

II Samuel 10:1-11:27

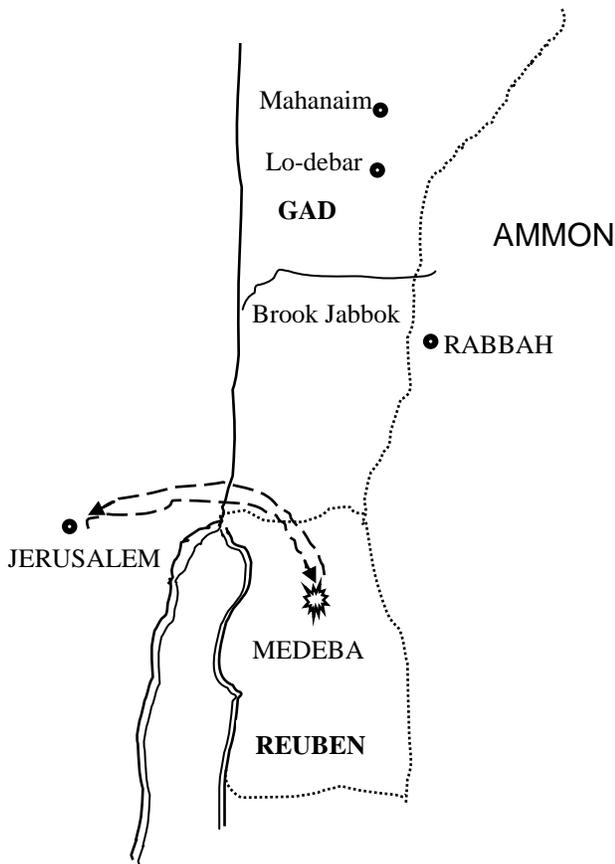
Lesson #11, David's Tragic Sin, Pt 1

- Lets look at the elements of II Samuel 11:1. (1) it was Spring time, (2) kings go out to battle, (3) (3) David sent whom to battle? (4) whom did they destroy?, (5) what city did they besiege? (6) where was David?

So what's happening here?

To answer the question "what's happening here?" we need to first determine when Rabbah was besieged. In order to do this we'll go back to II Sam 10 and then to I Chron 20:1! Nahash was dead! Nahash, who layed siege to Jabesh-gilead and offered to poke out their right eyes if they surrendered. Nahash whom Saul soundly whipped at Jabesh-gilead when Saul first became king. This same Nahash died and his son Hunan now reigned in his place.

Now it happened afterwards that the king of the Ammonites died, and Hanun his son became king in his place. 2 Then David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, just as his father showed kindness to me."



So David sent some of his servants to console him concerning his father. But when David's servants came to the land of the Ammonites,

Note: v:2, David said, "I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, just as his father showed kindness to me." It's not recorded what the kindness was but, we can consider a couple of possibilities and then, if you like one, go for it!

You had located Lo-debar in Gilead, north of the Brook Jabbok, not far from Mahanaim. Note the proximity of Rabbah (*rab'-bah*) Nahash's royal city (II Sam 12:26). Being just approx. 25-mi away Nahash could have done two things which he didn't do! 1) He could have offered to join Abner & Ish-bosheth in the civil war with David. or 2) He could have executed Mephibosheth (a mere 18-miles away) the last in the line of his enemy Saul.

[1.] v:2b, From what we have learned so far, where do you think David's servants headed?

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3 the princes of the Ammonites said to Hanun their lord, " Do you think that David is honoring your father because he has sent consolors to you? Has David not sent his servants to you in order to search the city, to spy it out and overthrow it?" 4 So Hanun took David's servants and shaved off half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle as far as their hips, and sent them away. 5 When they told it to David, he sent to meet them, for the men were greatly humiliated. And the king said, " Stay at Jericho until your beards grow, and then return."

6 Now when the sons of Ammon saw that they had become odious to David, the sons of Ammon sent and hired the Arameans of Beth-rehob and the Arameans of Zobah, 20,000 foot soldiers, and the king of Maacah with 1,000 men, and the men of Tob with 12,000 men.

7 When David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army, the mighty men.

[2.] v:3, In your own words, write what council was given to Hanun.

[3.] v:3-5, Choose, from the following, that which best describes what was done to David's servants.

a) honored

b) humiliated

c) ignored

[4.] When you as leaders give out Christ's message of love, how might you be treated?

[5.] v:6, What is the meaning of the following, the sons of Ammon saw that they had become odious to David,?

[6.] v:6 again, what would have possessed the Ammonites to hire those guys?

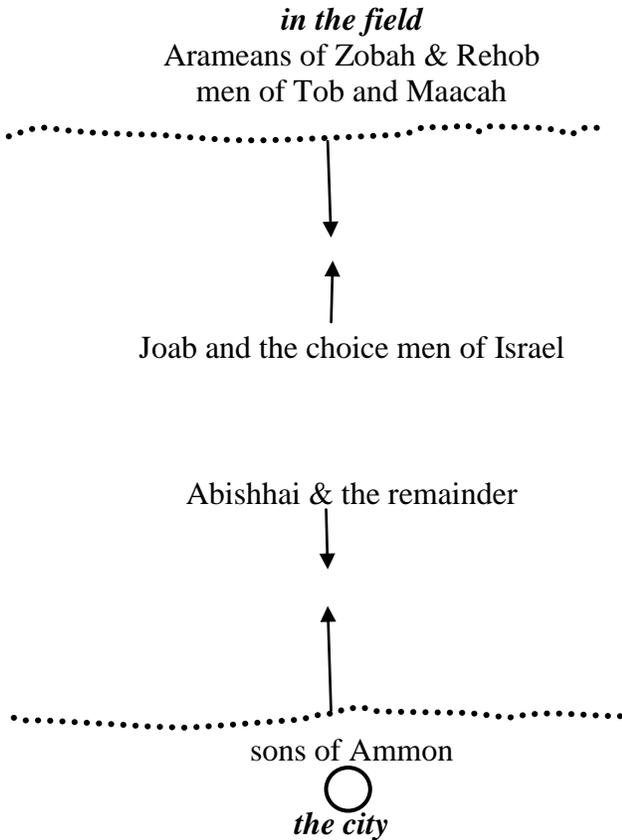
[7.] v:7, When David found out what the Ammonites did, what did he do?

[8.] What might be the meaning of II Timothy 2:16-17?

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8 The sons of Ammon came out and drew up in battle array at the entrance of the city, while the Arameans of Zobah and of Rehob and the men of Tob and Maacah were by themselves in the field.



9 Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him in front and in the rear, he selected from all the choice men of Israel, and arrayed them against the Arameans. 10 But the remainder of the people he placed in the hand of Abishai his brother, and he arrayed them against the sons of Ammon. 11 He said, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you shall help me, but if the sons of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will come to help you. 12 " Be strong, and let us show ourselves courageous for the sake of our people and for the cities of our God; and may the Lord do what is good in His sight.

[9.] Referring to v:8-12, answer the following:

Where was the battle fought(I Chron 19:7)?

Who did Abishai fight?

Who did Joab fight?

What is another name for Aram?

[10.] How would Abishai or Joab know when to help one another?

[11.] Just suppose that Joab called for help and Abishai kicked back and said, you handle it! What could happen?

[12] As a church leader what could happen if some one ignores a need and lets another handle it "the best they can"?

[13.] In Christianity is any one exempt from responsibility?

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" 13 So Joab and the people who were with him drew near to the battle against the Arameans, and they fled before him. 14 When the sons of Ammon saw that the Arameans fled, they also fled before Abishai and entered the city.

[14.] What happened to the Arameans?

[15.] v:14a, what caused the sons of Ammon to run?

[16.] As a leader is it easy to stay faithful when it seems every one has left and you have to stand alone?

[17.] Why is there so much in scripture about unity and encouraging one another?

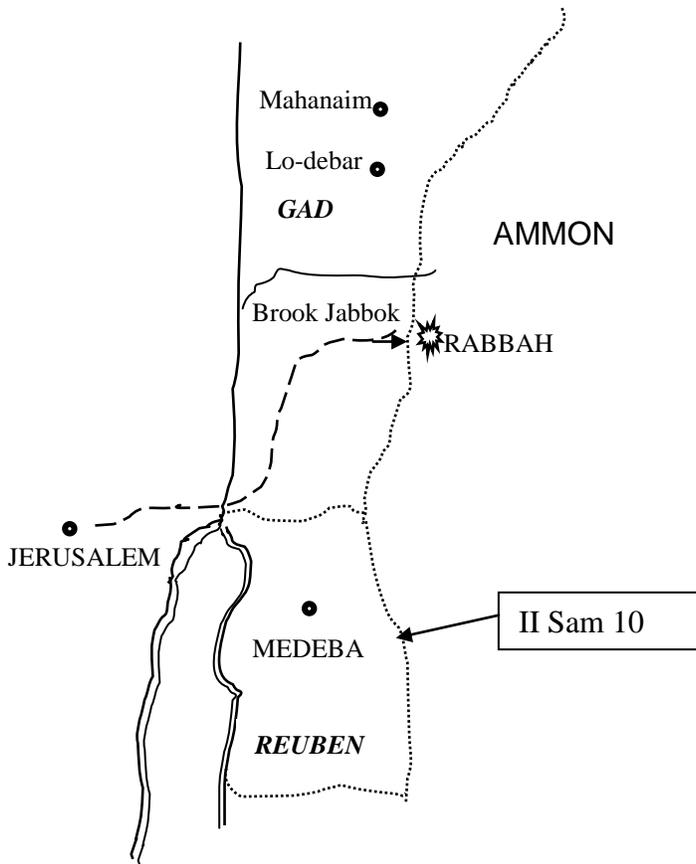
[18.] v:14a, Identify who entered the city.

- a) the Syrians
- b) the Arameans
- c) David
- d) Joab
- e) the Ammonites

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I Chron 20:1, Then it happened in the spring, at the time when kings go out to battle, that Joab led out the army and ravaged the land of the sons of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem. And Joab struck Rabbah and overthrew it.



Note, This could be the approximate location where the events II Samuel 11 start. We left the city of Rabbah besieged (I Sam 20:1). Uriah was to be killed by the city wall (11:24). So then, for now let's go to II Sam 11:1, Lesson #12, David's Tragic Sin, Pt 2, and pick up the events back in Jerusalem.

Then it happened in the spring, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel, and they destroyed the sons of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David stayed at Jerusalem.