

~BICHRI (125)
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- The Benjamite father or forefather of the good-for-nothing fellow named Sheba who rebelled against David. In this action the **Bichrites** or **Berites**, **KJ**, supported Sheba.
- Now there happened to be there a good-for-nothing man, whose name was Sheba, the son of **Bichri** a Benjaminite, and he proceeded to blow the horn and say; We have no share in David, and we have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every one to his gods, O Israel! (**2 Samuel 20:1**)
- At that all the men of Israel began to go up from following David to follow Sheba the son of **Bichri**, but as for the men of Judah, they stuck to their king from the Jordan to Jerusalem. (**2 Samuel 20:2**)
- Eventually David came to his house at Jerusalem. Then the king took the ten women, the concubines whom he had left behind to take care of the house, and he put them in a house of confinement, but he kept on supplying food to them. And with them he did not have any relations, but they continued shut up closely until the day of their dying, in a widowhood with a living husband. (**2 Samuel 20:3**)
- The king now said to Amasa; Call the men of Judah together to me within three days, and you yourself stand here. (**2 Samuel 20:4**)
- So Amasa went to call Judah together, but he came later than the fixed time that he had appointed for him. (**2 Samuel 20:5**)
- Then David said to Abishai; Now Sheba the son of **Bichri** will be worse for us than Absalom. You yourself take the servants of your lord and chase after him, that he may not actually find for himself fortified cities and escape before our eyes. (**2 Samuel 20:6**)
- Accordingly the men of Joab and the Cherethites and the Pelethites and all the mighty men went out after him, and they went on out of Jerusalem to chase after Sheba the son of **Bichri**.

(2 Samuel 20:7)

- They were close by the great stone that is in Gibeon, and Amasa himself came to meet them. Now Joab was girded, clothed with a garment. and upon him there was girded a sword attached to his hip, in its sheath. And he himself came forth, and so it fell out. **(2 Samuel 20:8)**
- And Joab proceeded to say to Amasa; Is it all right with you, my brother? Then Joab's right hand took hold of Amasa's beard so as to kiss him. **(2 Samuel 20:9)**
- As for Amasa, he was not on guard against the sword that was in Joab's hand, so that he struck him with it in the abdomen, and his intestines spilled out to the earth, and he did not have to do it to him again. So he died. And Joab and Abishai his brother, for their part, chased after Sheba the son of **Bichri**. **(2 Samuel 20:10)**
- And a certain one of Joab's young men stood over him and kept saying; Whoever has found delight in Joab and whoever belongs to David, let him follow Joab! **(2 Samuel 20:11)**
- All the while Amasa was wallowing in the blood in the middle of the highway. When the man saw that all the people stood still, then he moved Amasa from the highway to the field. Finally he cast a garment over him, as he saw that everyone coming up to him stood still. **(2 Samuel 20:12)**
- As soon as he had removed him from the highway, each man passed by following Joab to chase after Sheba the son of **Bichri**. **(2 Samuel 20:13)**
- And Sheba went passing through all the tribes of Israel to Abel of Beth-maacah. As for all the **Bichrites**, they then congregated together and also went in after him. **(2 Samuel 20:14)**
- And they proceeded to come and lay siege against him in Abel of Beth-maacah and cast up a siege rampart against the city, as it was standing within a rampart. And all the people that were with Joab were undermining the wall, to throw it down. **(2 Samuel 20:15)**
- And a wise woman began to call from the city; Listen, men, listen! Say please, to Joab; Come near as far as here, and let me

• speak to you. (2 Samuel 20:16)

- So he went near to her, and the woman then said; Are you Joab? to which he said; I am. At this she said to him; Listen to the words of your slave girl. In turn he said; I am listening. (2 Samuel 20:17)
- And she went on to say; Without exception they used to speak in former times, saying; Let them but inquire in Abel, and thus they will certainly end the matter. (2 Samuel 20:18)
- I represent the peaceable and faithful one's of Israel. You are seeking to put to death a city and a mother in Israel. Why should you swallow up the inheritance of Yehowah? (2 Samuel 20:19)
- To this Joab answered and said; It is altogether unthinkable on my part that I should swallow up and that I should bring to ruin. (2 Samuel 20:20)
- The matter is not that way, but a man from the mountainous region of Ephraim, whose name is Sheba the son of Bichri, has lifted up his hand against King David. You people, give him over by himself, and I will withdraw from the city. Then the woman said to Joab; Look! His head will be pitched to you over the wall! (2 Samuel 20:21)
- At once the woman went in her wisdom to all the people, and they proceeded to cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri and pitch it to Joab. Upon that he blew the horn, and so they were scattered from the city, each one to his home, and Joab himself returned to Jerusalem to the king. (2 Samuel 20:22)