

The Book of Second Samuel: 2 Samuel 19 – 20

Sunday, June 9 and Wednesday, June 12

2 Samuel 19: Sunday, June 9

(1 – 8) What effect did Absalom's death have on David and the people? Describe Joab's address to David. What criticisms did Joab direct toward David, and how did David respond?

(9 – 15) What was the attitude of the people about accepting David as their king again? Why was Judah the last tribe to accept David, and what steps did David take to regain their confidence? How did the people of Judah respond? (*2 Samuel 15: 7 – 9*)

(16 – 23) What request did Shimei make to David? How did Abishai propose that David respond to Shimei? How did David react to Abishai's proposal, and how did David respond to Shimei's request for mercy? (*2 Samuel 16: 9 – 10*)

(24 – 30) What explanation did Mephibosheth give regarding his actions during the revolt, as contrasted with Ziba's claims? Why did David offer to split the land between Ziba and Mephibosheth (as opposed to giving it all back to Mephibosheth), and how did Mephibosheth respond to David's offer? (*2 Samuel 16: 4*)

(31 – 39) What offer did David make to Barzillai, and how did Barzillai respond? Who did Barzillai want to send with David, and how did David respond? (*1 Kings 2: 7*)

(40 – 43) Describe the conflict between the people of Israel and the people of Judah. What argument did the people of Israel make regarding their loyalty to David, and how did the people of Judah respond? Who prevailed in the disagreement?

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2 Samuel 20: Wednesday, June 12

(1 – 3) What argument did Sheba make to the people of Israel, and how did they respond? How did the people of Judah respond to the situation? What action did David take regarding the ten concubines that he had left in Jerusalem? (*2 Samuel 16: 20 – 22*)

(4 – 7) What instructions did David give to Amasa regarding Sheba's rebellion? When Amasa was late in fulfilling David's instructions, what actions did Joab, Abishai and David's soldiers take?

(8 – 13) When Amasa arrived at the battlefield, how did Joab approach him? Subsequently, what action did Joab take against Amasa? How did this action initially affect the soldiers, and how was the situation resolved?
(*2 Samuel 3: 26 – 27*)

(14 – 15) What action did Joab take as he pursued Sheba? Where did Sheba and his army of rebels seek refuge?

(16 – 19) What points did the wise woman from Abel make to Joab? What historical perspective did she offer regarding the reputation of the inhabitants of the city?

(20 – 22) What request did Joab make to the woman, and how did the people of Abel respond? Based on that response, what action did Joab and his army take?

(23 – 26) Describe the organization of David's government.