

August 5 – 2 Samuel 20

AVERTED



Sheba,

**“N-n-not MY
KING”**



King David, by Nicolas Cordier
Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore
est. A.D. 432, Rome, Italy



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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

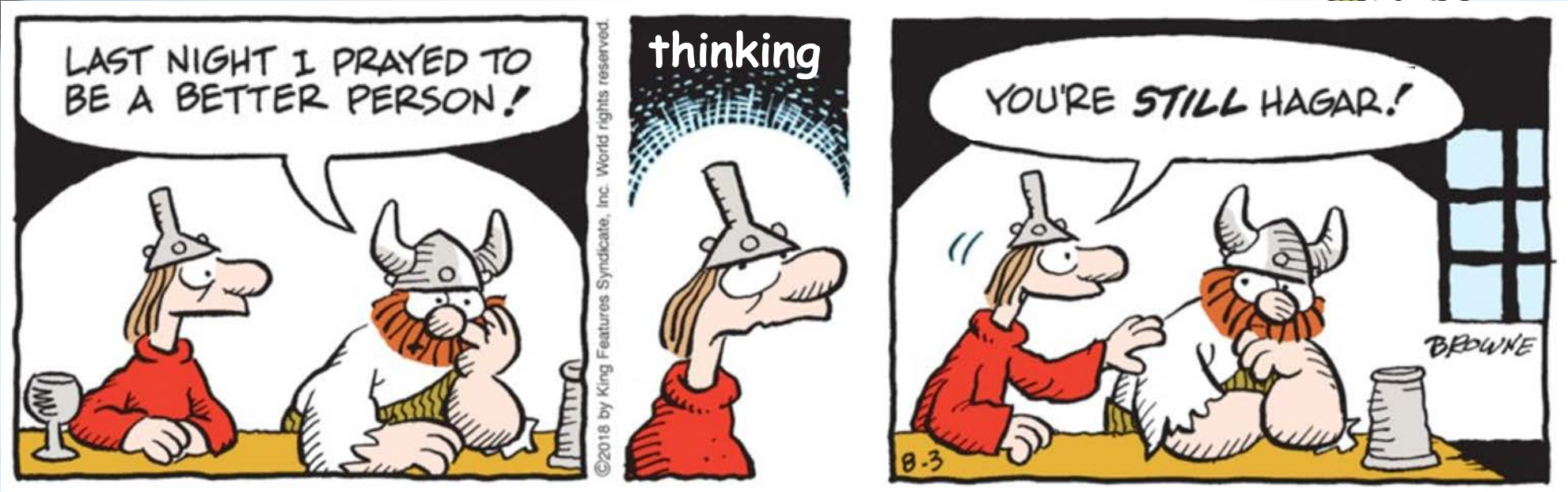
2 Samuel Outline

- 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

Great Philosopher **Hagär** the Horrible
with his friend **Lucky Eddie** fellowshipping



And Joab ... will be Joab ... what can we say

What is your perspective on the Death Penalty?



Here ... in 2 Samuel 20 ... We have TWO Killings
BOTH die by the hand or order of General Joab

1. Amasa, commander appointed by David over Joab
2. Sheba, rebel rousing Israel against David

Important to note that BACK then in 1000 B.C.:

First was **WRONG** on many levels

Second was **RIGHT**, by order of King David



Roman Catholic Church on the Death Penalty?

Thursday, Rome Bureau Chief Inés San Martín* wrote in the *Crux*, departing from 1992 Pope John Paul II allowing it for proven guilt,

“The death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person,” reads the Catechism ... with the addition that the Church “works with determination for its abolition worldwide.”



Vatican
Coat of Arms



Pope Francis
Coat of Arms

*“Pope Francis changes teaching on death penalty, it’s ‘inadmissible’” Inés San Martín, ROME BUREAU CHIEF (8-2-2018)
<https://cruxnow.com/vatican/2018/08/02/pope-francis-changes-teaching-on-death-penalty-its-inadmissible/>

Southern Baptist Convention on the Death Penalty?

Southern Baptist Convention, on June 13, 2000,* resolved:

“Whereas, every human life has sacred value;” ...

“Whereas, God authorized capital punishment for for MURDER after the Noahic Flood” ...

Therefore, be it RESOLVED, That the messengers ... support the fair and equitable use of CAPITAL PUNISHMENT by civil magistrates as a legitimate form of punishment for those guilty of murder or treasonous acts that result in death;



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*In a 2000 resolution, the SBC in Orlando, Florida, <http://www.sbc.net/resolutions/299>, all caps mine.

What is your perspective on the Death Penalty?



- ✓ If so, what crimes deserve the Death Penalty?
- ✓ What does the Bible say?
- ✓ Probably not a surprise that Old Testament is legalistic and quite violent
- ✓ New Testament brings us the **Eternal Love of God**
- ✓ However, there is room for the Death Penalty
- ✓ Our passage is pretty rough by today's laws
- ✓ We've argued for the sanctity of the SOUL, *not life*



Theme
**God uses the skills of people to
accomplish His purpose.**

2 Samuel 19-20

19:16-30 David Pardons Shimei ... David Pardons Mephibosheth

19:31-40 David Kind to Barzillai

19:41-43 Judah and Israel Compete for King David



20:1-2 Division – Sheba, son of Bichri, Rallies Israel to Rebel

20:3-13 David Sends Amasa, then Abishai after Sheba – Joab Kills Amasa

20:14-15 Civil War – Sheba Runs to northern city Abel Beth Maacah

20:16-22 Wisdom Conquers – Wise Woman Sends over the Head of Sheba



Spoiler Alert – Amasa & Sheba Killed

This story is rather Simple in its Sorry Sadness

- ✓ **David Returns**
- ✓ **Sheba Rebels against David**
- ✓ **Joab Kills Amasa in Pursuit of Sheba**
- ✓ **Sheba Runs North**
- ✓ **Joab Corners Sheba in Sieged City**
- ✓ **Wise Woman FREES town by Sending**

Sheba's Head Over the Wall



Sheba



Key Verses – 2 Samuel 20:21



“That is not the case,” Joab said.



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the hill country of Ephraim, has lifted up
his hand against the king, against David.
Hand over this one man, and
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The woman said to Joab,

“His head will be thrown to you from the wall.”



Alternative Title

**Don't Loose
Your Head**

Fighting God's Will



Alternative Title #2



**Not My King
or**

Not My President



Alternative Title #3

Sheba Diagnosis:

The King David

Derangement
Syndrome



David returns from Mahanaim to Gilgal at the Jordan River

19:16-23 ... 1,000 Benjaminites meet

- ✓ Shimei, who cursed David leaving
- ✓ Shimei bows, asks forgiveness
- ✓ Abishai thinks Shimei should die
- ✓ David pardons Shimei

Later, 2 Kings 2, David warns Solomon

- ✓ Shimei allowed to live in Jerusalem
- ✓ Shimei breaks promise, so Solomon has Benaiah execute Shimei



David returns ... now in Jerusalem

19:24-30 Mephibosheth meets David
unkept ... unshaven & unwashed

- ✓ David asked why he stayed behind
- ✓ Mephib, "I'm Lame" & "Ziba betrayed me"
- ✓ David replied, **"Why say more?"**

We hinted that Mephib may have become
an in-house confidante

- ✓ David divides land w him & Ziba

Appearance of a short span of time



19:31-40 David sees Barzillai

Rich Barzillai helped David in Mahanaim

Barzillai – means “Of Iron”

Now David will help Barzillai

Barzillai is 80, questions his years

Sadly, Barzillai has lost his

Taste & Hearing

David lets him return to his home

19:41-43 ... Men of Israel jealous that

Judah had come to David first

David is still ON the WAY to Jerusalem



**20:1-2 Division – Sheba, son of Bichri,
Rallies Israel to Rebel”**

**Seems like ... just as 10 tribes of Israel
had WANTED to be first ...**

Some were Disenchanted

**¹ Now a troublemaker named
Sheba**

**son of Bikri, a Benjamite,
happened to be there.**

Sheba means Oath or Seven



Sheba



**20:1-2 Division – Sheba, son of Bichri,
Rallies Israel to Rebel”**

Israel WANTED to be first ...

How Quickly They Turn

¹ Troublemaker Sheba ...

Isn't there ALWAYS one?

**Sheba sounded the trumpet &
SHOUTED,**

**“We have no share in David,
no part in Jesse's son!**

Every man to his tent, Israel!”



20:1-2 Division – Sheba, son of Bichri,
Rallies Israel to Rebel”

² So all the men of Israel deserted
David to follow Sheba son of Bikri.

But the men of Judah stayed
by their king all the way from
the Jordan to Jerusalem.

Remember, 1,000 Benjaminites came

How quickly some are **led astray**

How quickly **LED away from God's Will**

This faithlessness is hard to grasp



20:3-13 David Sends Amasa, then Abishai
after Sheba – Joab Kills Amasa

But David is back at the helm

Verse 3-5, David returns to Jerusalem

Takes care of 10 concubines as widows

Tells Amasa to get men here in 3 days
but he takes longer!!!

⁶ David said to Abishai, “Now Sheba ...
will do us more harm than Absalom.”

Orders Abishai to pursue

Remember Ahithophel?



20:3-13 David Sends Amasa, then Abishai
after Sheba – Joab Kills Amasa

Recall Ahithophel advised Absalom
to pursue *immediately*

Abishai, Joab's brother, heads out ...

Notice verse 20:7

⁷ After Joab's men, the Cherethites,
the Pelethites, and all the

Mighty Men:

they went out of Jerusalem
to pursue Sheba



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Verse 8 – to the Great Rock in Gibeon

Gibeon is about 6 miles NW of
Jerusalem

Not the easiest territory to travel



Gibeon is about 6 miles NW of
Jerusalem

Great ancient pool

**Gibeon or Geba = *means*
Hill or High Place**



Gibeon, Gibeon, Geba is in the heart of the territory of Benjamin

Decades earlier, after crowning at Mizpah, NEW King Saul returns to his home in Gibeon

Gibeon—Saul's birthplace and his Hometown

Gibeon—Solomon will offer 1,000 burnt offerings after David's death in 1 Kgs 3:4



Modern Arab
village of
EL-JIB
on north side
of hill

Remains of
biblical city of
GIBEON

-5.6 miles nw of
Jerusalem
- Gibeon means
"hill-city"

Modern
RAMALLAH

High Place of Gibeon
(Gibeah of God)
(Nabi Samwil)



20:3-13 David Sends Amasa, then Abishai
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Verse 8 ... to the Great Rock in Gibeon
Amasa came to meet them there ...

Joab meets Amasa with a dagger

⁹ Joab said to Amasa, “How are you,
my brother?” ... kissed him.

¹⁰ Joab plunged it into his belly, and
his intestines spilled out on
the ground.

Bible points out that Joab did NOT
need stab Amasa TWICE ... *whew*



20:3-13 David Sends Amasa, then Abishai
after Sheba – Joab Kills Amasa

Joab's MURDER of Amasa

Exceedingly violent & treacherous

What of the Death Penalty here?

No one can justify this by TODAY's

Laws, Morals, N.T. Ethic

Joab spills the guts of Amasa ...

LEAVES him on the road ... ahhh

First Road Kill in the Bible



20:3-13 David Sends Amasa, then Abishai
after Sheba – Joab Kills Amasa

Joab & Abishai pursue Sheba
Heading North ... tracking Sheba, *et al*
One of Joab's men asks for allegiance
VERSES 12-13, all **HALT** at Amasa's body
until it was pulled off road & covered
Joab is **BACK** in control of Army
Off they go ... in pursuit of rather
helpless Sheba



20:3-13 David Sends Amasa, then Abishai
after Sheba – Joab Kills Amasa

All the way ... through tribe after tribe
Sheba is saying ...



Not My King

Not My President

Kind sad for Sheba ... some humor him

Here's a loaf of bread, **“Don't tell Joab”**

Then point – *that way out of town*



**20:14-15 Civil War – Sheba Runs to
Abel of Beth-maacah**

**Though it is not said ... Sheba appears
to lose followers as he heads NORTH**

**¹⁴ Sheba passed through all the tribes
of Israel to Abel Beth Maakah and
through the entire region of the
Bikrites, who gathered together
and followed him**

Just west of Dan, north of Lake Huleh

Abel Beth Maakah means

Meadow of the House of Maakah

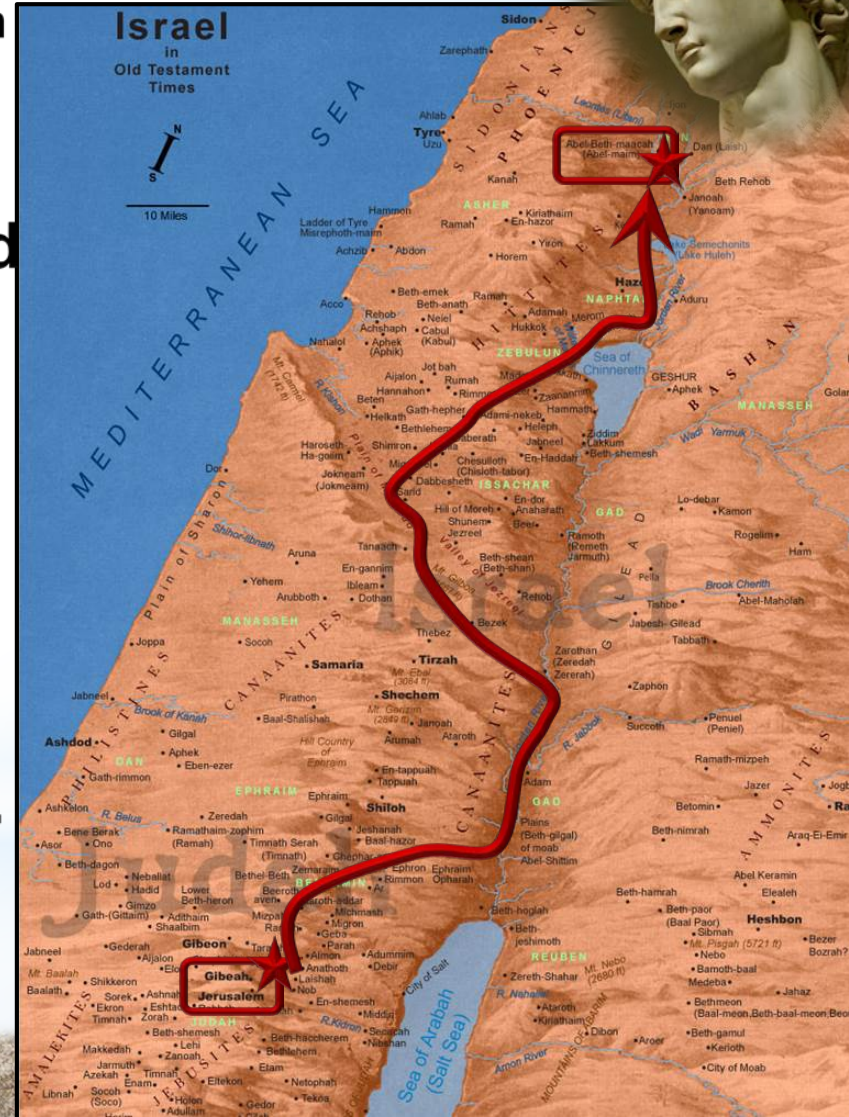


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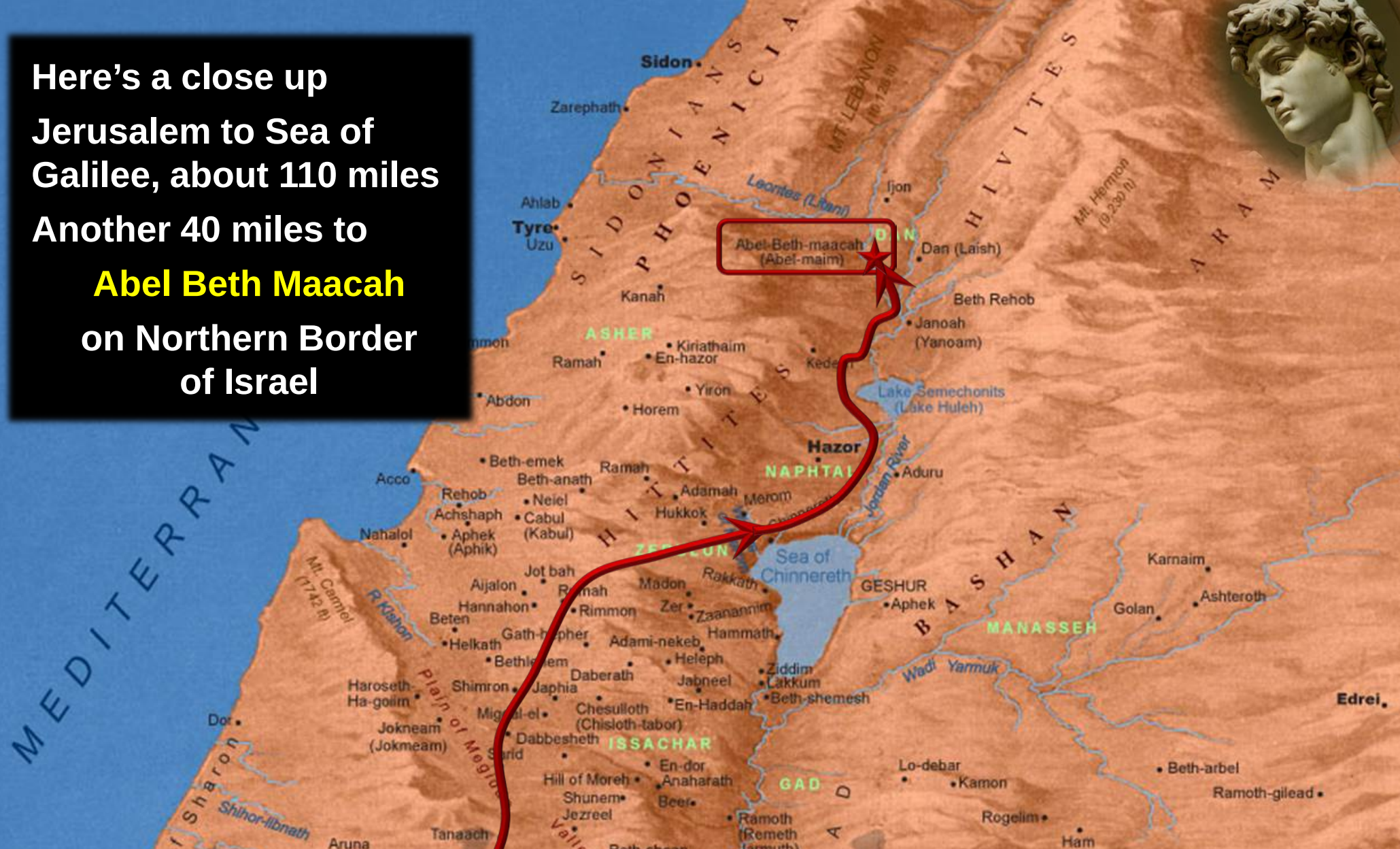
**Chased Sheba through all of Israel
From Jerusalem & Gibeon northward
Through all the tribes of Israel ...
to Abel Beth Maakah ... west of Dan
North of Lake Huleh ... 150 miles**

**Following Sheba's trail ...
Listening to his pitiful lament ...**

“Not My King ... Not My King!”



Here's a close up
Jerusalem to Sea of
Galilee, about 110 miles
Another 40 miles to
Abel Beth Maacah
on Northern Border
of Israel

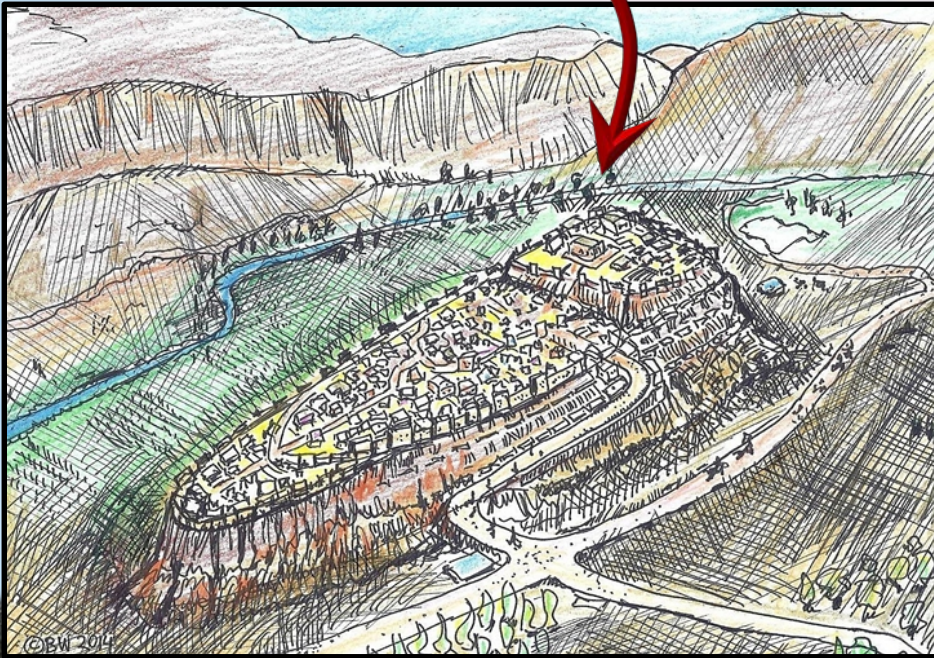


**¹⁵ All the troops with Joab came and
besieged Sheba in Abel Beth Maakah.**



Photo of the mound of the ancient city

An artist's reconstruction



20:3-13 David Sends Amasa, then Abishai
after Sheba – Joab Kills Amasa

Whatever you may think of the

Death Penalty

Following narrative is *rough*

It's O.T. Justice ... and doubtlessly

“Right” back then

Not an example to follow today ...

POINT then & today is on *Rebellion*

Against God's King



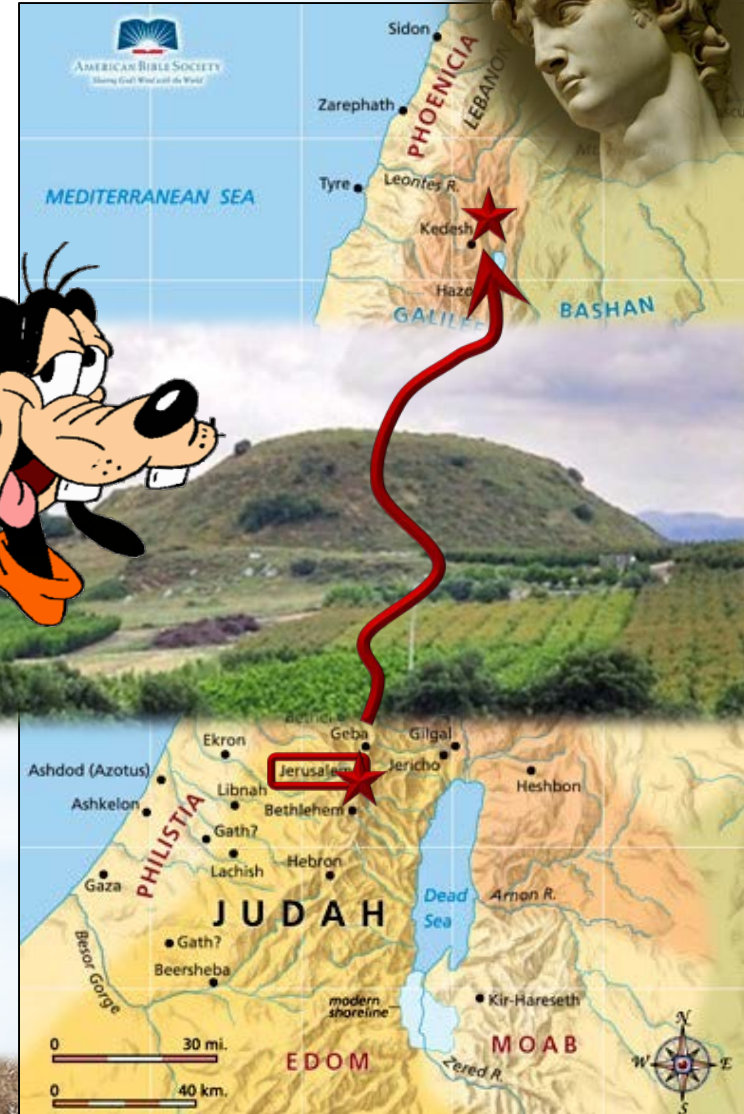
**20:16-22 Wisdom Conquers –
Wise Woman Sends Head of Sheba**

**About 150 miles north of Jerusalem
chased & tracked Sheba to the fortified**

Abel Beth Macaah

**¹⁶ a wise woman called from the city,
“Listen! Listen! Tell Joab to come
here so I can speak to him.”**

**¹⁷ He went toward her, and she asked,
“Are you Joab?” “I am,” he answered.
She said, “Listen to what your servant
has to say.” “I’m listening,” he said.**



**20:16-22 Wisdom Conquers –
Wise Woman Sends Head of Sheba**

You know everyone KNOWS Joab

**¹⁸ She continued, “Long ago they
used to say,**

**‘Get your answer at Abel,’
and that settled it.**

**¹⁹ We are the peaceful and faithful in
Israel. You are trying to destroy
a city that is a mother in Israel.**

**Why do you want to swallow up
the LORD’s inheritance?”**

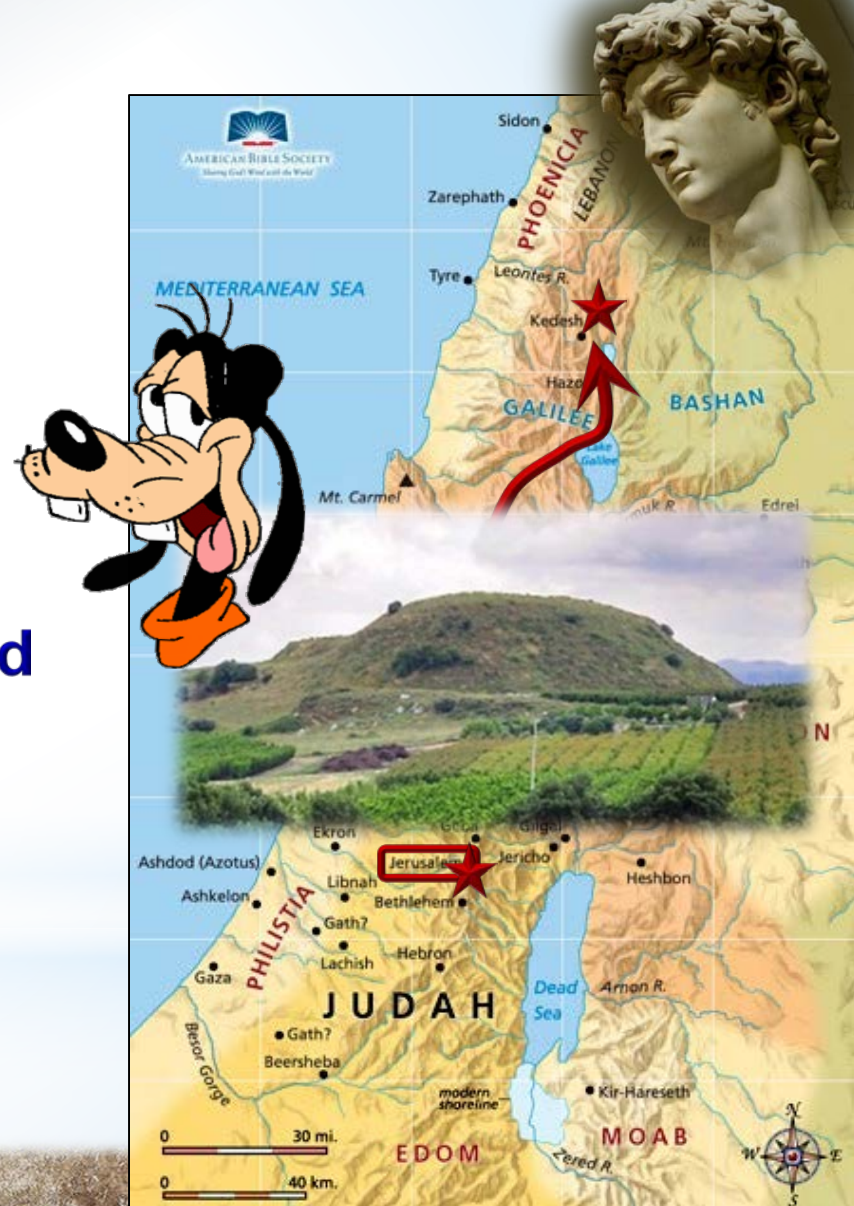


**20:16-22 Wisdom Conquers –
Wise Woman Sends Head of Sheba**

Joab's—commander for a long time

**20 “Far be it from me!” Joab replied,
“Far be it from me to
swallow up or destroy!**

**21 That is not the case. A man named
Sheba son of Bikri, from the hill
country of Ephraim, has lifted up
his hand against the king,
against King David.**



Joab cuts a deal ... and we *know*
as this deal is made ... Sheba

Poor pitiful Sheba has LOST followers
I suspect lost some in every town

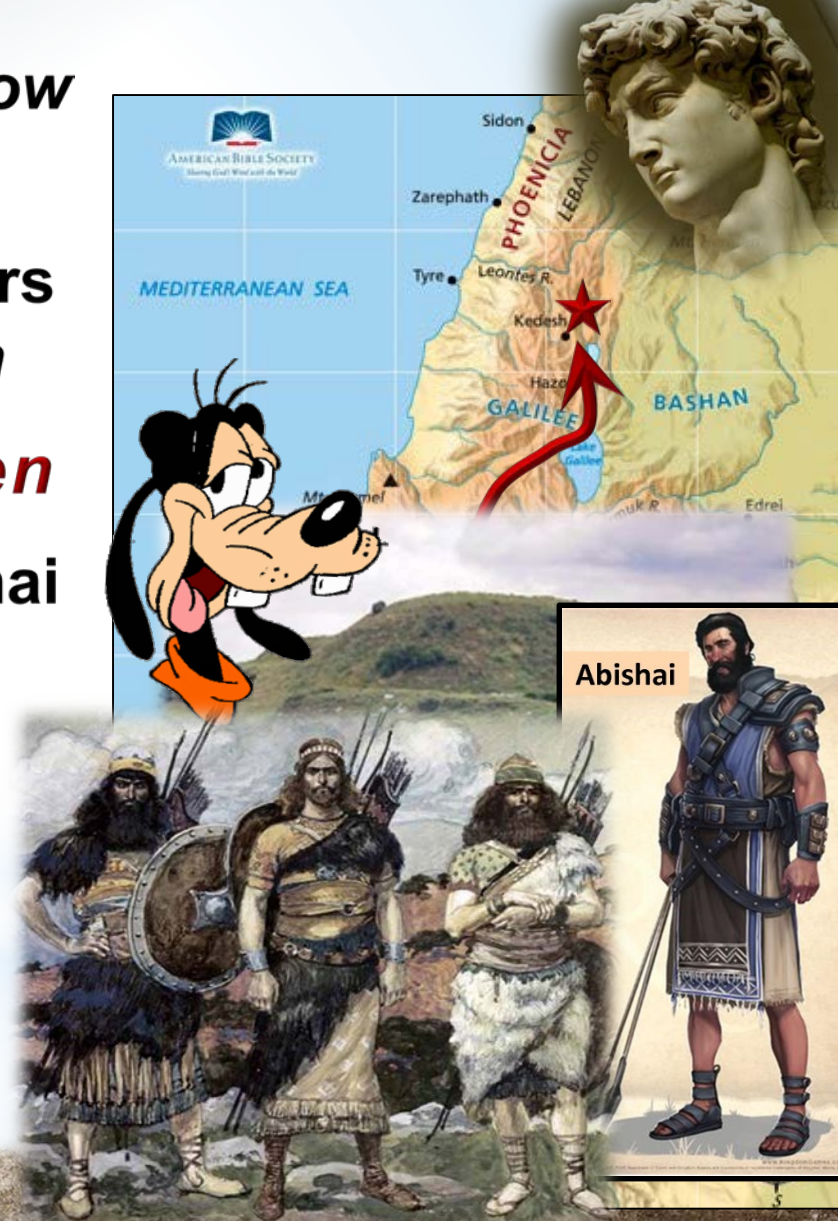
Joab w 1,000s & David's *Mighty Men*

Joab, standing next to brother Abishai
Abishai—Chief of *Three Mighty Men*

Joab responds to Wise Woman:

Hand over this one man, and
I'll withdraw from the city.

Sheba is listening ... shaking



20:16-22 Wisdom Conquers –
Wise Woman Sends Head of Sheba

Wise Woman of influence ...

Sheba *squeaked*,

Sheba ALONE in Town Square

The Blacksmith ... the Baker ...

Two seamstresses ... a tent maker

Water carrier ... four Idol Makers

EVERYONE knew Commander Joab

ALL waited for the Wise Woman's

ANSWER

N-not my
K-k-king



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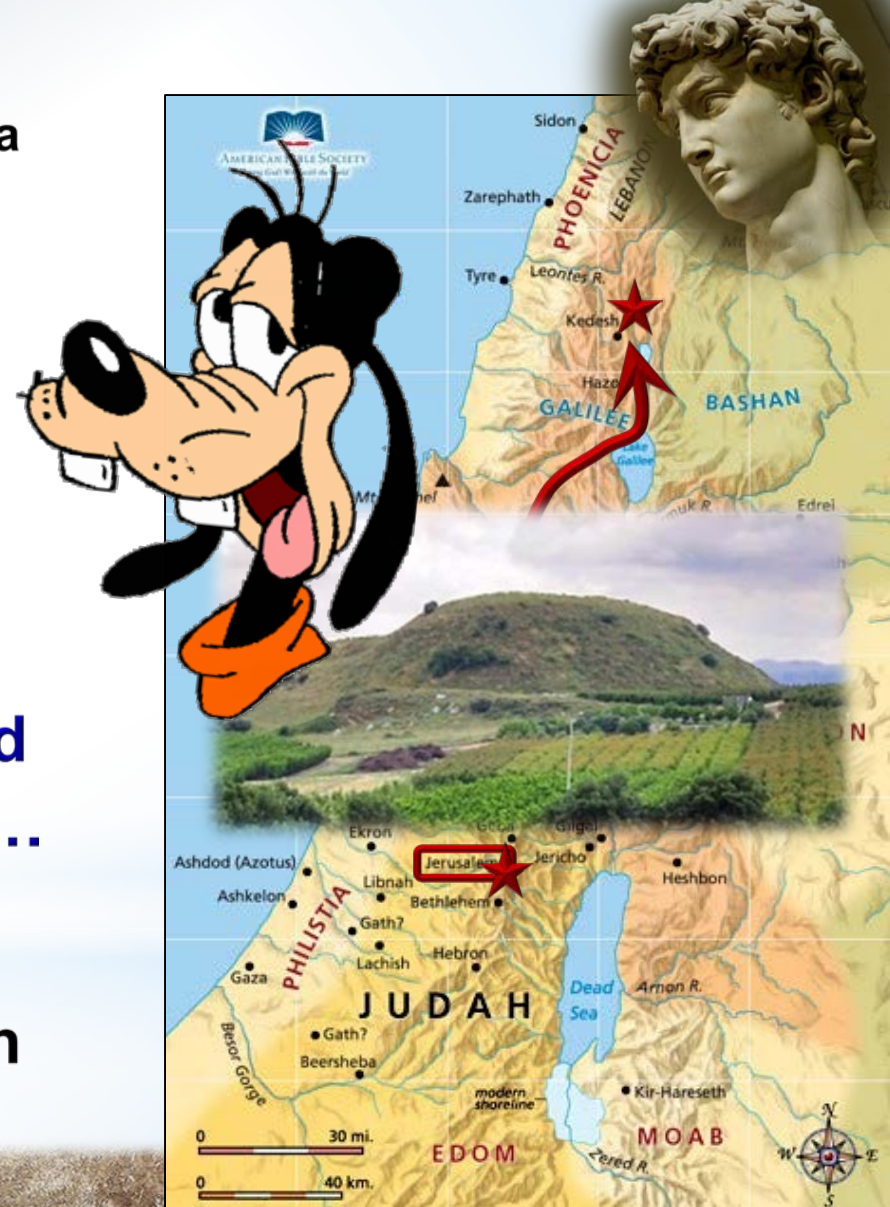
Everyone ... everyone heard

The woman said to Joab,

**“His head will be thrown to
you from the wall.”**

**²² Then the woman went to all the
people with her wise advice, and
they cut off the head of Sheba ...
threw it to Joab.**

the city waited ... holding its breath



20:16-22 Wisdom Conquers –
Wise Woman Sends Head of Sheba

Peaceful city had to act to save itself
threw Sheba's head to Joab.

End of Sheba's rebellion ...

So Joab sounded the trumpet, and
his men dispersed from the city,
each returning to his home.

And Joab went back to the
king in Jerusalem.

Sheba, Joab, and Wise Woman, 1695
woodcut by Johann Christoph Weigel



**20:16-22 Wisdom Conquers –
Wise Woman Sends Head of Sheba**

**We can assume ... certainly ... as
Joab went back to the
king in Jerusalem.**

**Abishai, Benaiah & Mighty Men went
with him to Jerusalem**

**Some armor bearer carried a sack
with Goofy's head in it**

Cost of rebellion to the rightful

KING



**20:16-22 Wisdom Conquers –
Wise Woman Sends Head of Sheba**

**For us today ... to save OUR city
What would you do?**

**I trust you do NOT trim your sail
to every wind of political whim
We must always serve our**

KING



As for the Death Penalty ...
justified for more than murder
Moreover, **LIFE** is not that sacred,
SOUL is Sacred

Jn 15:13: No greater **Love** hath **ANY**
one than this: that he lay down his

Life for his
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