

1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S
FOOLISH VS. WISDOM:

THE SELF-DESTRUCTIVE ARROGANCE OF ABSALOM
2 SAMUEL 15:1–37

**What the Bible Teaches
About
The
Sin Nature
and
LUST**







THE SIN NATURE

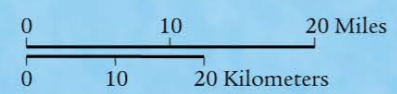


1 Pet. 2:11, “Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,”

**ἐπιθυμία *epithumia*
desire, lust, covetous**

- I. Absalom flees**
- II. Absalom returns**
- III. David flees**
- IV. David returns**

-  David repels Philistine attacks (2 Sam. 5:25)
-  David attacks Hadadezer, king of Zobah (2 Sam. 8:3ff)
-  Edomites threaten David at Valley of Salt (2 Sam. 8:13)
-  David decisively defeats the Edomites (2 Sam. 8:14)
-  Ammonites, aided by the Aramean mercenary forces of Zobah, Beth-rehob, Maacah and Tob, challenge David near Rabbah (Amman) (2 Sam. 10:1ff)
-  David's forces defeat the Ammonite-Aramean confederation (2 Sam. 10:7ff)
-  Hadadezer, king of Zobah, leads an Aramean army against David at Helam (2 Sam. 10:15ff)
-  David defeats Hadadezer's Aramean confederation at Helam (2 Sam. 10:17ff)
-  David is expelled from Jerusalem by his son Absalom (2 Sam. 17:21ff)
-  David dispatches a census team throughout his realm (2 Sam. 24:1ff)
-  Battle scene



REDISTRICTING OF THE TRIBES UNDER SOLOMON

- Ⓝ Numbered administrative districts
- City
- Boundary

0 15 30 Miles
0 15 30 Kilometers

MEDITERRANEAN SEA



1 Sam. 8:11, “And he said, ‘This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen, and some will run before his chariots.’ ”

1 Kings 1:5, “Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, ‘I will be king’; and he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.”

1 Kings 4:26, “Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.”





“The Egyptians (cf. Exod. 14:9–15:21; Deut. 11:4; Josh. 24:6), northern Canaanites (Josh. 11:4–9; Judg. 4:15; 5:19–22), and Arameans (2 Sam. 8:4; 10:18) all used them unsuccessfully in battle against Israel. Thus, when Absalom linked them with himself, he was joining his ambitions with symbols of hostility against the Lord and Israel, and with ultimate failure.”

~Robert Bergen, *2 Samuel*

2 Sam. 15:2, “Now Absalom would rise early and stand beside the way to the gate. So it was, whenever anyone who had a lawsuit came to the king for a decision, that Absalom would call to him and say, ‘What city are you from?’ And he would say, ‘Your servant is from such and such a tribe of Israel.’ ”

2 Sam. 15:5, “And so it was, whenever anyone came near to bow down to him, that he would put out his hand and take him and kiss him.

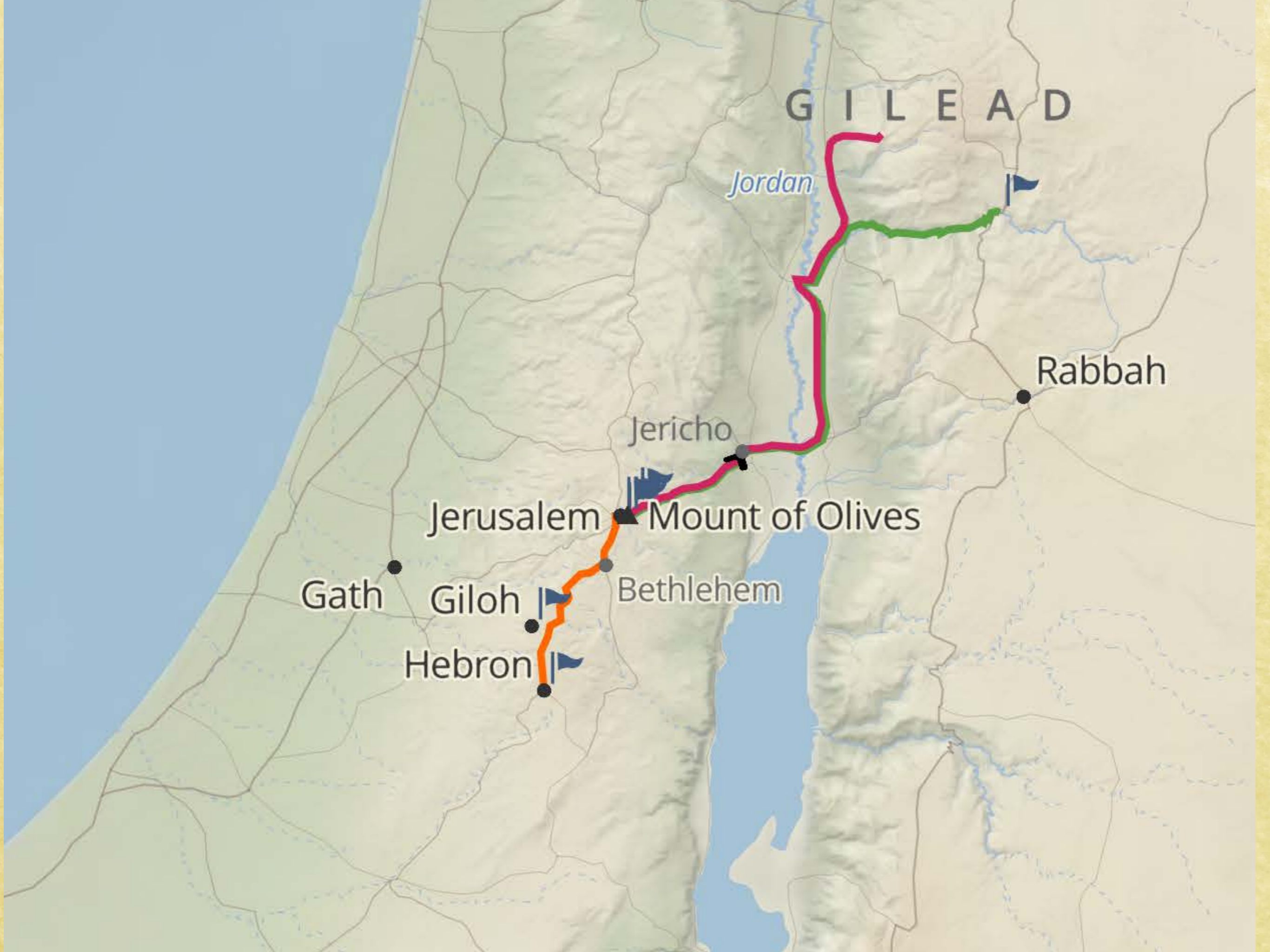
2 Sam. 15:6, “In this manner Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.”

- 1. Absalom deceives the people by acting like their friend; false compassion and sympathy.**
- 2. Absalom falsely accuses David of not caring and being out of touch.**
- 3. Absalom takes on the trappings of power and authority, acting like a king.**
- 4. Absalom claims if he were king, they would have it so much better.**

2 Sam. 15:7, “Now it came to pass after forty years that Absalom said to the king, ‘Please, let me go to Hebron and pay the vow which I made to the Lord.

2 Sam. 15:8, “ ‘For your servant took a vow while I dwelt at Geshur in Syria, saying, “If the Lord indeed brings me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the Lord.” ’

2 Sam. 15:9, “And the king said to him, ‘Go in peace.’ So he arose and went to Hebron.”



G I L E A D

Jordan

Rabbah

Jericho

Jerusalem Mount of Olives

Gath

Giloh

Bethlehem

Hebron

2 Sam. 15:10, “Then Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, ‘As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, “Absalom reigns in Hebron!” ’

2 Sam. 15:11, “And with Absalom went two hundred men invited from Jerusalem, and they went along innocently and did not know anything.”

- 5. He sent out spies throughout the land.**
- 6. Conspired to be proclaimed king.**
- 7. Deceived 200 men in David's administration.**
- 8. Beguiled Ahithophel to give him the appearance of legitimacy.**

David is forced to flee Jerusalem and go into exile, 2 Sam. 15:13–16:14.