

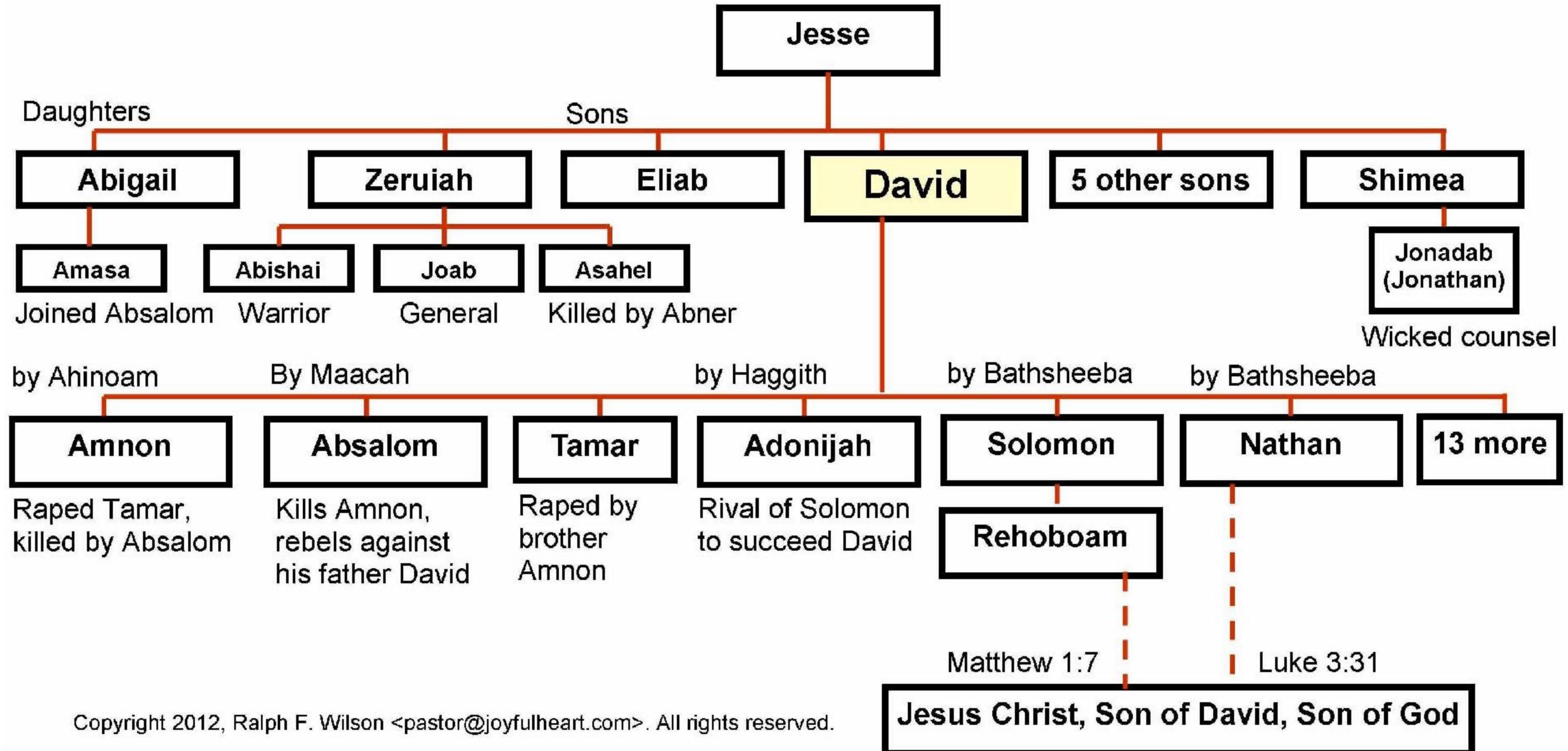
2 Sam 13-18

David

"David Flees
From Absalom"

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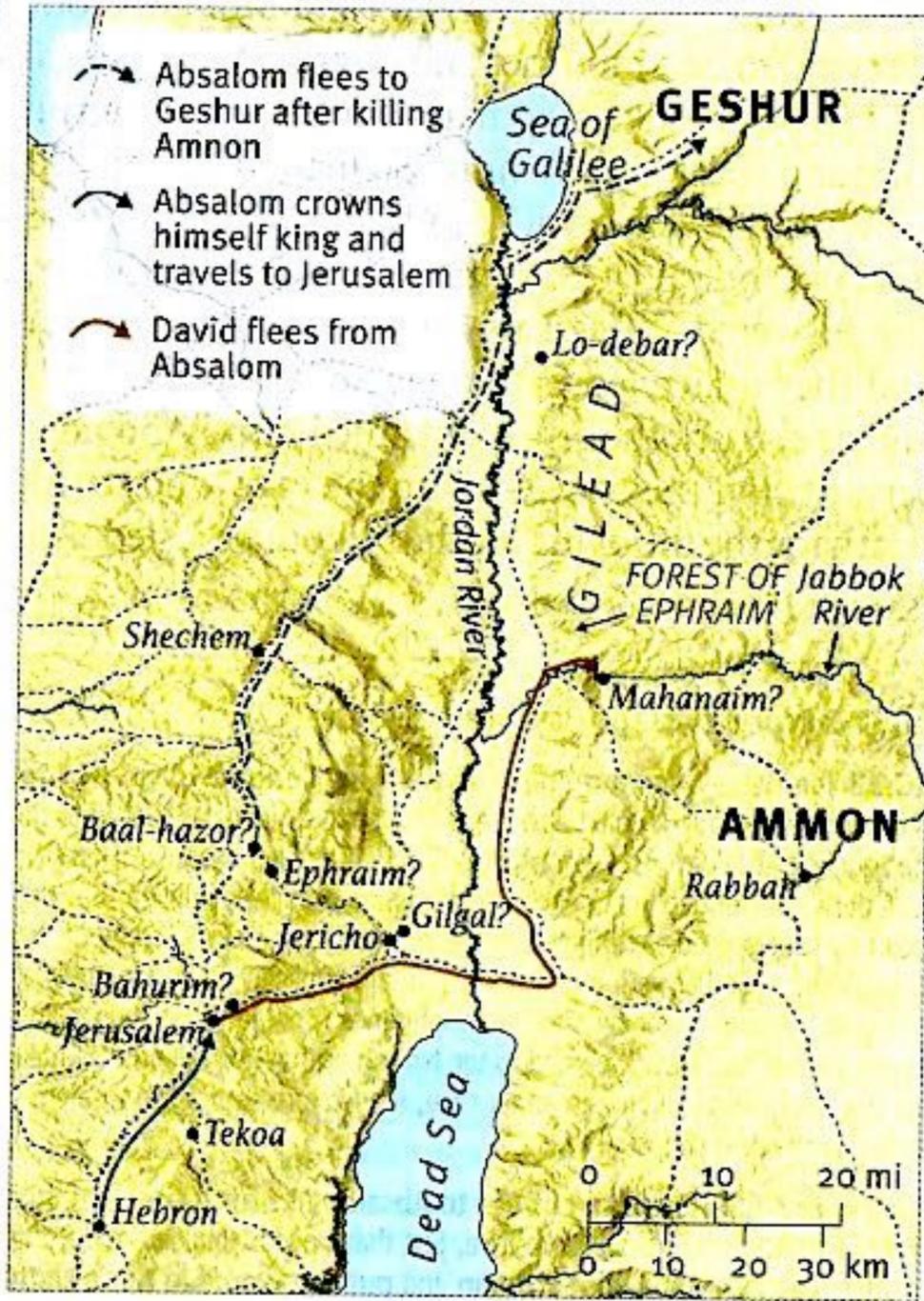
The House of David



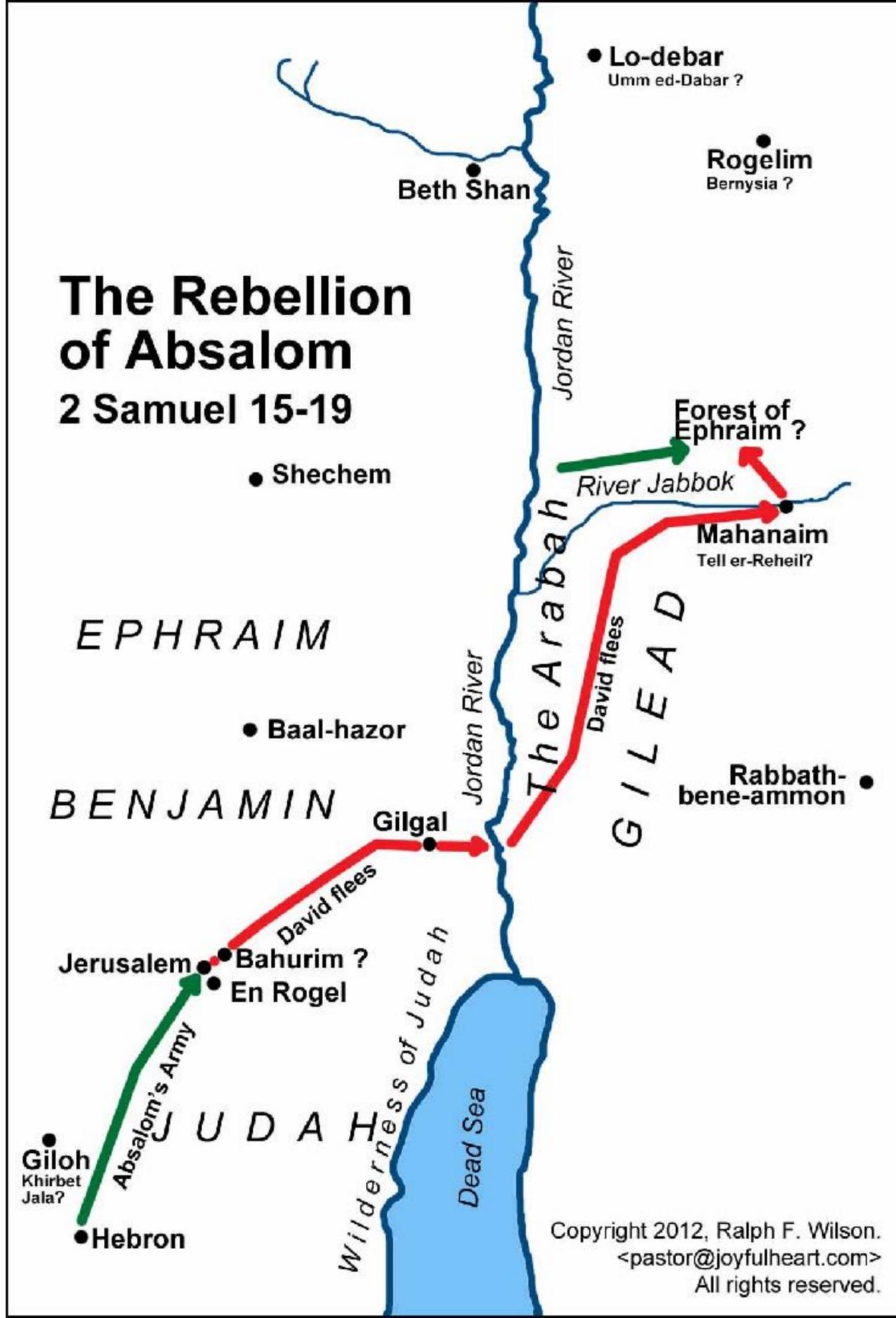
David and Absalom

c. 985 B.C.

In retaliation for the incestuous rape of his sister, Absalom killed his brother Amnon at Baal-hazor and fled to Geshur. After three years, arrangements were made for Absalom to return to Jerusalem, and later he and David were reconciled. Soon after this, however, Absalom led a coup against David in Hebron, and David fled to Mahanaim. When Absalom attacked David's forces in the forest of Ephraim, Absalom was defeated and killed, allowing David to return to Jerusalem.



The Rebellion of Absalom 2 Samuel 15-19





THE ABSALOM REBELLION

1. David's son Absalom creates discontent against his father, promising that he alone would give justice to anyone with a grievance. He arranges to have himself crowned king in Hebron. There he is joined by "men of Israel" (2 Samuel 15:1–12).
2. With Absalom's power growing, David flees Jerusalem, leaving through the Kidron valley and over the Mount of Olives to Bahurim. Then he crosses the Jordan to Mahanaim.
3. David is supported by men from Rabbah, Lo Debar and Rogelim (2 Samuel 17:27–29).
4. Absalom's army marches through Israel gathering support. The two forces meet in the forest of Ephraim (2 Samuel 18:6). Absalom's army is defeated and he is killed when his famously luxuriant hair gets caught in the branches of a tree (2 Samuel 18:9–15).

The Outline

Chapter 13 Absalom Murders Amnon

- 13:1-14 From love to lust
- 13:15-22 From lust to hatred
- 13:23-33 From hatred to Amnon's murder
- 13:34-39 Absalom flees to Geshur

Chapter 14 Absalom Returns

- 14:1-20 Joab's scheme
- 14:21-22 Joab goes to Geshur
- 14:23-28 Absalom's return
- 14:29-33 David finally welcomes Absalom

Chapter 15 Absalom Revolts

- 15:1-12 Absalom the counterfeit king
- 15:13-23 David the genuine king
- 15:24-37 The Lord the sovereign king

Chapter 16 Absalom Captures Jerusalem

- 16:1-4 David blesses Mephibosheth
- 16:5-14 Shimei curses David
- 16:15-23 Absalom takes Jerusalem

Chapter 17 Absalom Plots Against David

- 17:1-14 Hushai's counsel prevails
- 17:15-22 Hushai's spies reach David
- 17:23 Ahithophel hangs himself
- 17:24-26 David crosses the Jordan
- 17:27-29 David's friends at Mahanaim

Chapter 18 Absalom Dies

- 18:1-5 David divides his forces
- 18:6-18 Joab kills Absalom
- 18:19-23 Joab picks the bearer of bad news
- 18:24-33 David laments the death of Absalom

Purpose Clauses (ESV)

2Sa 13:15 Then Amnon hated her with very great hatred, ***so that*** the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. *[This is a very convoluted purpose/result statement. His original purpose is love, but the love turned to hatred with a new purpose, and that resulted in an even greater hatred. You have to think about that for a minute]*

2Sa 14:14 We must all die; we are like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. But God will not take away life, and he devises means ***so that*** the banished one will not remain an outcast. *[God devises ways to show mercy if there is any way to avoid taking a life. This is one of God's most profound purposes, to bring a person back who has deserted him. An expression of His lovingkindness]*

2Sa 17:14 And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For the LORD had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, ***so that*** the LORD might bring harm upon Absalom. *[Here is God's purpose in carrying out His will in the face of all the planning and conniving that men do. God is going to bring about the defeat of Absalom. God is merciful, as we saw above, but He is also just, as we see here]*

2 Sam 19-21

David

"David Returns
To Jerusalem"

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