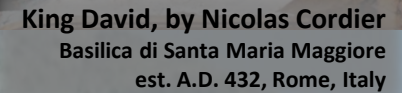


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Loyalty
a Good King's
Great Asset
to Have & to Give



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2 Samuel

1.	June 3	Respected	1-2	David Mourns Saul, then Made King
2.	June 10	Crowned	3-4	Civil War – Abner Killed by Joab
3.	June 17	Celebrated	5-6	King David Moves Ark to Jerusalem
4.	June 24	Established	7	God's Covenant to Build House of David
5.	July 1	Valued	9	David Befriends Mephibosheth
6.	July 8	Accountable	11-12	David & Bathsheba, Repents to Nathan
7.	July 15	Grieved	13	Tamar Raped ... Absalom Kills Amnon
☆8.	July 22	Deposed	14-17	Absalom Rebels against David
9.	July 29	Restored	19	David Restored to Throne
10.	Aug. 5	Averted	20	Sheba Revolts against David
11.	Aug. 12	Resolved	21	Gibeonite Revenge on House of Saul
12.	Aug. 19	Thankful	22	David's Song of Deliverance (Psalm 18)
13.	Aug. 26	Disciplined	24	David's Census Sin

2 Samuel Outline

- 1-7 David Secures the Kingdom over Southern and Northern Tribes** 1-7
- 1 David Mourns Death of Saul & Jonathan
 - 2-4 David Made King over Judah in Hebron
 - 5 David Made King over All of Israel ... Conquers Jerusalem
 - 6 Ark brought to Jerusalem
 - 7 Davidic Covenant ... David wants to Build Temple
- 8-10 David Extends the Kingdom** 8-10
- 8 War against Philistia, Moab, Syria, Ammon, Amalek
 - 9 David's Kindness to Saul's son Mephibosheth
 - 10 War against Ammon in Syria
- 11-12 David with Bathsheba, Adultery, Murder, Repents, Solomon's Birth** 11-12
- 13-19 Absalom's Revolt against David** 13-19
- 13-14 Amnon Rapes Tamar ... Absalom Kills Amnon, Flees, Returns
 - 15-17 Absalom Revolts against David ... David Flees**
 - 18-19 David Defeats Absalom ... Joab Kills Absalom
- 19-24 David Re-secures the Kingdom** 19-24
- 20 Sheba's Revolt & Death
 - 21 Saul's Sons Killed ... David Defeats Philistines
 - 22 David's Psalm of Victory
 - 23 David's Last Song ... David's Mighty Men
 - 24 David Takes Census of Israel
- 1 Kings 1-2 ... David Bedridden ... Appoints Solomon King ... David Dies**

You're HERE

2 Samuel 5-20
more exploits in
1 Chronicles 11-28

Theme

Selfish ambition dishonors God and fosters unwarranted fear

2 Samuel 14-17

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Key Verses – 2 Samuel 15:25-26

25 Then the king said, “Take the Ark of God back into the city.

If I find favor in the Lord’s eyes, he will bring me back and let me see it and his dwelling place again.”

26 But if he says, “I am not pleased with you,” then I am ready; let him do to me whatever seems good to him.



Alternative Title

Treasure of Long-lasting Loyalty



Alternative Title #2

Tragedy of Abusing Loyalty



Alternative Title #3

One Tin Soldier



LOYALTY

We all know its worth

- ✓ We all know those who **WERE**
- ✓ We all know those who **ARE**

Few things hurt more than those whose **LOYALTY** you valued ... but lost

Who has NOT known someone who you thought was ... but turned?

Fewer are those who surprised you in *their* **LOYALTY**



LOYALTY

Quote

Faithless is he that
says farewell when
the road darkens.

— J. R. R. Tolkien



Four Long Chapters ...

122 Verses ... *in just over half an hour*

And we don't want to speed ...

11 Extraordinary Narratives – 11

Few lessons on - **Absalom's AMBITION**

Few lessons on - **David's HUMILITY**

Many lessons on - **Value of LOYALTY**

2 Samuel 14-17 are 11 Narratives that
Combine to Jack-hammer illustrate the
Value of LOYALTY



Eleven – 11 – Narratives Machine Gun Illustrate the Value of Loyalty

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14:1-33 Joab's Wise Tekoan Woman
Gets David's Reprieve for Absalom

2 Sam. 14 ... Joab feels David's heart
David misses Absalom

Joab, Commander of Army & Nephew

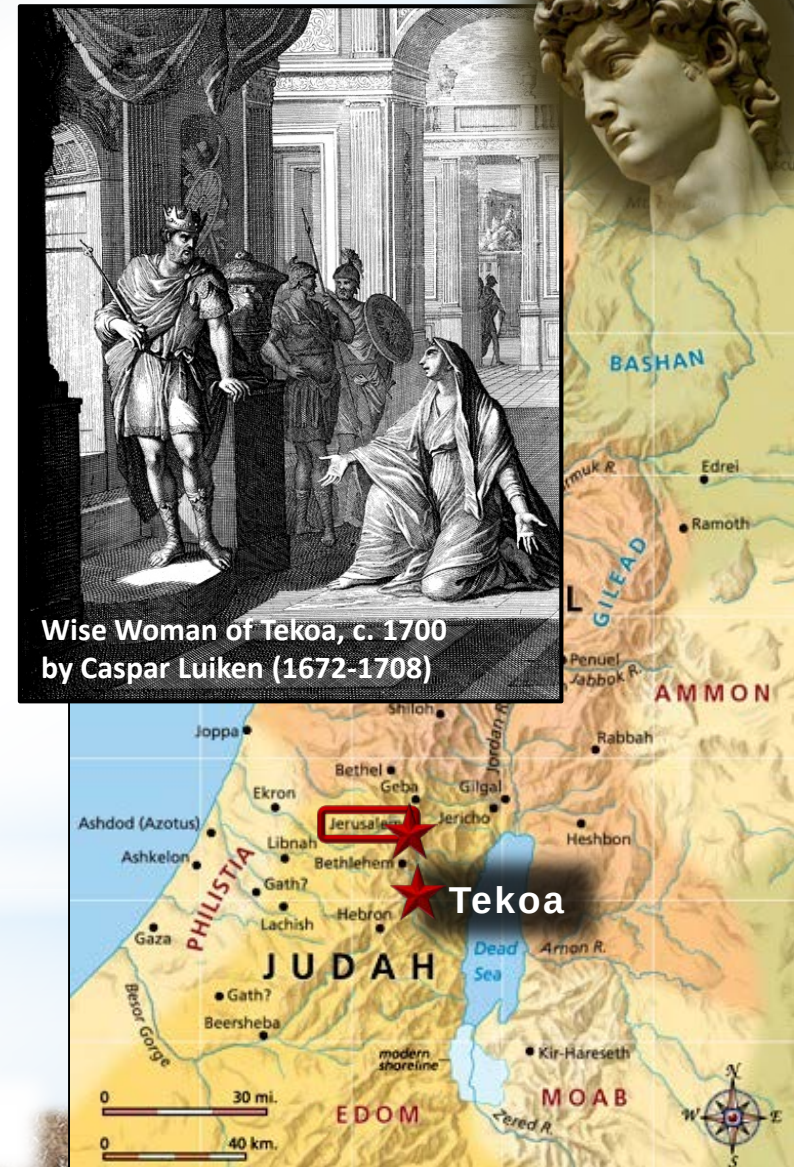
Joab will **“fix”** David ... gets a WISE
woman from Tekoa to go to David

About 10 miles south, almost midway
between Hebron and Jerusalem

She SPINS a long tale of her two sons

One Killed the Other

People Want to Kill Remaining SON





Wise Woman of Tekoa, c. 1700
by Caspar Luiken (1672-1708)



14:1-33 Joab's Wise Tekoan Woman
Gets David's Reprieve for Absalom

Wise Tekoan Woman's SPIN works

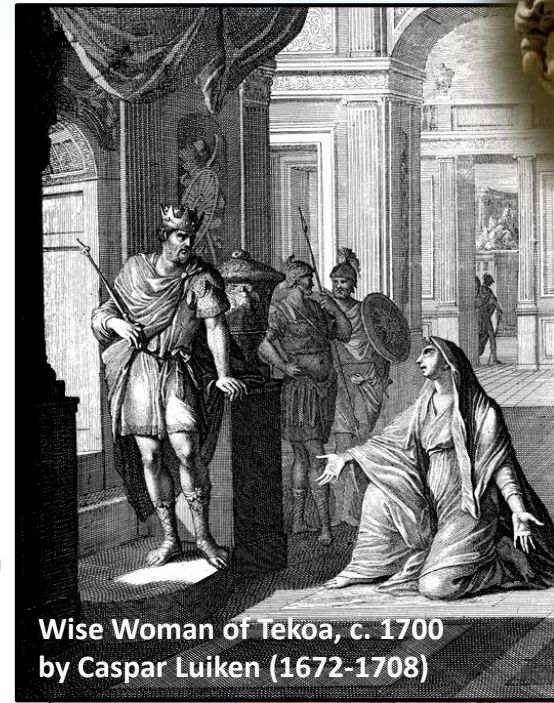
2 Sam. 14:10

¹⁰ The king replied, "If anyone says anything to you, bring them to me, and they will not bother you again."

Herein her grand eloquence is ... well

Greatest piece of eloquence spoken by a women in the entire Bible ... **DARN**

We SHOULD Know Her NAME



Wise Woman of Tekoa, c. 1700
by Caspar Luiken (1672-1708)



14:1-33 Joab's Wise Tekoan Woman
Gets David's Reprieve for Absalom

When the Wise Woman winds up ...

David says, "Is Joab behind this?"

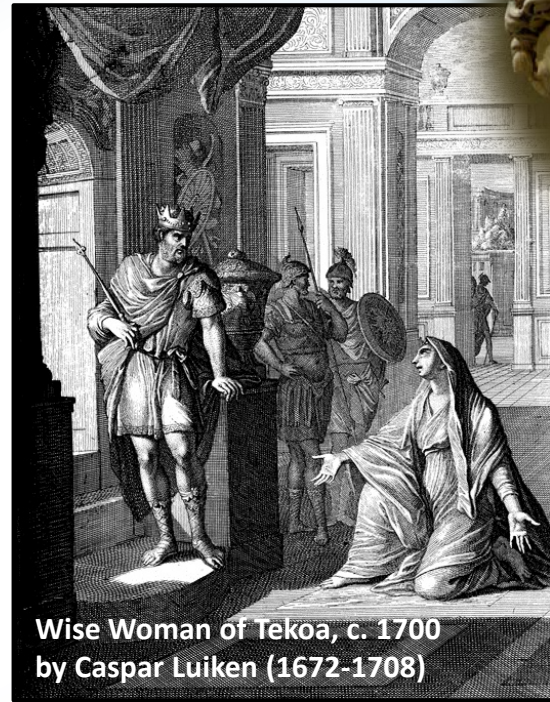
"Yep," she says & pours on the honey

2 Sam 14:20, "My lord has wisdom like
that of an angel of God—he knows
everything that happens in the land."

Wise indeed ... David calls Joab

Get-r-Done

Absalom is Brought Back



Wise Woman of Tekoa, c. 1700
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Joab's **LOYALTY**
of his own accord

15:1-9 Absalom on the Rise –
Steals Hearts of the People

Absalom showboats, 50 men running
Sits at the city gate ... Praising ALL

Political Promises to ALL

Every complaint VALID ... Kisses ALL

After 4 years, “Let me go to Hebron”

“To Worship!” ... Lying AGAIN to King

Here is where Absalom goes

OFF the Reservation



All my friends
call me

BEARCLAW

Cause I'm a good-
looking bad dude

2

Absalom sought
LOYALTY w False Worship



LOYALTY

Quote

Those who do not know
the value of Loyalty
can never appreciate
the cost of betrayal

— Unknown



15:10-12 **Entitlement –**

Absalom in Hebron Aspires to be King

Absalom to Hebron ... *to worship*
To seek worshipers of HIMSELF ...

15:10, **hear the trumpet ... say, “KING”**

200 duped into following him to Hebron
Calls Ahithophel, David’s counselor

2 Sam. 15:12, **“And so the conspiracy
gained strength, and Absalom’s
following kept on increasing....**

Absalom sought recognition from
Others’ Reputations



LOYALTY

Quote

Stop giving LOYALTY
to people who cannot
even give you honesty

— Unknown



15:13-16 Fright – David Flees Jerusalem

¹³ A messenger came & told David,
“The hearts of the people of
Israel are with Absalom.”

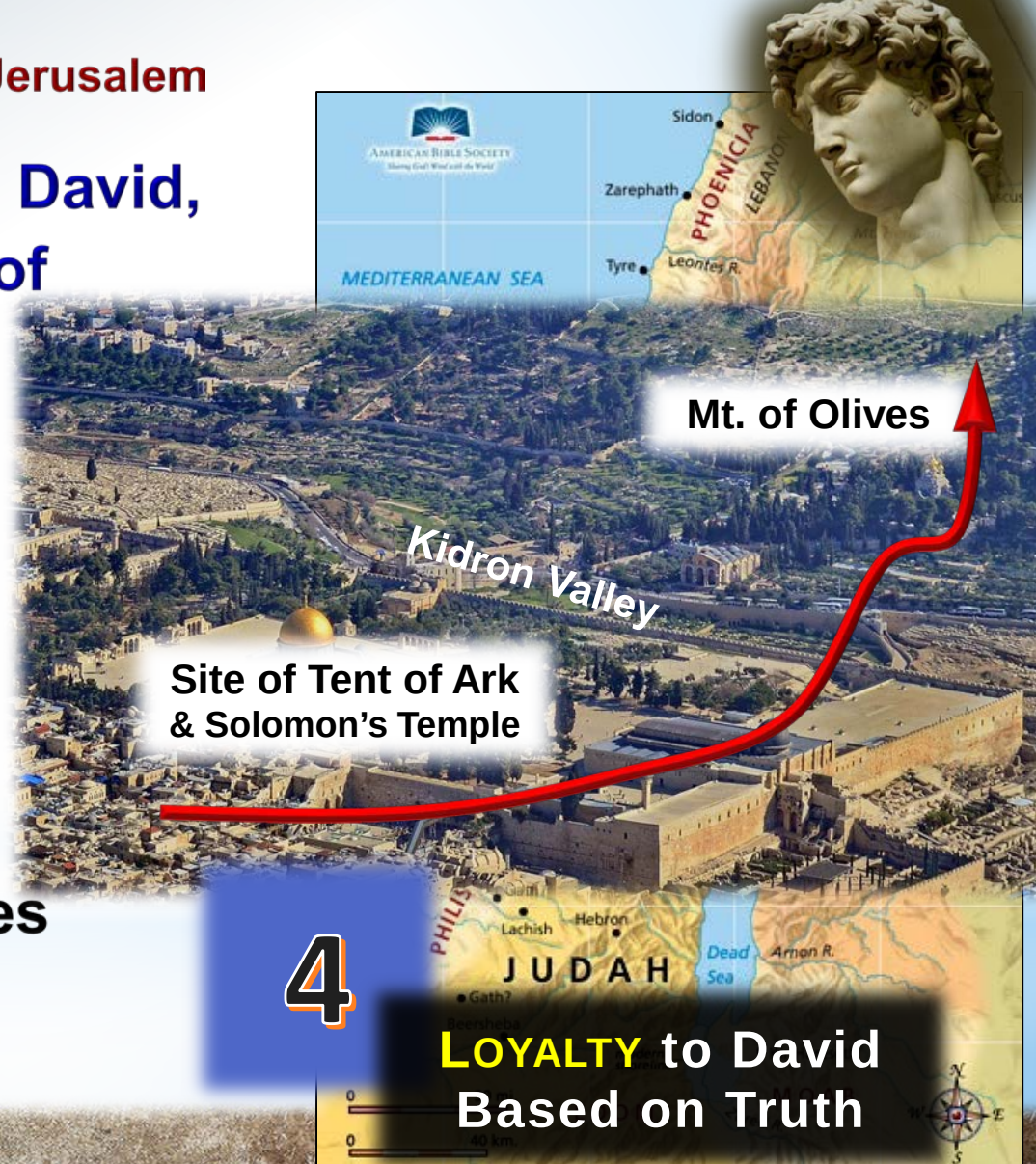
David says, “Come! ...”

They are “ready to do
whatever our Lord
the king chooses.”

They set out ... rough road

How many “messengers” does

King David Have?



LOYALTY

Quotes

In the end we not
remember the words of
our enemies,
but the silence
of our friends

— Martin Luther King Jr.



David Flees Jerusalem, up Mt. of Olives

Refresh themselves after Shimei's cursing

**Long rough 65+ miles to Mahanaim ... near
Lo Debar – where Mephibosheth used to live**



15:17-23 Ittai the Gittite of Gath
Goes with David – People Cry

David bids Ittai the Gittite to **STAY**

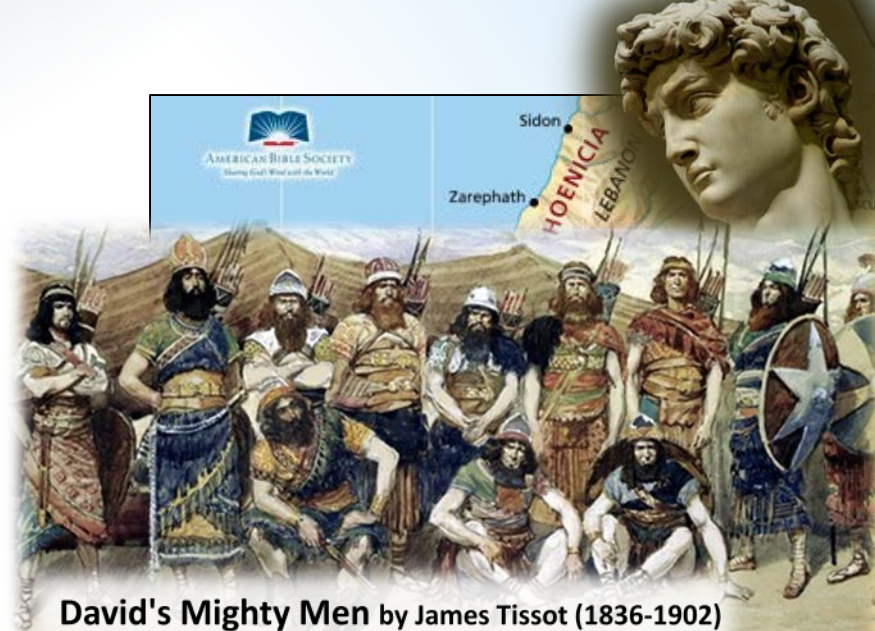
Ittai means “Timely” – he’s one of

David’s 30 Mighty Men 2 Sam. 23:29

David says, ²⁰ “You only came
here yesterday....”

Ittai will NOT have it ... ²¹ “As surely
as the LORD lives ... wherever my lord
the king may be, whether it means life
or death, there will your servant be.”

Whole Countryside Wept



David's Mighty Men by James Tissot (1836-1902)



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LOYALTY to David
Based on Freedom

15:24-30 **Flight – David Weeps**
Ascending Mt. of Olives

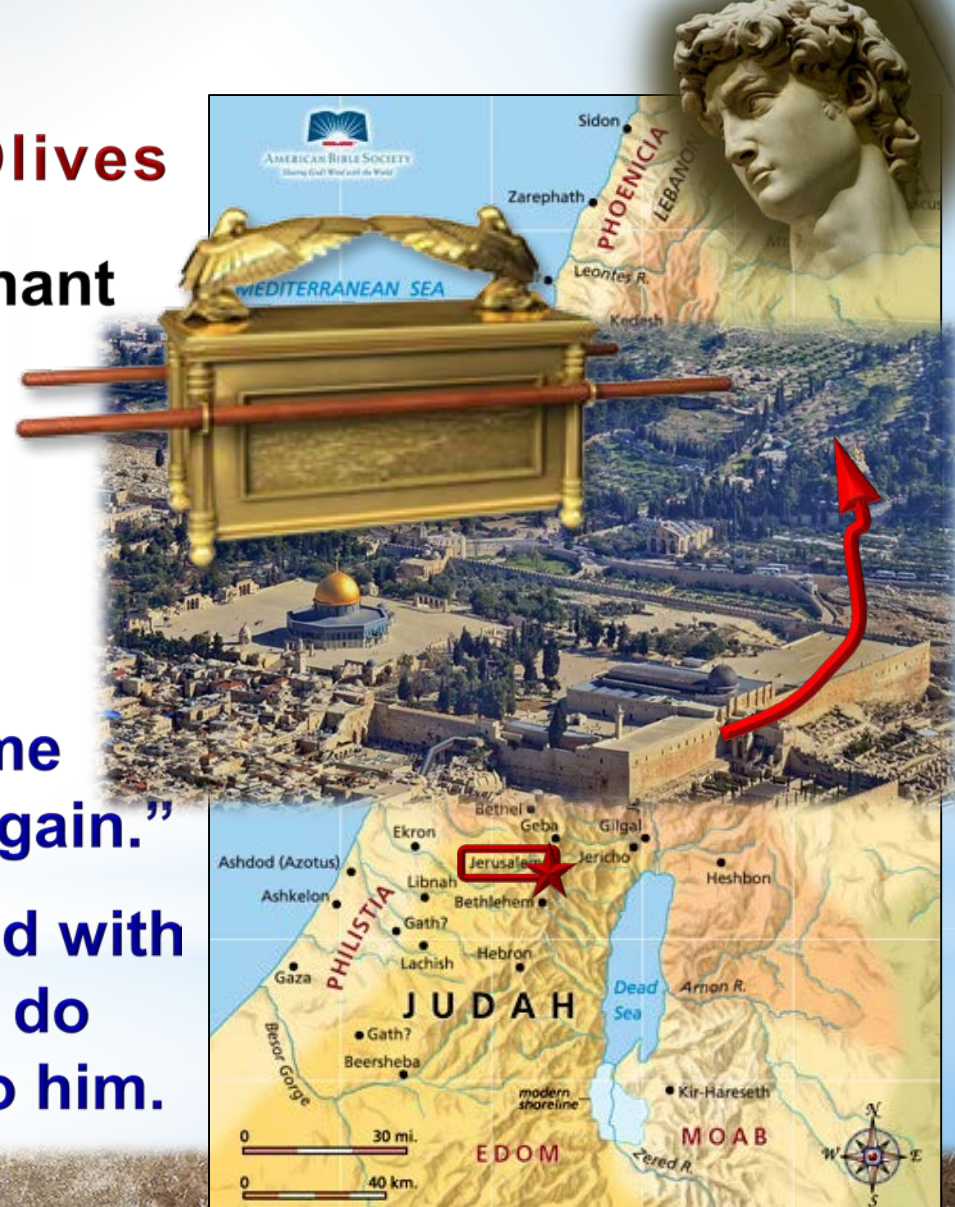
Ascend carrying the Ark of Covenant

David says to Zadok, **“NOPE!”**

²⁵ Then the king said, “Take the Ark of God back into the city.

If I find favor in the LORD’s eyes, he will bring me back and let me see it and his dwelling place again.”

²⁶ But if he says, “I am not pleased with you,” then I am ready; let him do to me whatever seems good to him.



15:24-30 **Flight – David Weeps**

Ascending Mt. of Olives

David **REPEATS** to Zadok,

²⁷ “Do you understand? Go back!”

David said, “I’ll be at the fords in the wilderness until word comes ...”

Zadok & Abiathar go back ...

David continues over the Mt. of Olives

David—Barefoot & WEEPING

All the People Wept



David's **LOYALTY** to
God on Full Display

15:31-37 David's Confidante Hushai
Sent to Counter Ahithophel

David gets news that Ahithophel
is now advising Absalom ...

Ahithophel = "brother of impiety"
yet, he's seasoned, very respected

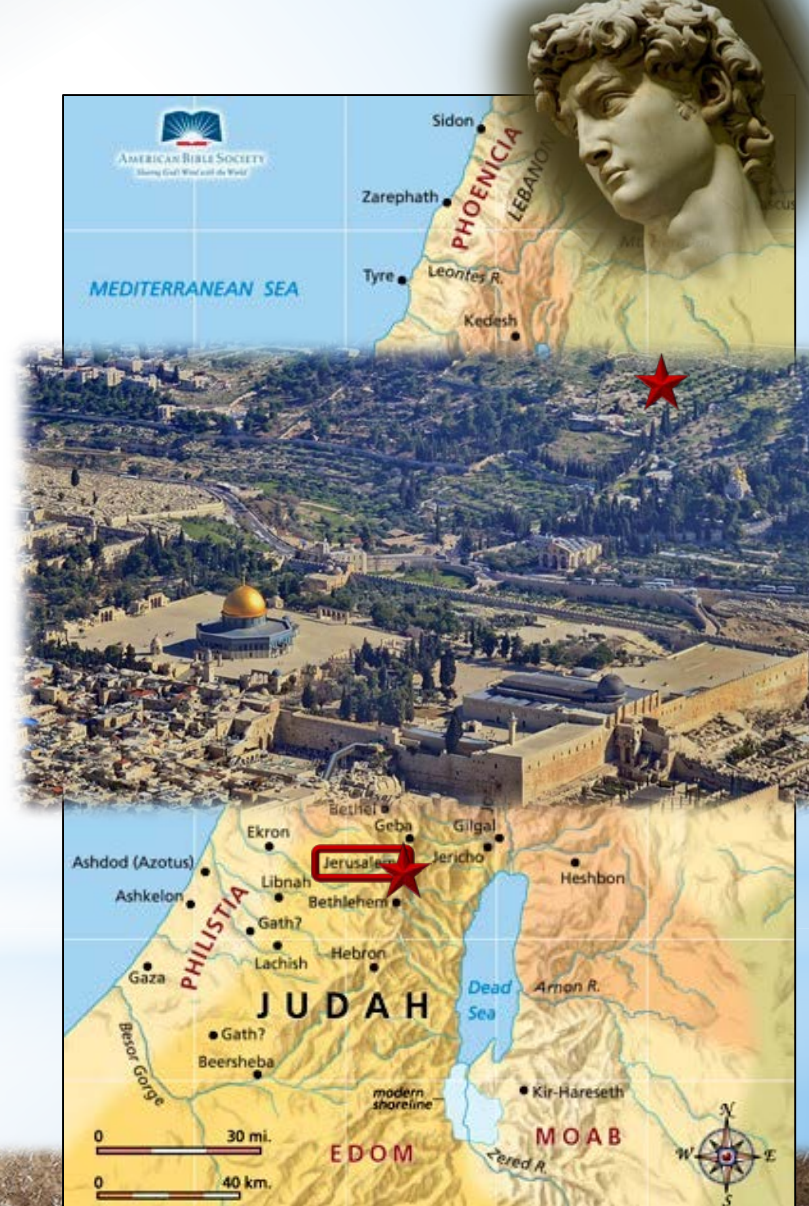
At the summit of Mt. of Olives ...

Hushai w torn robe, dust on head

David says, ³³ "If you go with me,
you will be a burden to me."

Some say *burden* cause Hushai likely

Was an Old Man



15:31-37 David's Confidante Hushai
Sent to Counter Ahithophel

Likely old, still, David trusts Hushai w
His Life

David expresses utter confidence

Now David has **THREE** Confidantes in
Absalom's Weak Court

KNOWING Hushai will be able to get
close to Absalom's closest aids

Hushai relays espionage intelligence to
Zadok & Abiathar



15:31-37 David's Confidante Hushai
Sent to Counter Ahithophel

Who is Hushai ... that is so trusted?
David sends him to spy on Absalom
Hushai, Zadok, Abiathar, Ittai ... more
YEARS of trust ... YEARS of loyalty
He or she is wealthy who has a family
or friend that they can TRUST with

Their LIFE

most wealthy if can trust in the

Camp of the Enemy!



LOYALTY

Quotes

**They are not your friends
until they have defended
you in your absence**

— Unknown



16:1-14 David Rewards Ziba
and Shimei Curses David

Ziba meets David & crew with a whole truck load of bar-b-que & beverages

Where is Mephibosheth? ...

Ziba gets ALL of Mephibosheth's land

In Chap. 19, David forgives Mephib who claims Ziba betrayed him

Here, David only knows what he sees
Ziba's Food & Beverage wagon is

Welcome & Needed

8



Ziba's dubious LOYALTY
provided for David

16:1-14 David Rewards Ziba
and Shimei Curses David

As David & crew go ...

along comes a Spider Pest

THIS Shimei is part of **King Saul's clan**

18 in O.T. named Shimei: **FAMOUS**

1st Shimei, grandson of Levi, head of
clan responsible for Tabernacle care

One is among David's Mighty Men

As David & crew near Bahurim ...

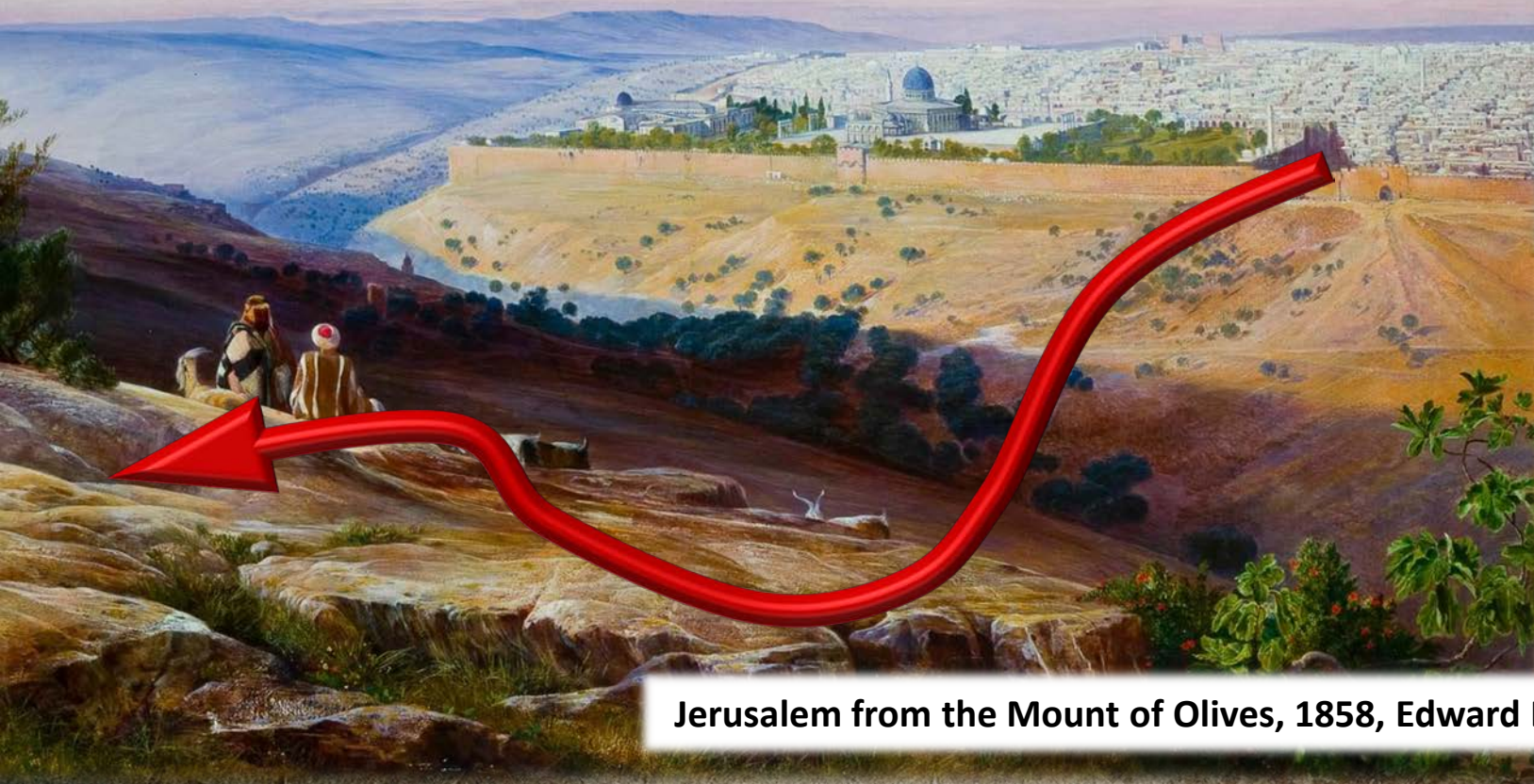
which is just over the Mt. of Olives



Painting of Jerusalem from Mt. of Olives
Edward Lear travelled over the Middle East

Called himself, "Painter of Poetical Topography"

David, family, Mighty Men, 100s over the Mt. of Olives



Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, 1858, Edward Lear (1812-88)

**16:1-14 David Rewards Ziba
and Shimei Curses David**

**Up and over Mt. of Olives ...
as David & crew near Bahurim ...**

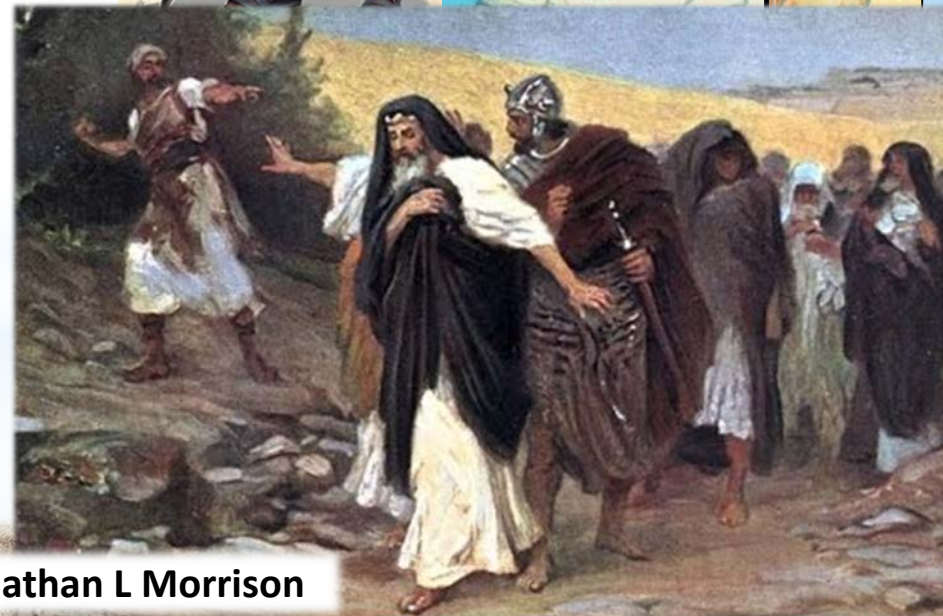
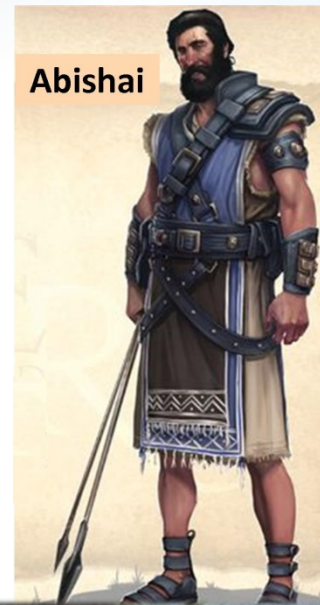
Spider Pest Shimei ... curses David

Spider Pest Shimei ... throws rocks

**Joab's bro Abishai, by himself slew 300,
commander of 30 Mighty Men, said,**

**“Why should this dead dog curse
my lord the king? Let me go
over and cut off his head”**

David does not let Abishai



Shimei Cursed David by Nathan L Morrison

16:1-14 David Rewards Ziba
and Shimei Curses David

David confesses his own son is
seeking to kill him

Perhaps LORD told Shimei to curse
David mourns, “It may be the Lord
will look upon my misery and
restore to me his covenant blessing
instead of his curse today.”

David’s mercy here ... how can one
**Forget This Degree
MERCY**



Abishai



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LOYALTY of those to
David seems **GOLDEN**

16:15-23 Ahithophel Counsels Absalom to
Sleep w David's Concubines

Poor, poor Absalom ... young & naive
he lied & led 200 men to Hebron

Now they all go back to Jerusalem

Ahithophel advises Absalom ...

Some speculate Ahithophel was the
grandfather of Bathsheba

Ahithophel advises Absalom to

Sleep with All of David's Concubines

Absalom DOES



Absalom seeks for
LOYALTY by **disgust**

LOYALTY

Quote

There's something wrong
with your character if
“opportunity”
controls your LOYALTY
— Unknown



17:1-29 Hushai's Counter-Counsel
to Absalom Saves David's Life

End of chapter 16 reads

16:23 “Now in those days the advice
Ahithophel gave was like that of
one who inquires of God.

That was how both David & Absalom
regarded all of Ahithophel's advice.”

Whatever experience Absalom lacked
Ahithophel made up for in wisdom

Chapter 17's 29 verses say a *truck load*



17:1-29 Hushai's Counter-Counsel
to Absalom Saves David's Life

Ahithophel advises Absalom to
get 12,000 soldiers & pursue David

17:2 “I would attack him while he is
weary and weak.

I would strike him with terror....

I would strike down only the king

Ahithophel is “right” too ... **attack while weak**

David knew that ... why Hushai was there

Absalom—no concept of **Real Leadership**

Absalom—no concept of **True Loyalty**



17:1-29 Hushai's Counter-Counsel
to Absalom Saves David's Life

Absalom calls for Hushai ...

Asked Hushai for HIS opinion

Hushai, the elder ... *also respected*
Hushai's careful response is **GENIUS**

You **KNOW** your father and his men;
they are fighters, and as fierce as
a wild bear robbed of her cubs.

Besides, your father is an experienced
fighter; he will not spend the
night with the troops.



17:1-29 Hushai's Counter-Counsel
to Absalom Saves David's Life

Hushai's words give David time
Hushai relays to Zadok & Abiathar
David escapes ... to refresh & regroup
Ahithophel finds out his advice was

NOT Followed

Ahithophel knew someone would relay
Ahithophel KNEW David had *resources*

There will be NO escaping David now

Ahithophel Hangs Himself

11

Ahithophel **KNOWS** the
penalty of **DIS-LOYALTY**
to King David



Chapter 17 ends with Absalom
camped in the land of Gilead

King David camped in Mahanaim

Chapter 18, David divides his men

1/3 to **Joab** - 1/3 to **Abishai** - 1/3 to **Ittai**

18:5, "Be gentle with the young man
Absalom for my sake."

All the troops heard the king giving
orders concerning Absalom.

Absalom sadly, truly doesn't know
first whipping will be his worst



Chapter 18 takes through the
rather EASY win by David

Once David regrouped, Absalom

never had a chance

As Joab, Abishai, and Ittai take off

David wants to go, but they don't let him

Though this song captures the fate of
Billy Jack & the wickedness he fought

One part of the refrain seems to capture
one set of feelings as David KNOWS

Absalom's Ambition Slew Him



As David goes back to his tent
As Joab, Abishai, and Ittai take off

Absalom's end is certain

Go ahead and hate your neighbor,
Go ahead and cheat and friend,

Do it in the name of heaven,
You can justify it in the end.

There won't be any trumpets blowing
Come the judgment day,

On the bloody morning after
One Tin Soldier rides away.

David goes back to tent ...



David PRAYS for



Absalom

David **KNOWS** it will
be hard for Joab,
Abishai, et al, to

NOT Kill Absalom



LOYALTY good, bad, ugly wove
itself through 11 narratives

1. Joab's **LOYALTY** of his own accord
2. Absalom sought **LOYALTY**
with False Worship
3. Absalom bought **LOYALTY** with Lies
4. **LOYALTY** to David based on Truth
5. **LOYALTY** to David based on Freedom
6. David's **LOYALTY** to God on Full Display
7. Hushai risked LIFE in **LOYALTY** to David



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provided for David
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10. Absalom seeks for **LOYALTY** by disgust
11. Ahithophel KNOWS the penalty of
DIS-LOYALTY to King David



We, too, know the value of **LOYALTY**
a decidedly ADULT construct ...



Trust + Time = **LOYALTY** ...

yet that is *too* shallow to appreciate

LOYALTY decidedly ADULT construct

Children seem to naturally FEEL

But Children CANNOT truly understand

Takes an EVIL world ...

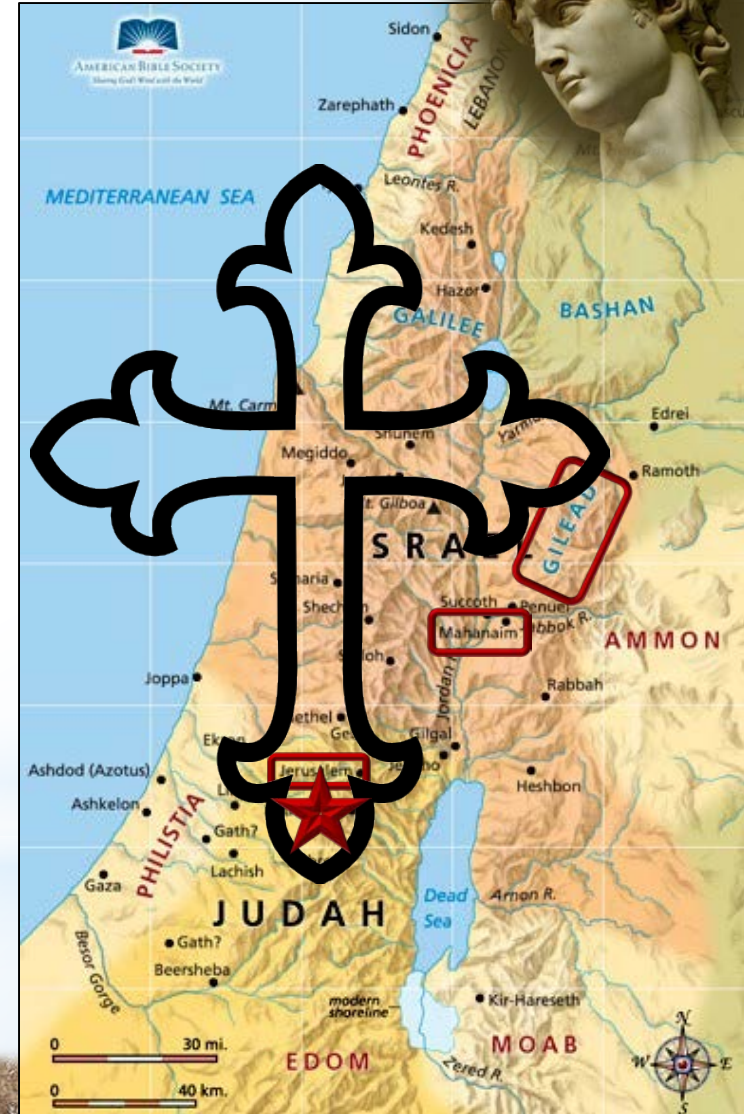
to show the TRUE

Value of LOYALTY



Value of LOYALTY

Like Christ's
Devotion to His Father
Like Christ's Devotion to an
Unworthy Church



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