

The Book of Second Samuel: 2 Samuel 15 – 16

Sunday, May 26 and Wednesday, May 29

2 Samuel 15: Sunday, May 26

(1 – 6) Describe Absalom's actions in relation to the people who came to Jerusalem to seek justice from the king. What was the outcome of Absalom's actions?

(7 – 12) How did Absalom characterize his desire to go to Hebron to David? What was Absalom's true intention, and how did he carry out his scheme? Why did Absalom summon Ahithophel? (*2 Samuel 13: 37 – 38; Psalm 41: 9*)

(13 – 18) Why did David depart from Jerusalem, and who went with him? Why would David have had such a reaction to the rebellion instigated by Absalom, as opposed to staying to defend the city and his throne?
(*1 Samuel 23: 13*)

(19 – 23) Describe the interaction between Ittai (the Gittite) and David. What instructions did David give to Ittai, and how did Ittai respond? How would you describe Ittai's loyalty to David, and how does this serve as an example of our loyalty toward God? (*Ruth 1: 16 – 17; Matthew 26: 33 – 35*)

(24 – 29) Why did David send the priests with the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem? What instructions did David give to the priests, and how did David's comments to them reflect his faith and trust in God?
(*1 Samuel 22: 20 – 23*)

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(30 – 31) Describe David's emotions as he and his loyal followers ascended the Mount of Olives. What was David's reaction when he was informed that Ahithophel had joined Absalom's rebellion?
(*Matthew 26: 36 – 39*)

(32 – 37) What task did David give to his friend Hushai while sending him to Jerusalem? Based on how the chapter ends, consider how close Absalom was to entering Jerusalem as David and his followers departed the city.

2 Samuel 16: Wednesday, May 29

(1 – 4) What did Ziba offer to David at the top of the Mount of Olives? What allegation did Ziba make against Mephibosheth, and how did David respond? What was Ziba's likely motivation for making that allegation?

(5 – 8) Describe the curse that Shimei directs toward David. What allegation did he make regarding David's ascendance to the throne? (*1 Samuel 16: 13*)

(9 – 10) How did Abishai react to Shimei's curses, and what did he offer to do? How did David respond to Abishai's offer? (*2 Samuel 9: 8*)

(11 – 14) Describe David's response to Shimei's continued curses. What did David's response indicate about his character and trust in the Lord, and what can we learn from his example? (*Matthew 5: 11 – 12; Romans 8: 31 – 35*)

(15 – 19) Describe the interaction between Absalom and Hushai. What did Absalom ask Hushai, and how did Hushai respond?

(20 – 23) What advice did Ahithophel give to Absalom? What was Ahithophel's likely intent in giving this advice, and what prophecy did this situation fulfill? (*2 Samuel 12: 11 – 12; 2 Samuel 15: 31*)