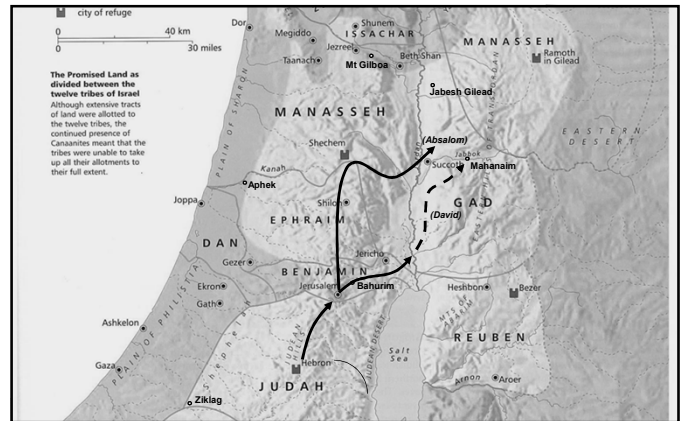


## In Search of a King 1-2 SAMUEL



“For Yahweh had ordained to thwart the counsel of Ahithophel, in order that Yahweh might bring calamity on Absalom.”

(2 Samuel 17:14)

2 Samuel 18:1-19:8  
**Good News?**

### Good News?

#### 1. An Unfortunate Tension

*“Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom”*

- as a father, David’s love for his son was both understandable and remarkable
- as a king, David’s command expressed both weakness and folly

### Good News?

#### 2. An Inglorious Ending

- the Lord brings low and shatters the self-exalted who oppose His anointed
- the Lord had freed David from the hand of his enemies

## Good News?

### 3. An Inordinate Grief

- David's grief seemed to have no theological or God-ward perspective
- David's inordinate grief was a sign of his inordinate affection
- David's grief was detrimental to his people and his necessary role as king

## Good News?

### ➤ *Implications*

1. In this age we will have disappointment and sorrow, but God will wipe away every tear in the age to come
2. In Christ mercy and justice are reconciled, and repentant rebels become children of God