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David and Mephibosheth,
the Ammonites and Arameans
2 Samuel 9-10

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Chapter 9

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An Interlude

Why put this here?

1 David asked, “Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan’s sake?”

2 Now there was a servant of Saul’s household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, “Are you Ziba?” “At your service,” he replied.

3 The king asked, “Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God’s kindness?” Ziba answered the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet.”

4 “Where is he?” the king asked. Ziba answered, “He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar.”

David shows kindness

Kindness: Khshed
Compassionate
Covenant Loyalty, Faithfulness

Used for God's faithfulness to
people

6 When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor.

David said, "Mephibosheth!"

"At your service," he replied.

7 "Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table."

8 Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?"

Ziba's Role

Will come up again in ch 16 and 19
Absalom's Rebellion

11 Then Ziba said to the king,
“Your servant will do whatever
my lord the king commands his
servant to do.” So Mephibosheth
ate at David's[a] table like one of
the king's sons.

12 Mephibosheth had a young
son named Mika, and all the
members of Ziba's household
were servants of Mephibosheth.

13 And Mephibosheth lived in
Jerusalem, because he always ate
at the king's table; he was lame in
both feet.

Chapter 10

David defeats the Ammonites

Virtually identical to 1 Chronicles 19

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IN THE TIME OF DAVID



Lake Galilee

River Jordan

Aramean Tribes

Kingdom of Ammon

Rabbath-Ammon

Jerusalem

Aramean Tribes

Dead Sea

0 10 miles
0 10 km

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A Quick History

- Ben-Ammi: Son of Lot, Brother of Moab
- Amorites invade just before the exodus:
 - Divides Moab and Ammon
 - Amorites= either specific group or refers to any nomadic people.
- Ammonite harassment of Israelites leads to Sauls Ascension

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Vs 1-2

The eye gouging guy dies...

1 In the course of time, the king of the Ammonites died, and his son Hanun succeeded him as king.

2 David thought, “I will show kindness to Hanun son of Nahash, just as his father showed kindness to me.” So David sent a delegation to express his sympathy to Hanun concerning his father.

Hanun's response

3 the Ammonite commanders said to Hanun their lord, “Do you think David is honoring your father by sending envoys to you to express sympathy? Hasn’t David sent them to you only to explore the city and spy it out and overthrow it?”

4 So Hanun seized David’s envoys, shaved off half of each man’s beard, cut off their garments at the buttocks, and sent them away.

5 When David was told about this, he sent messengers to meet the men, for they were greatly humiliated. The king said, “Stay at Jericho till your beards have grown, and then come back.”

The Ammonites realize they messed up

6 When the Ammonites realized that they had become obnoxious to David, they hired twenty thousand Aramean foot soldiers from Beth Rehob and Zobah, as well as the king of Maakah with a thousand men, and also twelve thousand men from Tob.

7 On hearing this, David sent Joab out with the entire army of fighting men.

8 The Ammonites came out and drew up in battle formation at the entrance of their city gate, while the Arameans of Zobah and Rehob and the men of Tob and Maakah were by themselves in the open country.

The battle and results

Vs 7-19

Joab leads the army against the Ammonites

- Defeats the Ammonites and they retreat

David sees their weakness and pounces

- Conflicting numbers of enemies killed
- “So the Arameans were afraid to help the Ammonites anymore.”

2 Views of David

With Mephibosheth

- Looking to honor his agreements
- Seeks out ways to do kindness

With Ammonites

- Repaying respect
- Responds to disrespect