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The Rebellion of Absalom 13:1-19:8

- David's flight to the wilderness. 16:1-14
  - Encounter with Ziba, the servant who had been given charge of Mephibosheth, Saul's son. 16:1-4
    - Brought David and his company provisions.
    - Revealed that Mephibosheth refused to accompany him believing the kingdom would be restored to Saul's family.
    - David gave Ziba all that belonged to Mephibosheth.

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The Rebellion of Absalom 13:1-19:8

- David's flight to the wilderness. 16:1-14
  - Encounter with Shimei 16:5-13
    - Bahurim was the next village after descending from the Mount of Olives.
    - From his actions Shimei was loyal to Saul and falsely believed that David was responsible for Saul's death and therefore that David had wrongfully ascended as the king of Israel.

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The Rebellion of Absalom 13:1-19:8

- David's flight to the wilderness. 16:1-14
  - Encounter with Shimei 16:5-13
    - David was surrounded by his security forces and not in danger.
    - Abishai wanted to kill Shimei on the spot.
    - David knew he was no real threat and rebuked Abishai for his desire to meet the situation with lethal force.

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The Rebellion of Absalom 13:1-19:8

- David's flight to the wilderness. 16:1-14
  - Encounter with Shimei 16:5-13
    - David was aware that these events had an element of God's judgment on his sin.
    - David looked to God to be his defender.

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The Rebellion of Absalom 13:1-19:8

- David's flight to the wilderness. 16:1-14
  - Arrival at the fords of the Jordan which would have been near Jericho, about 20 miles from Jerusalem. 16:14

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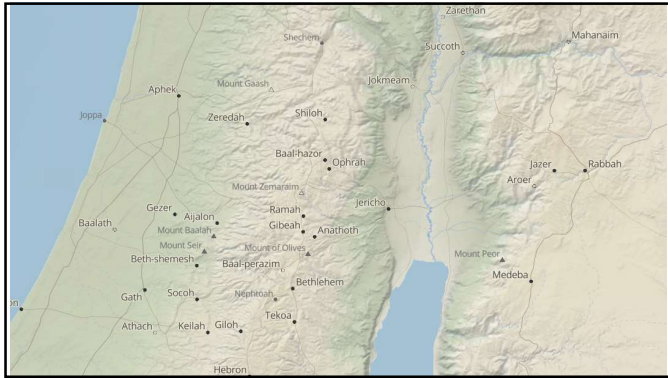
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### The Rebellion of Absalom 13:1-19:8

- Absalom's entrance into Jerusalem. 16:15-17:14
  - Hushai, sent back by David to counter the advice of Ahithophel met Absalom and convinced Absalom that he would be loyal to him as he had served his father. 16:15-19

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### The Rebellion of Absalom 13:1-19:8

- Absalom's entrance into Jerusalem. 16:15-17:14
  - Absalom solicited the advice of Ahithophel for his first action to establish himself as king. 16:20-22
    - Ahithophel counseled Absalom to publicly go into David's concubines he has left behind to show in no uncertain terms he was taking the place of his father as king.
    - This was the fulfillment of the judgment God pronounced on David in 2 Samuel 12:10-12.

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### The Rebellion of Absalom 13:1-19:8

- Absalom's entrance into Jerusalem. 16:15-17:14
  - Ahithophel's further counsel 16:23-17:4
    - Ahithophel's counsel was seen as legendary.
    - Ahithophel requested an overwhelming force to immediately pursue David while he was on the run and at a disadvantage.
      - He offered to only kill David and then bring back all the people back to Absalom.
      - The plan sounded good to Absalom and the tribal leaders.

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### The Rebellion of Absalom 13:1-19:8

- Absalom's entrance into Jerusalem. 16:15-17:14
  - Hushai's counsel 17:5-14
    - Absalom sought further counsel from Hushai.
    - Hushai had bided his time and now was his chance to save David with his counsel.
    - He reminded Absalom of David's experience and skill as a warrior.

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### The Rebellion of Absalom 13:1-19:8

- Absalom's entrance into Jerusalem. 16:15-17:14
  - Hushai's counsel 17:5-14
    - He pointed out that David and his very capable fighting force would be motivated by their anger at Absalom's actions.
    - He suggested that David would not be that easy to single out and kill.
    - He pointed out the danger of the people turning from Absalom if David's men inflicted quick casualties on Absalom's forces.

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The Rebellion of Absalom 13:1-19:8

- Absalom’s entrance into Jerusalem. 16:15-17:14
  - Hushai’s counsel 17:5-14
    - Hushai’s alternative plan is for Absalom to mount an overwhelming force from all the land against David and wipe out both David and his forces.
    - Absalom and the leaders agreed that this was a better plan.

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The Rebellion of Absalom 13:1-19:8

- Results of Hushai’s counsel 17:15-23
  - Hushai used the system of communication put in place by David and told the priests Zadok and Abiathar to warn David of Ahithophel’s counsel.
  - The priests told their sons and after a tense situation of almost being intercepted, the sons made their way to David with the warning and David and his people passed over the Jordan.

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The Rebellion of Absalom 13:1-19:8

- Results of Hushai’s counsel 17:15-23
  - Ahithophel departed and took his own life when Absalom did not follow his counsel.

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Lessons

- Always be humble enough to allow that criticism may have some elements of truth you need to consider.
- Do not give in to the temptation to attack the source of criticism.
- Discernment sometimes calls for silence and patience.
- Always be ready to propose an alternative when voicing opposition.

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Lessons

- Naked ambition has no place in the kingdom of God.
- God provides what we need in the challenging seasons of life.
- God's judgment contains elements of grace.

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