

“Return of The King”

(II Samuel 19:9-20:26)

Welcome Home 19:9-15

Now Israel had fled every man to his own home.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.¹⁰ But Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why do you say nothing about bringing the king back?” 19:9-10

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?’¹² You are my brothers; you are my bone and my flesh. Why then should you be the last to bring back the king? 19:11-12

’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.’” 19:13

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.”

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. 19:14-15

Shimei 16-23

¹⁶ And Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, from Bahurim, hurried to come down with the men of Judah to meet King David.¹⁷ And with him were a thousand men from Benjamin. 19:16-17a

And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, as he was about to cross the Jordan,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.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.” 19:18b-20

²¹ Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered, “Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD's anointed?” 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? 19:21-22

²³ And the king said to Shimei, “You shall not die.” And the king gave him his oath. 19:23

Mephibosheth 24-30

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. 19:24

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

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. ²⁷ He has slandered your servant to my lord the king. 19:26-27a

But my lord the king is like the angel of God; do therefore what seems good to you. 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? 19:27b-28

²⁹ And the king said to him, “Why speak any more of your affairs? I have decided: you and Ziba shall divide the land.” ³⁰ And Mephibosheth said to the king, “Oh, let him take it all, since my lord the king has come safely home.” 19:29-30

Barzillai 31-39

Welcome home 40-43

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.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?”* 19:40-41

⁴² *All the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, “Because the king is our close relative. family 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?”* 19:42

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?”* 19:43a

But the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel. 19:43b

Rebellion 1-2

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!” 20:1

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

Sadness 3

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.* 20:3

Treachery 4-13

⁴ Then the king said to Amasa, “Call the men of Judah together to me within three days, and be here yourself.”⁵ So Amasa went to summon Judah, but he delayed beyond the set time that had been appointed him. 20:4-5

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

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. ⁸ When they were at the great stone that is in Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. 20:7-8a

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. Probably on purpose⁹ 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. 20:8b-9

¹⁰ But Amasa did not observe the sword that was in Joab's hand. Completely unsuspecting So Joab struck him with it in the stomach and spilled his entrails to the ground without striking a second blow, and he died. 20:10a

Then Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba the son of Bichri. 20:10b

A Wise Woman 14-22

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

(map showing location in North part of Israel).

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.
20:15

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And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king. 20:22b

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;*
²⁴ *and Adoram was in charge of the forced labor; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder;*²⁵ *and Sheva was secretary; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests;*²⁶ *and Ira the Jairite was also David's priest.*
20:23

Application

David is a type of Christ

Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven. And everyone will see him— even those who pierced him. And all the nations of the world will mourn for him. Yes! Amen! Rev. 1:7 NLT

Expectancy.

Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. I Peter 1:13

Readiness

How can I live my life with a sense of expectancy and readiness for Jesus return?

Communion