

I. Israel and Judah squabble over support for David (19:40-43)

A. Nationwide debate (19:8-15): whose king is he?

II. Sheba son of Bichri leads a rebellion against David (20:1-2)

A. Secession!

B. "We have no portion in David, and we have no inheritance in the son of Jesse; every man to his tents, O Israel!"

C. "Every man did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:25)

III. David leaves his concubines to life as "widows" (20:3)

IV. Amasa and Joab (20:4-13)

A. Change of command

B. The Abner treatment

C. Pushed off the road

V. The siege of Abel Beth-Maacah (20:14-22)

A. Joab hurries on his bloody way in pursuit of the rebel Sheba

B. Besieges the city (Deuteronomy 10:10-12)

C. The wise woman's speech

D. Joab's response: just give us Sheba

E. Calling it a day

VI. Epilogue: David's later cabinet (20:23-26)

VII. The disappointing king (see Judges 19:22-30; 3:12-25; Judges 5:7; Judges 21:1-3)

VIII. The King who changes people

IX. What God is in the business of doing

A. Changing hearts and lives

B. Giving the courage to do big things

C. Reconciling people