

2ND SAMUEL 9: A PROMISE REMEMBERED

- Chronological order is not maintained in 2nd Samuel
- A story woven together to show events that shaped David's career
- 1st Sam. 20: 11 – 17
- Israel relatively stable and David attends to less urgent matters
- Story happens about ½ way through David's reign



MEPHIBOSHETH

- *Meriba'al* = Mephibosheth, or M'fivoshet
- 2nd Sam.4: 1 – 4
- The murder of Avner by Yo'av causes a panic that leads to Mephibosheth's injury
- David no doubt felt a sense of guilt and responsibility
- 2nd Sam. 9:1
- Why now does David have interest in Saul's family?
- What not ask Michal, his wife, a daughter of Saul?



2ND SAMUEL 21

SAUL'S FAMILY KILLED

- Gibeonites come to David seeking permission to execute Saul's remaining family
- David agrees, except Mephibosheth is to be kept alive
- Samuel 21 occurred BEFORE the events of Samuel 9
- The object of the Gibeonites was blood revenge
- In chapter 9 David is now concerned about the vow he made to Jonathan



TZIVA IS BROUGHT TO DAVID



- *Tziva* is a servant of Saul's house
- *Eved* = servant, slave
- A gentile who is a hired steward over Saul's holdings
- Why isn't one of Saul's family in charge of the family estate?
- Because of what happened in Chapter 21



TO DEMONSTRATE CHESED

- Kindness, grace, mercy are all standard English translations of *chesed*
- Those words all mean somewhat different things
- Highlights the problem of translating from Hebrew to English
- The Bible covers an enormous period of time from Creation to Christ
- Impossible to convey cultural norms of the various eras in so few pages, so we have to learn from other sources

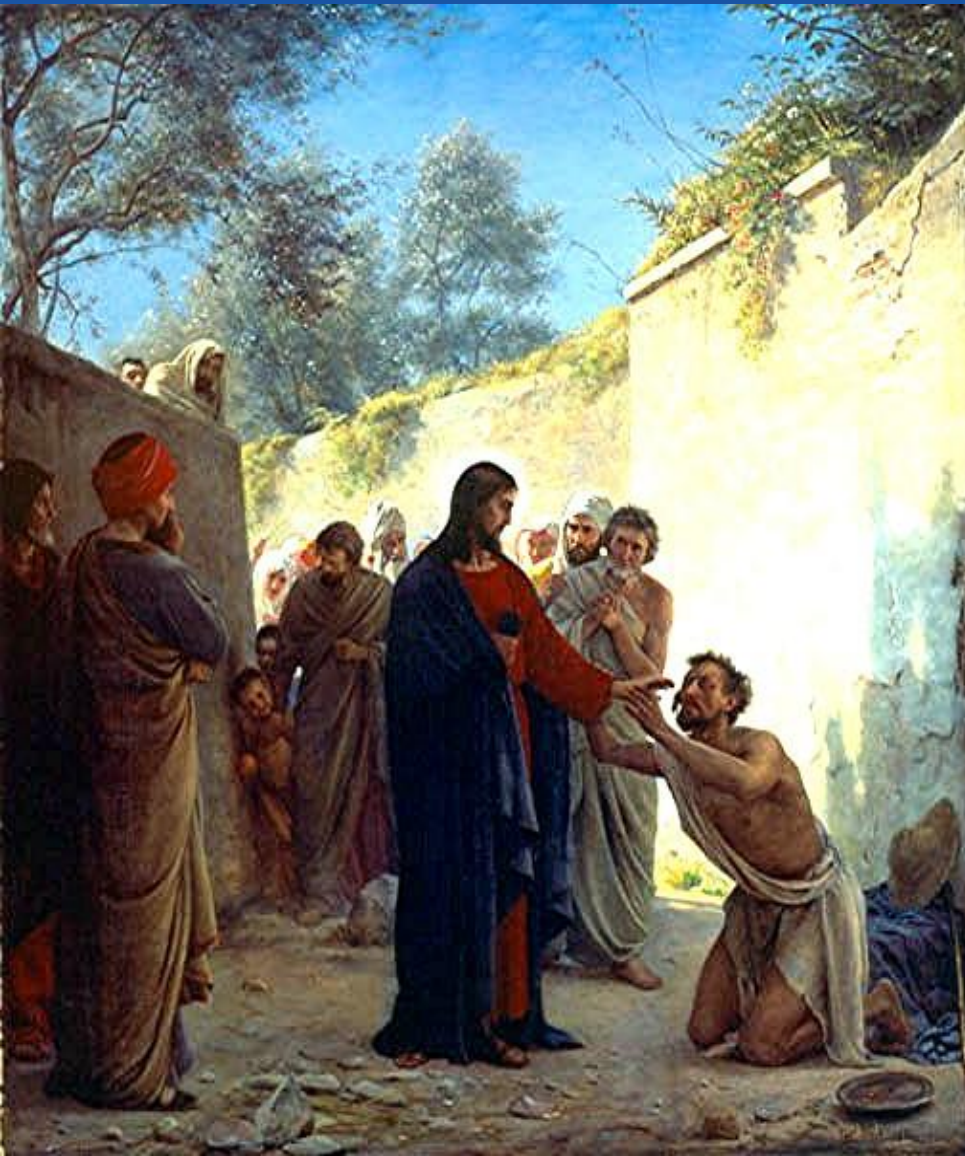


MEPHIBOSHETH THE CRIPPLE

- *Tziva* tells David there is a survivor.....BUT.... he has lame legs
- Last verse of chapter 9 again points out Mephibosheth's lameness
- *Tziva* is showing scorn for *M'fivoshet*
- Cripples seen as near worthless
- NT offers several lessons about the disabled
- In the Bible era, cripples were seen as cursed by God



JOHN 9: YESHUA HEALS THE BLIND MAN



- The Judeans thought it was **WRONG** to heal the blind man
- He was **SUPPOSED** to be blind
- Yeshua's disciples ask, was it the man or his parents who sinned?
- Considered self-evident that the lame and the blind had been made so by God, so they were worthy of their afflictions
- When Yeshua healed, it was seen as overturning what God had done, in the Devil's power

MEPHIBOSHETH LIVES WITH MAKHIR

- The crowds did NOT say what they were THINKING
- We often think someone's infirmity or calamity is a result of God's punishment
- We do not know! It might or might not be....both occur
- Mephibosheth living with the Makhir clan, Manessah tribe
- NOT *Lo-D'var*, rather the place is *Lid-Bir*



“Don’t be afraid.....”



- Mephibosheth lived with ***Makhir*** because of a vendetta by the Gibeonites (2nd Sam 21)
- David reassures Mephibosheth because he thought he was going to be killed
- David tells ***M'fivoshet*** that Saul's estate is being given to him
- He will “eat at David's table”

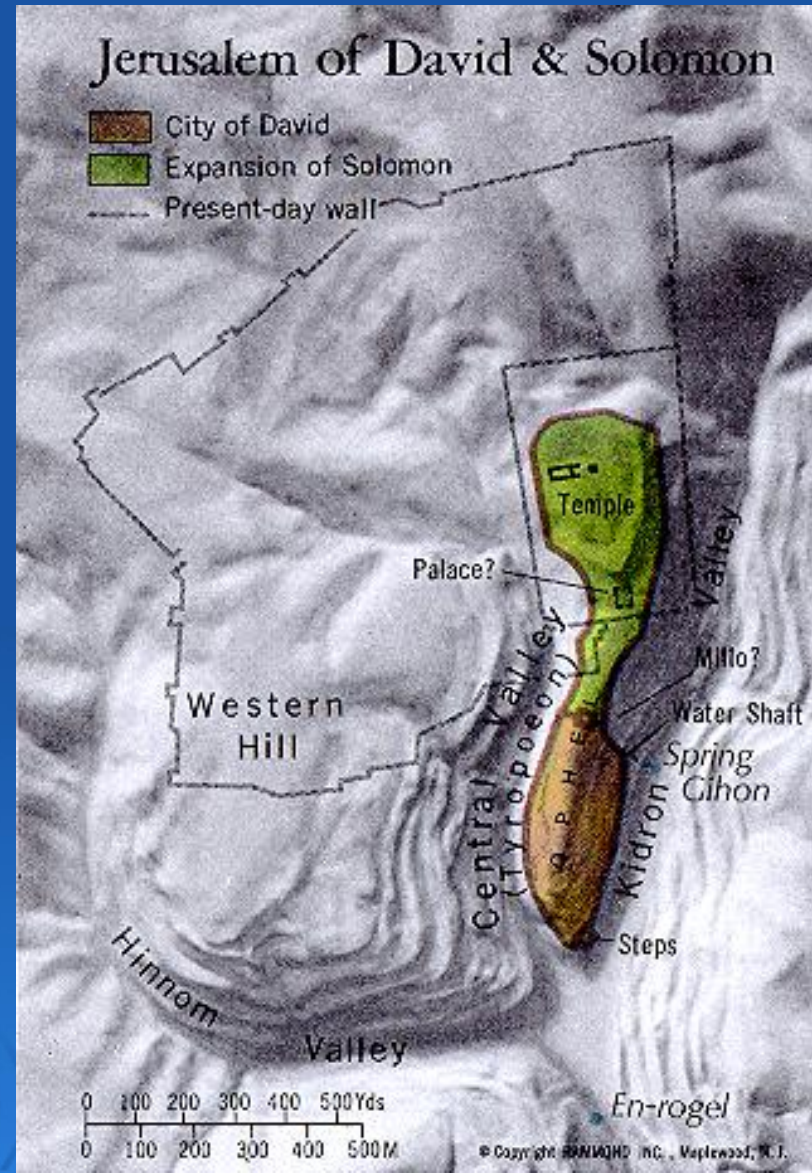
TZIVA FACES A NEW REALITY

- David tells *Tziva* that Mephibosheth is now his master
- David has the RIGHT to do this because he is king!
- Matt.20: 1 – 16
- The first shall be last, and the last shall be first.....
- *Tziva* to remain in charge, but for the purpose of providing for Mephibosheth's family



M'FIVOSHET BROUGHT TO YERUSHALAYIM FOR PROTECTION

- “Eating at David’s table” not always literal
- Mephibosheth will NOT become part of the King’s Court or dine with the King
- Gibeonites still want blood revenge, so Mephibosheth brought to Yerushalayim for protection



GENTILES, DO NOT BOAST !



- *Tziva* was arrogant and told David that Mephibosheth had been “eating at MY table”
- *Tziva* was a gentile outsider. He was allowed to partake of Israel’s bounty as a privilege given by the king of God’s Kingdom
- Romans 11:13 - 22