. Now Joab was wearing a soldier's garment, and over it was a belt with a sword in its sheath fastened on his thigh, and as he went forward it fell out.

2Sa 20:9 And Joab said to Amasa, "Is it well with you, my brother?" And Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him.

2Sa 20:10 But Amasa did not observe the sword that was in Joab's hand. So Joab struck him with it in the stomach and spilled his entrails to the ground without striking a second blow, and he died. Then Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba the son of Bichri.

2Sa 20:11 And one of Joab's young men took his stand by Amasa and said, "Whoever favors Joab, and whoever is for David, let him follow Joab."

2Sa 20:12 And Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the highway. And anyone who came by, seeing him, stopped. And when the man saw that all the people stopped, he carried Amasa out of the highway into the field and threw a garment over him.

2Sa 20:13 When he was taken out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

2Sa 20:14 And Sheba passed through all the tribes of Israel to Abel of Beth-maacah, and all the Bichrites assembled and followed him in.

2Sa 20:15 And all the men who were with Joab came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maacah. They cast up a mound against the city, and it stood against the rampart, and they were battering the wall to throw it down.

2Sa 20:16 Then a wise woman called from the city, "Listen! Listen! Tell Joab, 'Come here, that I may speak to you.'"

2Sa 20:17 And he came near her, and the woman said, "Are you Joab?" He answered, "I am." Then she said to him, "Listen to the words of your servant." And he answered, "I am listening."

2Sa 20:18 Then she said, "They used to say in former times, 'Let them but ask counsel at Abel,' and so they settled a matter.

2Sa 20:19 I am one of those who are peaceable and faithful in Israel. You seek to destroy a city that is a mother in Israel. Why will you swallow up the heritage of the LORD?"

2Sa 20:20 Joab answered, "Far be it from me, far be it, that I should swallow up or destroy!

2Sa 20:21 That is not true. But a man of the hill country of Ephraim, called Sheba the son of Bichri, has lifted up his hand against King David. Give up him alone, and I will withdraw from the city." And the woman said to Joab, "Behold, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall."

2Sa 20:22 Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri and threw it out to Joab. So he blew the trumpet, and they dispersed from the city, every man to his home. And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.

2Sa 20:23 Now Joab was in command of all the army of Israel; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was in command of the Cherethites and the Pelethites;

2Sa 20:24 and Adoram was in charge of the forced labor; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder;

2Sa 20:25 and Sheva was secretary; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests;

2Sa 20:26 and Ira the Jairite was also David's priest.

New Testament

Luk 21:20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near.

Luk 21:21 Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it,

Luk 21:22 for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written.

Luk 21:23 Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people.

Luk 21:24 They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

Luk 21:25 "And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves,

Luk 21:26 people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Luk 21:27 And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

Luk 21:28 Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Luk 21:29 And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees.

Luk 21:30 As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near.

Luk 21:31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

Luk 21:32 Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place.

Luk 21:33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Luk 21:34 "But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.

Luk 21:35 For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.

Luk 21:36 But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Luk 21:37 And every day he was teaching in the temple, but at night he went out and lodged on the mount called Olivet.

Luk 21:38 And early in the morning all the people came to him in the temple to hear him.