

~BAHURIM (167)
(Ba-hu'rim) [Chosen]

- A village by the Mount of Olives, situated on the North side of an ancient road leading to Jericho and the Jordan. It is generally identified with **Ras et-Tmim**, 2 kilometers (1 miles) Northeast of the Temple Mount.
- Weeping Paltiel walked after Saul's daughter Michal as far as **Bahurim** when she was being returned to King David. General Abner's order; Go, return! Sufficed to turn him back at that point.
- But her husband kept walking with her, weeping as he walked after her as far as **Bahurim**. Then Abner said to him, Go, return! At that he returned. (2 Samuel 3:16)
- Later, David, when abandoning Jerusalem because of his son Absalom's conspiracy, crossed the torrent valley of Kidron, went up the ascent of the Olives, crossed beyond the summit, and came to **Bahurim**.
- And all the people of the land were weeping with a loud voice, and all the people were crossing over, and the king was standing by the torrent valley of Kidron, and all the people were crossing over upon the open road to the wilderness. (2 Samuel 15:23)
- And David was going up by the ascent of the Olives, weeping as he went up, with his head covered, and he was walking barefoot, and all the people that were with him covered each one his head, and they went up weeping as they went up. (2 Samuel 15:30)
- When David himself had crossed over a little beyond the summit, there was Ziba the attendant of Mephibosheth to meet him with a couple of asses saddled and upon them two hundred loaves of bread and a hundred cakes of raisins and a hundred loads of summer fruit and a large jar of wine. (2 Samuel 16:1)
- And King David came as far as **Bahurim**, and, look! Coming out from there was a man of the family of Saul's house, and his name was Shimei, the son of Gera, coming out and calling down evil as he came out. (2 Samuel 16:5)

- Here Shimei, the Benjamite relative of Saul, began walking along the mountainside, cursing David, throwing stones, and tossing dust.
- And King David came as far as **Bahurim**, and, look! Coming out from there was a man of the family of Saul's house, and his name was Shimei, the son of Gera, coming out and calling down evil as he came out. (2 Samuel 16:5)
- And he began throwing stones at David and at all the servants of King David, and all the people and all the mighty men were at his right and at his left. (2 Samuel 16:6)
- And this is what Shimei said as he called down evil; Get out, get out, you bloodguilty man and good-for-nothing man! (2 Samuel 16:7)
- Yehowah has brought back upon you all the bloodguilt for the house of Saul in place of whom you have ruled as king, and Yehowah gives the kingship into the hand of Absalom your son. And here you are in your calamity, because you are a bloodguilty man! (2 Samuel 16:8)
- Finally Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king; Why should this dead dog call down evil upon my lord the king? Let me go over, please, and take off his head. (2 Samuel 16:9)
- But the king said; What do I have to do with you men, you sons of Zeruiah? Thus let him call down evil, because Yehowah himself has said to him; Call down evil upon David! So who should say; Why did you do that way? (2 Samuel 16:10)
- And David went on to say to Abishai and all his servants; Here my own son, who has come forth out of my own inward parts, is looking for my soul, and how much more now a Benjamite! Let him alone that he may call down evil, for Yehowah has said so to him! (2 Samuel 16:11)
- Perhaps Yehowah will see with his eye, and Yehowah will actually restore to me goodness instead of his malediction this day. (2 Samuel 16:12)
- With that David and his men kept going on in the road, while Shimei was walking on the side of the mountain, walking abreast of him that he might call down evil, and he kept throwing stones

while abreast of him, and he threw a lot of dust. (2 Samuel 16:13)

- And the king began to go back and got to come as far as the Jordan. As for Judah, they came to Gilgal to go and meet the king, to conduct the king across the Jordan. (2 Samuel 19:15)
- Then Shimei the son of Gera the Benjaminite, who was from **Bahurim**, hurried and went down with the men of Judah to meet King David. (2 Samuel 19:16)
- And there were with him a thousand men from Benjamin. And also Ziba the attendant of the house of Saul and his fifteen sons and twenty servants of his were with him, and they made it successfully to the Jordan before the king. (2 Samuel 19:17)
- And he crossed the ford to conduct the household of the king across and to do what was good in his eyes. As for Shimei the son of Gera, he fell down before the king when he was about to cross the Jordan. (2 Samuel 19:18)
- He now said to the king; Do not let my lord attribute error to me, and do not remember the wrong that your servant did on the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, so that the king should lay it to his heart. (2 Samuel 19:19)
- For your servant well knows that I am the one that sinned, and so here I have today come the first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king. (2 Samuel 19:20)
- At once Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said; In return for this should not Shimei be put to death, in that he called evil down upon the anointed of Yehowah? (2 Samuel 19:21)
- But David said; What do I have to do with you men, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should become today a resister of me? Will anyone today be put to death in Israel? For do I not well know that today I am king over Israel? (2 Samuel 19:22)
- Then the king said to Shimei; You will not die. And the king went on to swear to him. (2 Samuel 19:23)

- **Bahurim** was also the point at which Ahimaaz and Jonathan, the sons of Zadok and Abiathar, had to hide in the well of a certain man when they were on their way to deliver a message to King David.
- And the king went on to say to Zadok the priest; You are a seer, are you? Do return to the city in peace, and also Ahimaaz your son and Jonathan the son of Abiathar, the two sons of you men, with you. (2 Samuel 15:27)
- As Jonathan and Ahimaaz were standing at En-rogel, a maidservant went off and told them. So they themselves went off, as they had to tell King David, for they were not able to appear entering the city. (2 Samuel 17:17)
- However, a young man got to see them and told Absalom. So the two of them went off speedily and came to the house of a man in **Bahurim**, who had a well in his courtyard, and they went down into it. (2 Samuel 17:18)
- After that the woman took and spread out a screen over the face of the well and heaped up cracked grain upon it, and not a thing became known of it. (2 Samuel 17:19)
- The servants of Absalom now came to the woman at her house and said; Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan? At this the woman said to them; They passed on from here to the waters. Then they kept on searching, and they did not find them and so returned to Jerusalem. (2 Samuel 17:20)