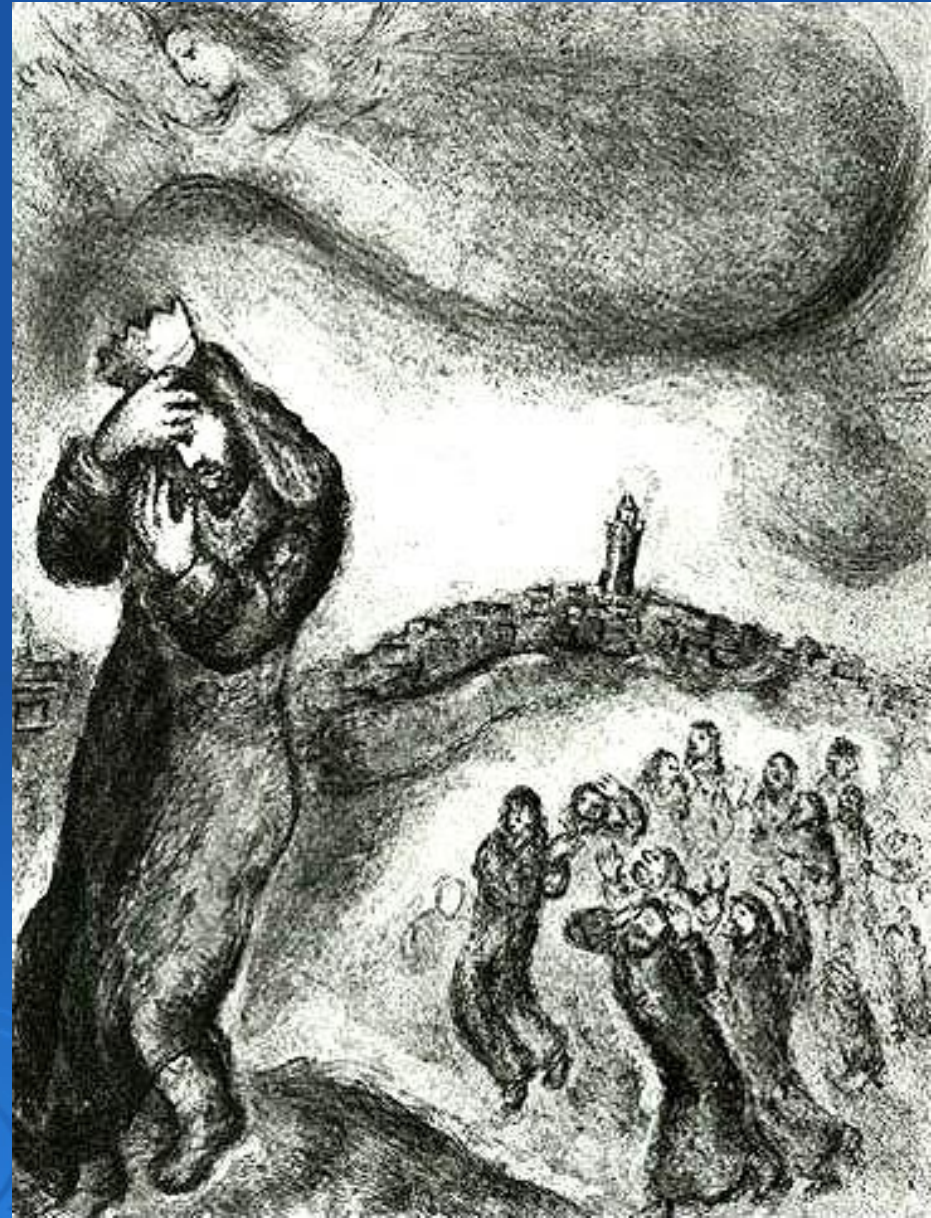


KING DAVID FLEES JERUSALEM

- Many vital principles are presented in 2nd Sam. 15
- David, although self indulgent and passive, springs into action upon the news of Absalom's rebellion
- David knew if he fought to hold on to his throne that there would be great destruction and death
- He knew that this was a consequence of God's judgment upon him¹¹





MT. OF OLIVES

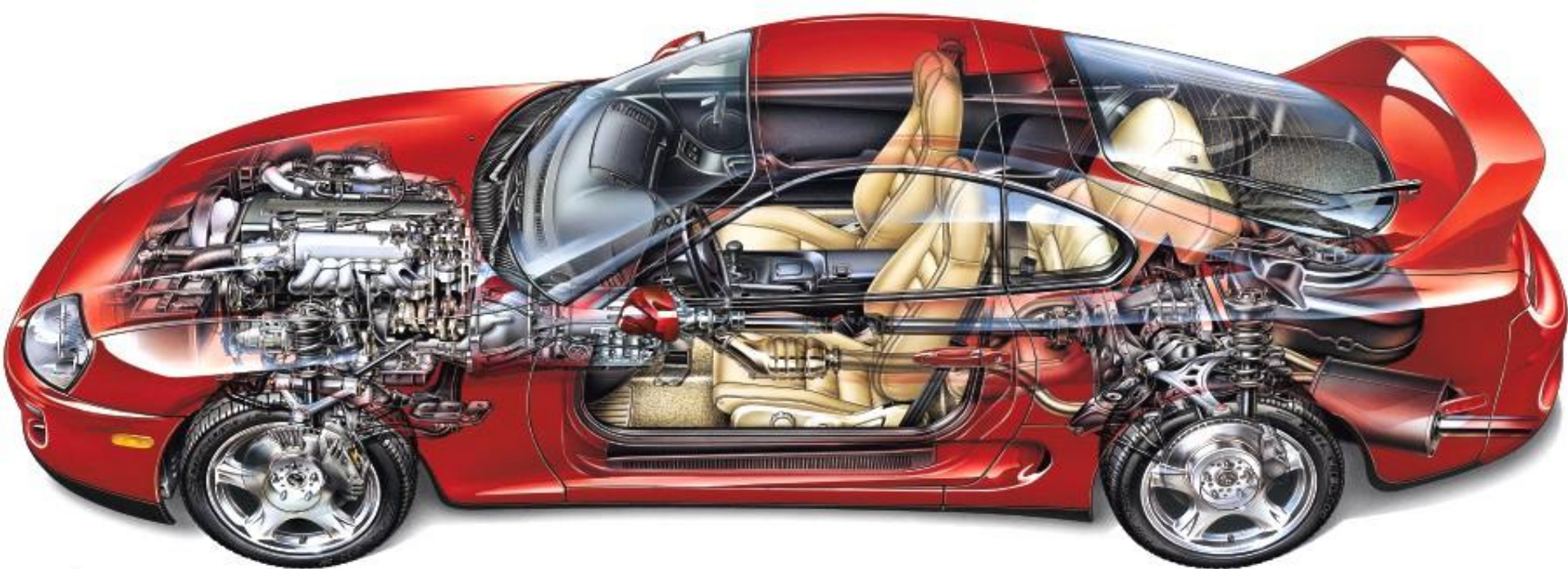
KIDRON VALLEY

- King fleeing eastward, through the Kidron Valley and over the Mt. of Olives
 - Ittai the Gittite meets with the King and David offers him an opportunity to return and not be attached to a deposed king
 - *Temol* = yesterday, recently
 - *Nokri* = alien, stranger
- Goleh* = exile

ITTAI IS CONFRONTED BY DAVID



- David says he cannot offer an earthly future for Ittai and his men
- ***Chesed*** and ***emeth*** usually translated as “Mercy and truth” or “Grace and truth”
- ***Chesed*** describes a spiritual state of being, a relationship
- ***Chesed*** is a concept more than a word



- A car as an illustration of ***chesed***
- ***Chesed*** is a concept that is made up of many components and attributes
- ***Chesed*** includes the components of faithfulness, kindness, love, loyalty, mercy, truthfulness and grace (and more!)
- ***Chesed*** is fundamental in God's idea of relationship, both personal and as pertains to covenants

THE COMPLEX REDUCED TO OVER-SIMPLIFICATIONS

- No single word in English or Greek expresses the concept of *chesed*
- God has often been reduced and over-simplified to having one attribute: LOVE
- God IS love, but also is wisdom, healing, lawgiver, judge, warrior, full of wrath, and more.....
- “Grace” is far too narrow of a definition of *chesed*

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CHESED INVOLVES DOING!



- Messiah's followers have obligated ourselves to God and to His commandments
- Matt.7:21 “.....*only those who DO what my Father in heaven wants..*”
- James 2: “....*faith, by itself, unaccompanied by **ACTIONS**, is dead*”
- *Chesed* is to be reciprocated !



THE WAY OF THE WILD OLIVE TREES



- “.....*the army passed on before him along the Way of the Wild Olive Trees.....*”
- Several pathways crossed the Mt. of Olives
- Ittai’s army, led by Ittai the gentile, follows the Way of the Wild Olive Trees
- Romans 11
- Principle: A gentile can be made part of Israel’s saving covenants by God’s *chesed* through Messiah, but does have to become a Hebrew or become a naturalized Israelite

THE ARK RESTS AS THE PEOPLE CROSS-OVER THE KIDRON



- ***Tzadok*** and a procession of Levites with the Ark of the Covenant arrives
- Probably in imitation of the Ark and Levites in the Jordan River as the people cross over
- TWO High Priests: ***Tzadok*** and ***Evyatar***
- ***Tzadok*** of the proper line of Eleazar
- ***Evyatar*** illegitimate (from the line of Ithamar, through Eli)

WEEPING AND HEAD COVERED

- *Tzadok* and *Evyatar* told to take the Ark back to Jerusalem
- David felt he had no right to the presence of the Ark
- Head covered and barefoot was a sign of contrition and repentance
- David is informed of *Achitofel's* treachery
- He is Bathsheba's grandfather



TZADOK AND EVYATAR TO BE DAVID'S SPIES



- At the summit of the Mt. of Olives David meets *Hushai*
- A formal worship place at the top of the Mt. of Olives
- Many throughout Israel
- *Hushai* too old to accompany David
- *Hushai* will work as a team with *Tzadok*, *Evyatar* and their 2 sons as informers



- **2ND SAMUEL 16** David meets many folks as he exits Jerusalem
- ***Tziva*, *Mephibosheth's*** servant, meets David bring supplies for David's exile
- David expected that ***Mephibosheth*** himself would come, since David had shown him such ***chesed***
- ***Tziva*** came with a slanderous story about ***Mephibosheth***