

~**BARZILLAI 2 (84)**
(Bar-zil'lai) [Of Iron]

- **A wealthy Gileadite, a very great man, of the town of Rogelim. **Barzillai** was one of three who assisted David and his army with supplies of food and bedding during Absalom's rebellion.**
- **And it came about that, as soon as David came to Mahanaim, Shobi the son of Nahash from Rabbah of the sons of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel from Lo-debar, and **Barzillai** the Gileadite from Rogelim (2 Samuel 17:27)**
- **Brought beds and basins and potters vessels, and wheat and barley and flour and roasted grain and broad beans and lentils and parched grain. (2 Samuel 17:28)**
- **And honey and butter and sheep and curds of cattle they brought forward for David and the people that were with him to eat, for they said; The people are hungry and tired and thirsty in the wilderness. (2 Samuel 17:29)**
- **When David returned to Jerusalem, **Barzillai** escorted the party to the Jordan, but because of his age, I am eighty years old today, he declined David's offer to become part of the royal court, sending Chimham in his place. In saying farewell, David kissed and blessed him.**
- **And **Barzillai** the Gileadite himself came down from Rogelim that he might pass on to the Jordan with the king so as to escort him to the Jordan. (2 Samuel 19:31)**
- **And **Barzillai** was very old, being eighty years of age, and he himself supplied the king with food while he was dwelling in Mahanaim, for he was a very great man. (2 Samuel 19:32)**
- **So the king said to **Barzillai**; You yourself cross over with me, and I shall certainly supply you with food with me in Jerusalem. (2 Samuel 19:33)**
- **But **Barzillai** said to the king; What are the days of the years of my life like, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem? (2 Samuel 19:34)**

- **I am eighty years old today. Could I discern between good and bad, or could your servant taste what I ate and what I drank, or could I listen anymore to the voice of male and female singers? So why should your servant become a burden anymore to my lord the king? (2 Samuel 19:35)**
- **For it is just a little way that your servant could bring the king along to the Jordan, and why should the king repay me with this reward? (2 Samuel 19:36)**
- **Let your servant return, please, and let me die in my city close by the burial place of my father and my mother. But here is your servant Chimham. Let him cross over with my lord the king, and you do to him what is good in your eyes. (2 Samuel 19:37)**
- **Accordingly the king said; With me Chimham will go across, and I myself shall do to him what is good in your eyes. All that you may choose to lay upon me I shall do for you. (2 Samuel 19:38)**
- **All the people now began to cross the Jordan, and the king himself crossed, but the king kissed Barzillai and blessed him, after which he returned to his place. (2 Samuel 19:39)**
- **When the king went across to Gilgal, Chimham himself crossed with him, and also all the people of Judah, and also half the people of Israel, that they might bring the king across. (2 Samuel 19:40)**
- **Shortly before dying, David remembered Barzillai and requested Solomon to show kindness toward his sons by arranging for them to be among those eating at his table.**
- **And toward the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite you should exercise loving-kindness, and they must prove to be among those eating at your table, for that was the way they drew near to me when I ran away from before Absalom your brother. (1 Kings 2:7)**