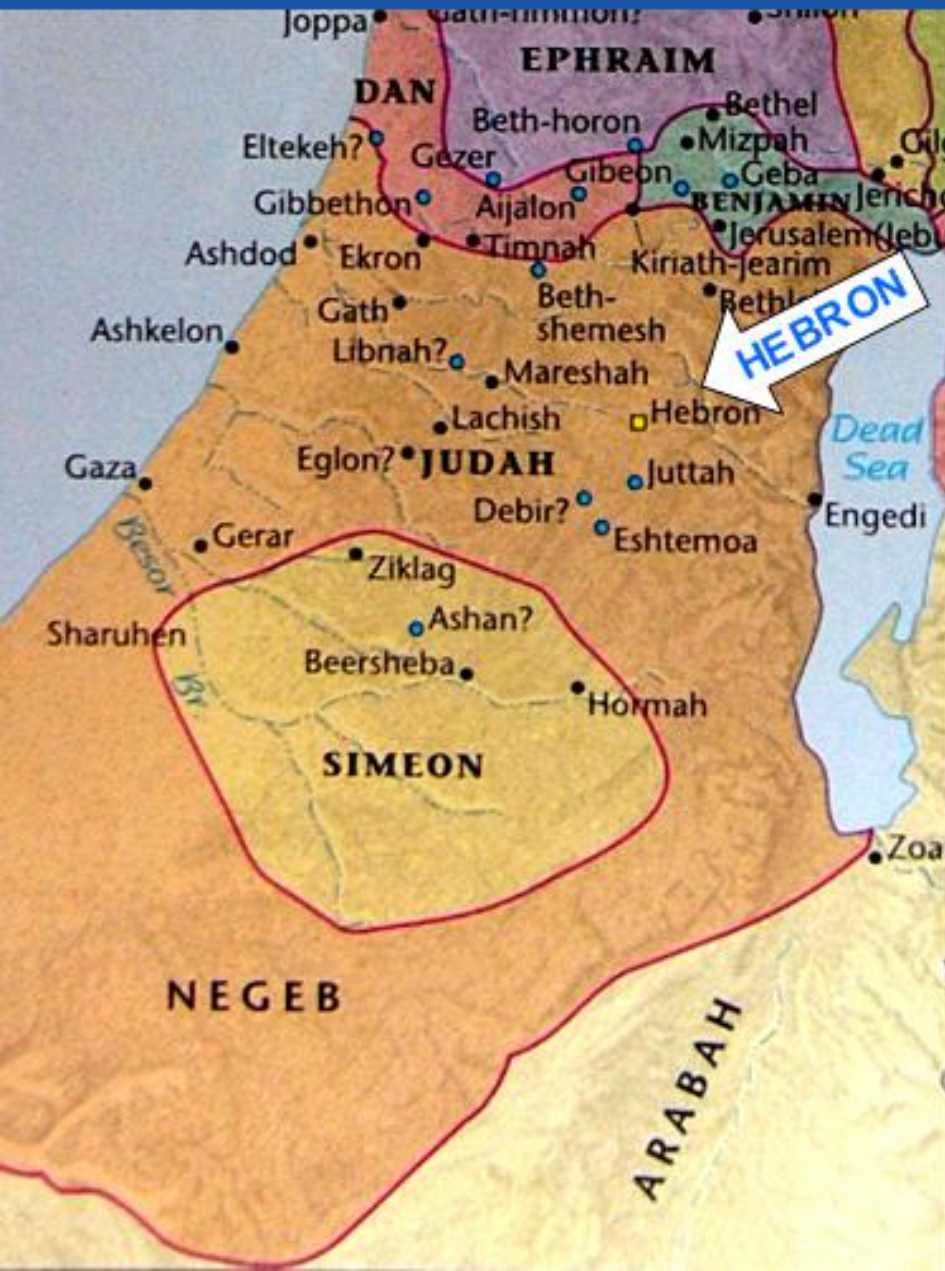


DAVID'S TERRITORY



- David's kingdom headquarters in Hebron
- Only some clans in Judah embraced David's kingship
- Simeon not mentioned but was brought under David's influence
- Simeon eventually disappeared as a separate tribal entity after Hezekiah's time

THE DEGRADATION OF TORAH IN THE NATIONAL LIFE OF ISRAEL

- The killing of *Asahel* by Abner sparked a blood feud that would be carried on by *Yo'av*
- *Yo'av* views himself as the family *go'el hadam* (blood avenger)
- 6 Cities of Refuge established for the killer to escape to and be protected from the *go'el hadam*
- The Lord uses the will of men to achieve His will, even though they (WE!) are unaware



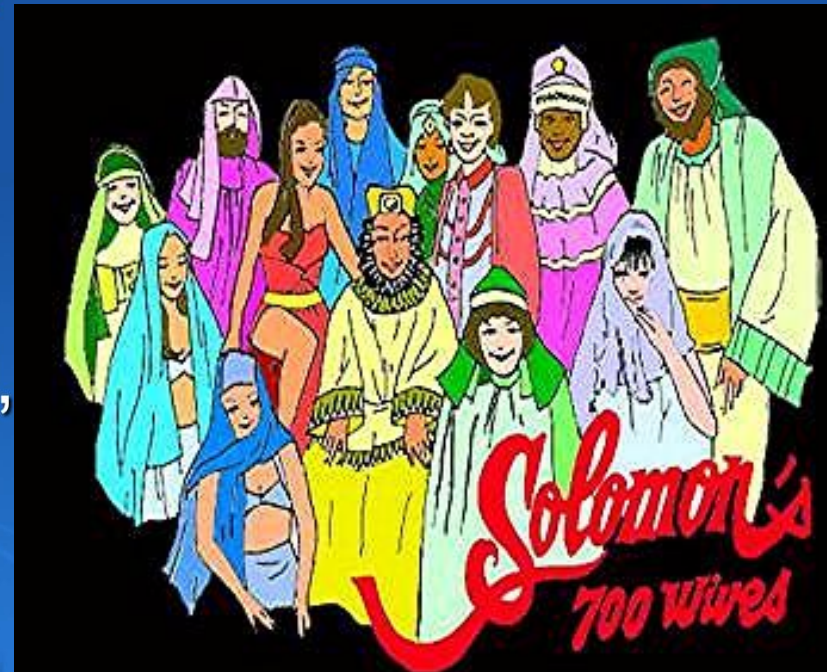
2ND SAMUEL 3

- Not a full blown Civil War
- Conflict at Pool of Gibeon was a Gladiator-like competition that got out of hand
- A cold war of sorts, where the battle is for the hearts and minds of the people
- Constantly changing loyalties, deep traditional values, vague family ties, long-standing blood feuds, non-apparent offenses are the very fabric of tribalism

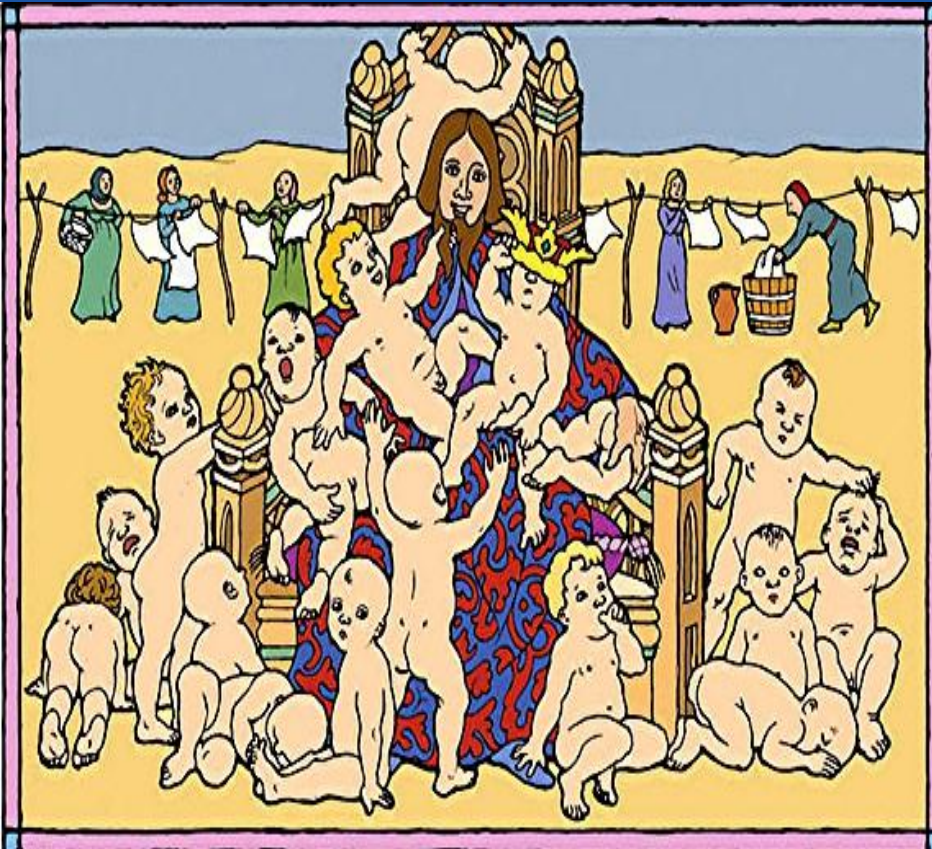


THE ROYAL HAREM

- The relative strength of the houses of Sha'ul and David swung to David's favor
- The Lord was allowing men's evil inclinations to put David into power over Israel
- Time for David to assemble a Royal Harem
- David's first wife was Michal, given to him and then taken away by King Saul

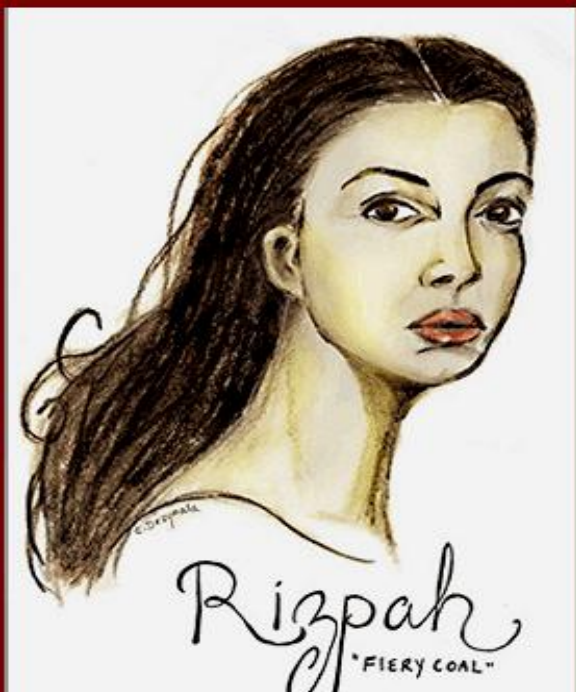


THE HOUSE OF DAVID IS ESTABLISHED



- Firstborn son is **Amnon**
- Next was Ki'lav
- **Avishalom** born to **Ma'akhah** a Geshurite princess (purely political marriage)
- **Adoniyah** then **Shefatyah**
- **Yitre'am**
- These were the firstborn sons, not all the children these women bore
- David had many children very rapidly!

ABNER TAKES RIZPAH

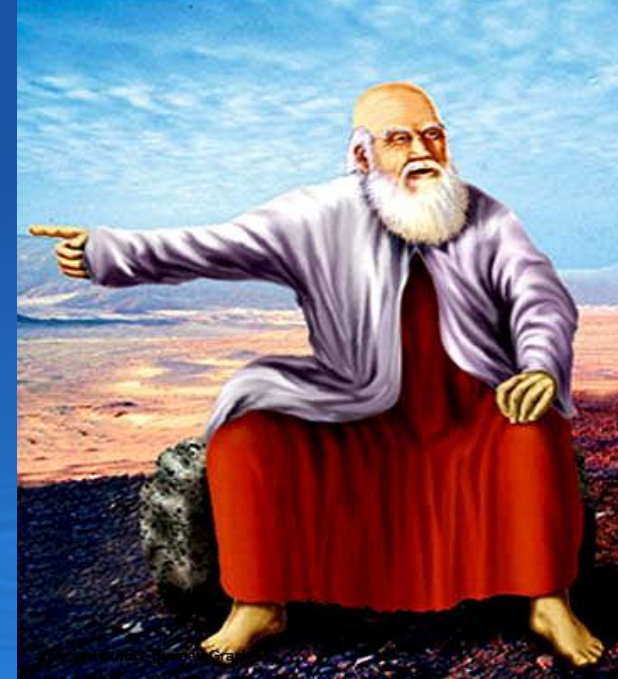
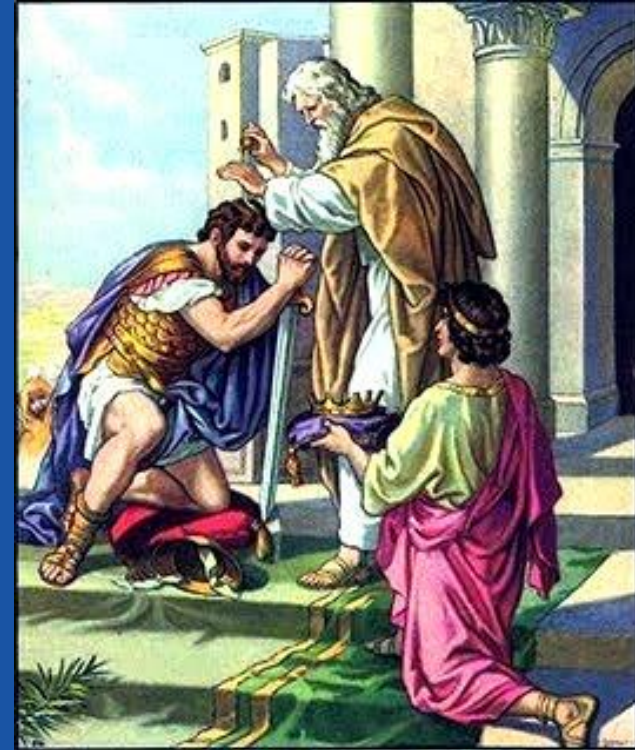


- *Rizpah* is part of Saul's harem that now belongs to *Ishbosheth*
- A prominent woman in the harem
- This was a claim to power by Abner
- Reminds us of Reuben taking Jacob's concubine Bilah, and it cost him his firstborn inheritance
- Abner shouts at *Ishbosheth*, "Am I the head of a dog?!"
- *Rosh kelev*, NOT *rosh Kalev*
- Biblically, a dog is the opposite of a lion



ABNER CONFESSES: DAVID IS GOD'S CHOICE

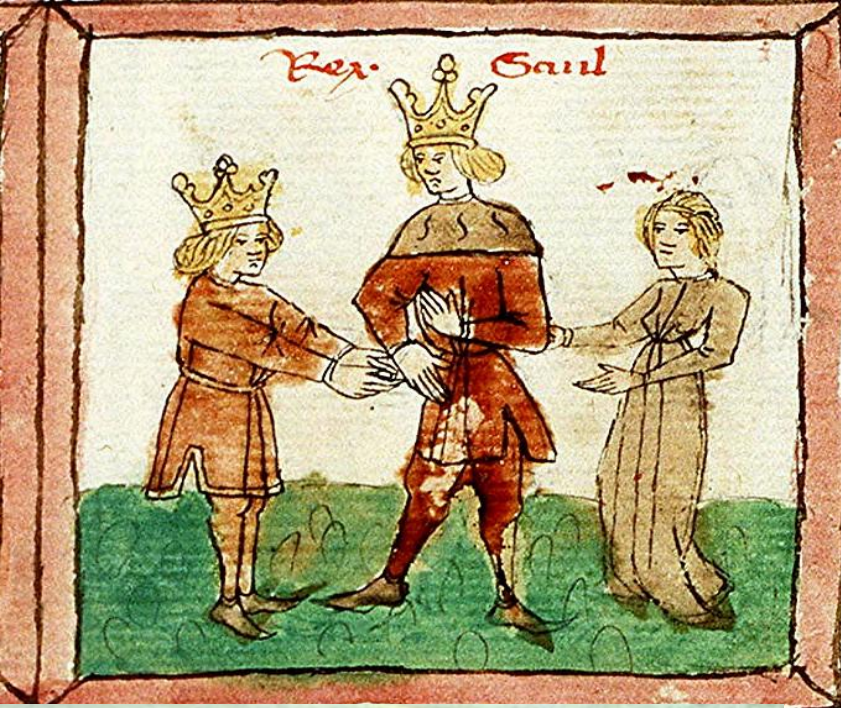
- Even though it is not recorded in the Bible, there was some well-known divine prophecy that David was to be the King of Israel
- Abner tells Ishbosheth he intends to hand the kingdom over to David
- Why didn't the people immediately seat David on the throne? They had their own agendas, just as we do
- David felt that if the Lord ordained it, the Lord would bring it about



PASSIVITY VS. ACTION



- We are not to pray and then sit on those prayerful hands!
- David was a man of action
- Much to be done to prepare for the day God would put David on the throne
- **The Principle:**
- 1) Pray
- 2) Prepare
- 3) Be still and be available
- 4) Step through the threshold when God opens the door



“You will not see my face until.....”

- Abner sends emissaries to David to start peace talks
- David: **“You will not see my face”** unless Michal returned
- Yeshua in Matt 23:

“Yerushalayim... you will not see me (my face) until you say....he...comes in the name of the Lord..”

David and Yeshua demanded that their bride be returned as a show of good faith before peace could be offered



MICHAL RETURNED TO DAVID



- A serious political problem was solved by Michal's return to David
- Being Michal's husband made David part of Saul's family/dynasty
- Phaltiel lost his connection to Saul's family
- David had never divorced Michal, her removal was akin to kidnapping

THE PEACE IS SEALED

- *Gam temol gam shilshom* = time and again yesterday and today
- After securing the approval of the northern tribal leaders, Abner goes to the leaders of Benjamin
- Bitter pill to swallow for Benjamin to give up the throne to the Tribe of Judah
- State dinner held to commemorate the treaty
- Abner leaves and is given a guarantee of safe passage

