

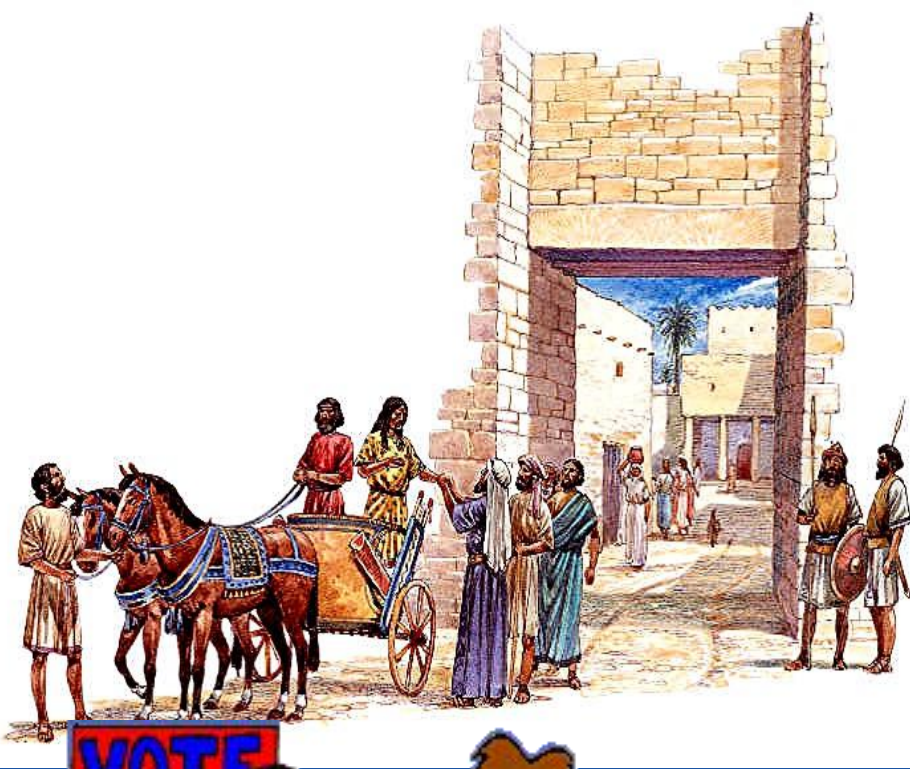


DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR

- Absalom's rebellion was part of God's punishment upon David
- 2nd Samuel 15:1 – 12
- Absalom ready to take the final step into his father's shoes
- Absalom working to make himself popular with the masses
- Mention of horses is to show *Avishalom's* disharmony with Deut. 17:16

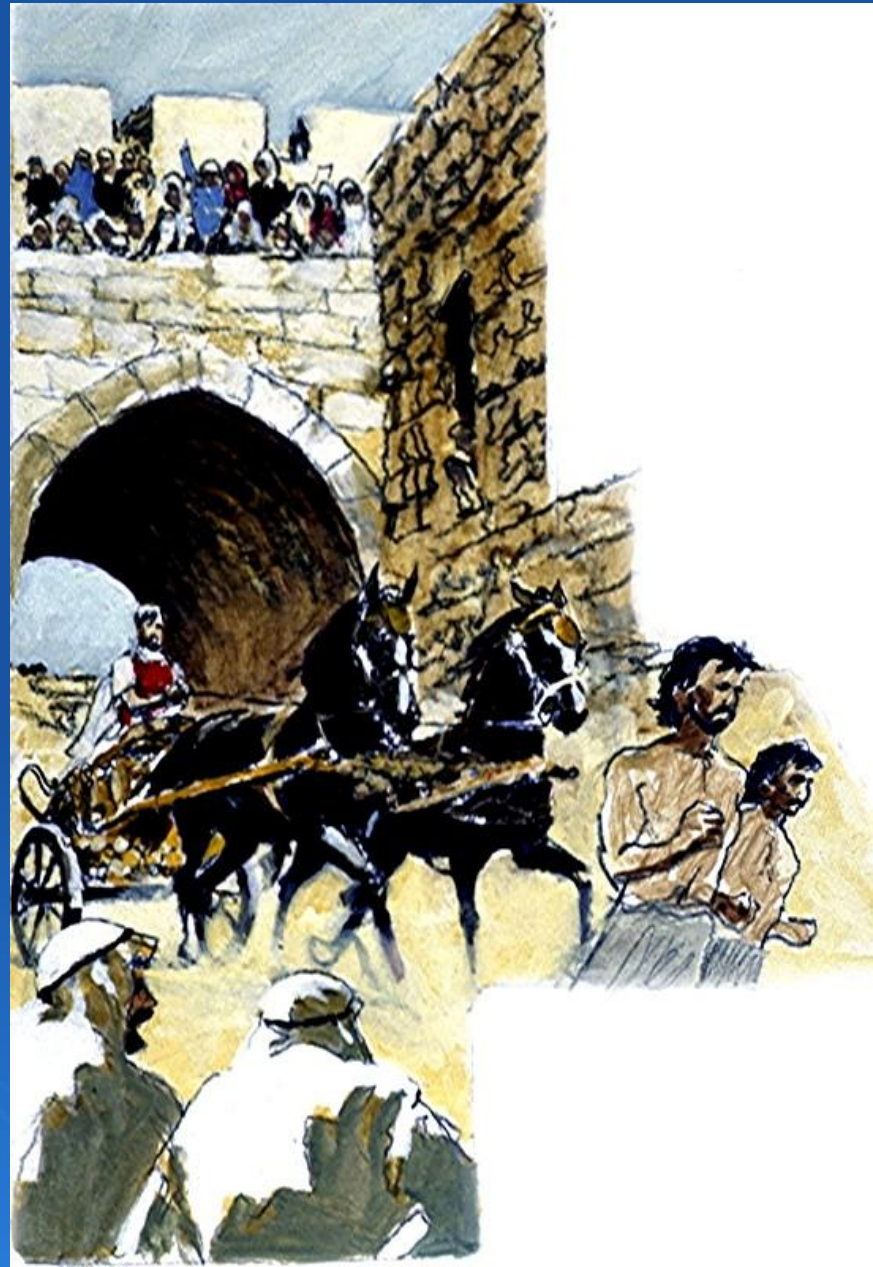
ABSALOM THE POLITICIAN

- Absalom stationed himself next to city gates
- When people asked what CITY they were from, answered what TRIBE they were from!
- Our politically divided America has lost our national unity, and that was the case in David's Israel



DAVID LAX IN APPOINTING JUDGES

- Absalom assure the people that if HE were king, they would get justice
- Absalom as Crown Prince was treated royally but he kissed the citizens to show he was one of them
- Absalom stole their *lev* means that he deceived them
- David too self-absorbed and indulgent of his children to do anything about Absalom's insurrection



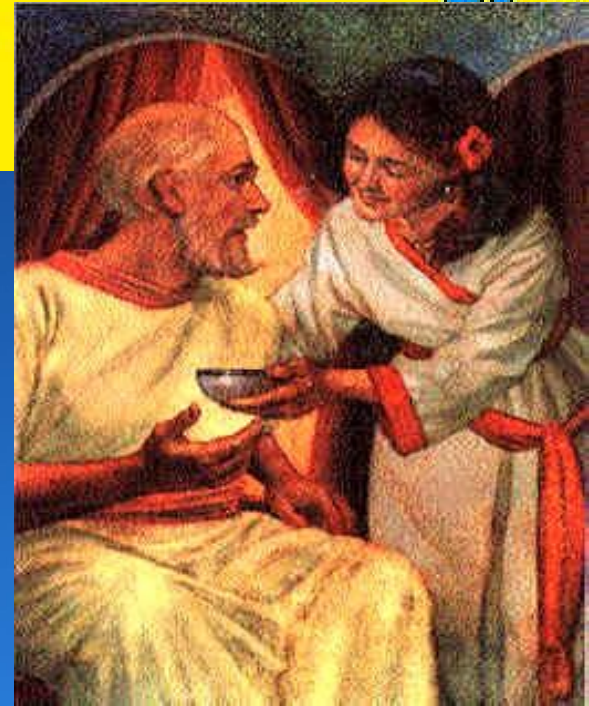
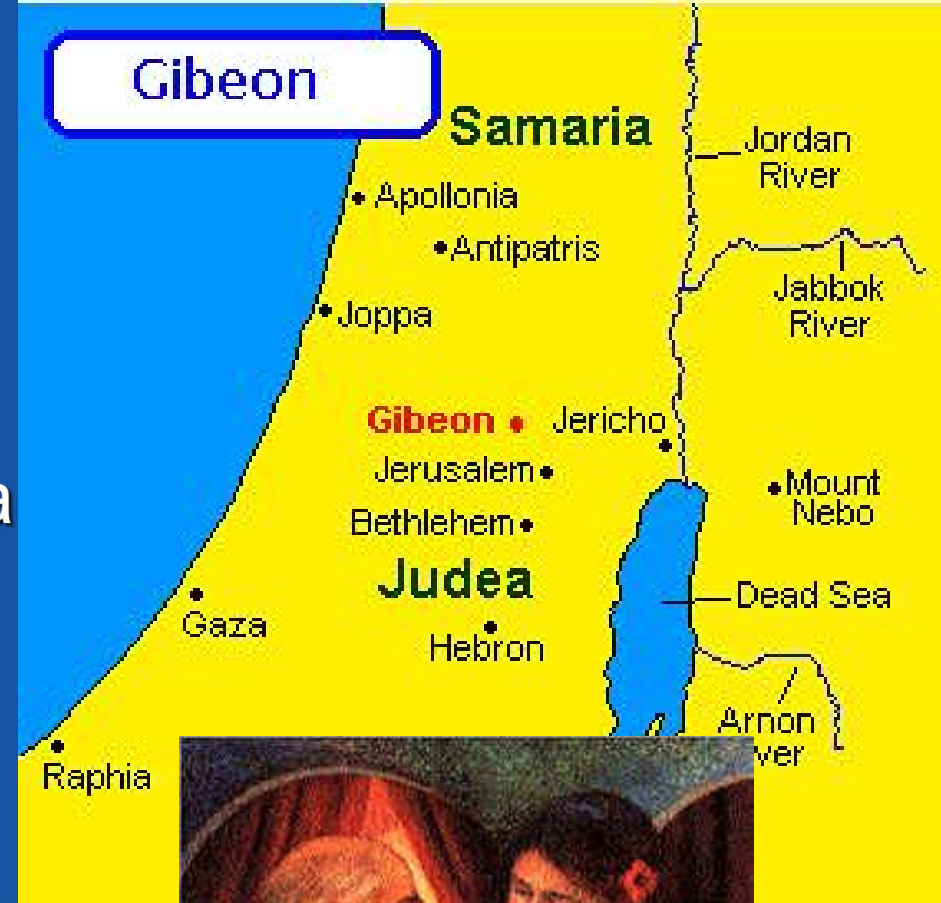
ABSALOM DECLARES HIMSELF TO BE KING OF ISRAEL



- 40 is a copyist error, probably ought to be 4
- 7 years from the time of Amnon's death until Absalom declares his kingship
- Hebron had much significance
- David's first capital city, Absalom born there, Abraham identified with Hebron
- YHWH-in-Hebron
- They still thought that a god only manifested himself in certain places with sanctuaries and priests

SANCTUARY IN GIBEON

- Gibeon in Benjamin's territory (Saul's tribe)
- Going to Hebron to make a sacrifice seemed sensible to David
- 200 innocent courtiers invited to come
- **Achitofel** was Bathsheba's grandfather
- He betrayed David due to his treatment of his granddaughter and her husband

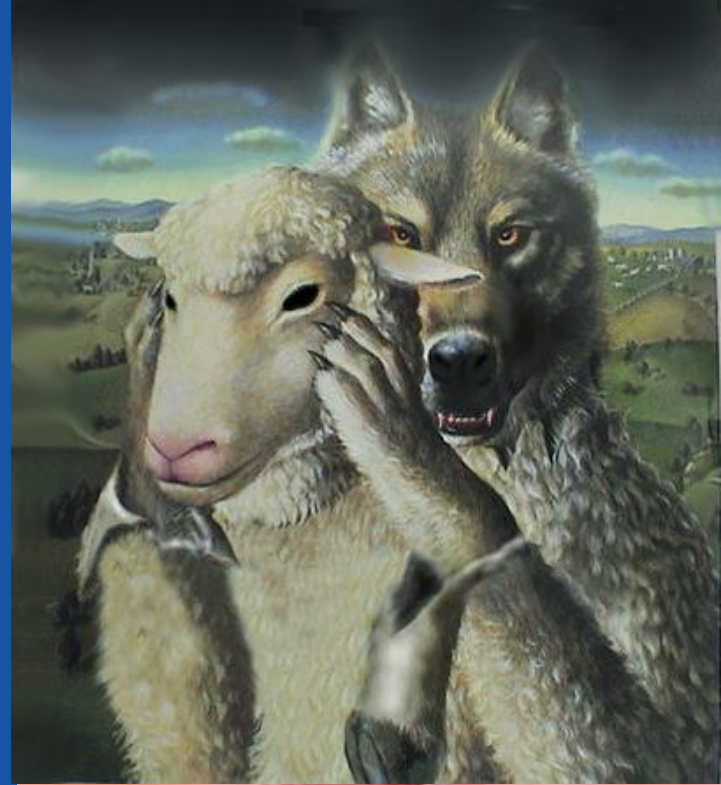




- 2nd Samuel 15:13 – 18
- David's instant reaction to the news of Absalom's declaration in Hebron was to flee Jerusalem
- David is acutely aware that this is God's curse
- The King flees to the east
- Matthew 24:15 – 20 Flee to the east when the wicked challenger appears

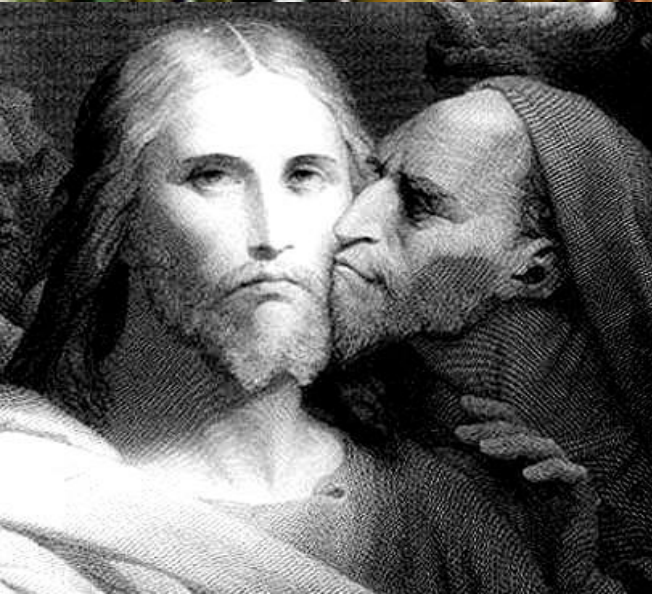
BEWARE OF FALSE PROPHETS!

- Matthew 7:15 – 23
- Christ is speaking about BELIEVERS!
- Some will give up their faith, follow the Anti-Christ, and as a result Yeshua will walk away from them
- Believers can and do voluntarily leave the divine sheepfold and attach themselves to another
- The Bible warns over and over against this
- Would it warn against something that is impossible??!!



DAVID TARRIED

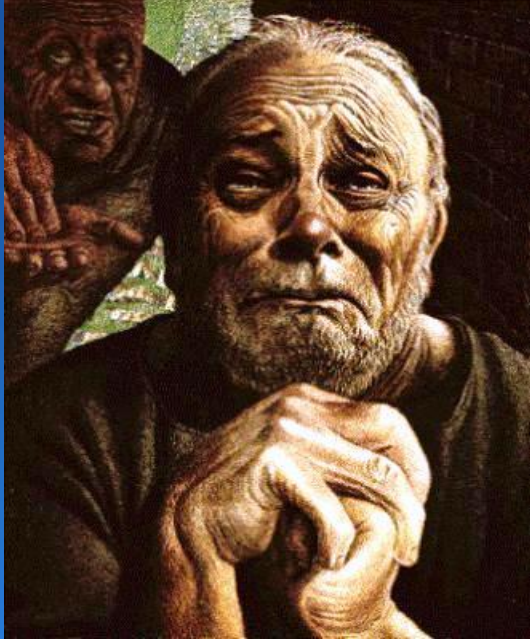
- David went out of the view of the people, and they accepted a false shepherd
- We have been living on faith and the INVISIBLE presence of the Holy Spirit
- Danger in thinking: “This could NEVER happen to me!”
- Vs. 15 is about dividing, electing, and separating
- Psalms 41 and 55
- A pattern where we’ll find Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of Yeshua



DAVID ISOLATED AND PANIC STRICKEN



- Psalm 41
- David knew something was happening
- Overheard whispers that people wanted him to die
- David is bearing his own iniquities, but Yeshua bears OURS!
- Psalm 55
- David is suffering from anxiety and fear
- What grieves him is that it is a FRIEND and not an enemy who is determined to undo him



BETRAYED

- One of Yeshua's closest friends will betray Him
- The pattern indicates that the Anti-Christ will be of the same "kind" as the Christ
- David knew what was coming, but was still crushed when it finally happened
- At the "last house" David pauses to review the remnant of His followers
- He left 10 concubines to care for the palace

