

~ZIBA (146)
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- The servant of Saul's household from whom David, on inquiry, learned of Jonathan's lame son Mephibosheth. David brought Mephibosheth to Jerusalem and assigned **Ziba**, his 15 sons, and his 20 servants to care for Mephibosheth's inheritance.
- These were the sons of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jaroah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of Buz. (**1 Chronicles 5:14**)
- Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, head of the house of their forefathers. (**1 Chronicles 5:15**)
- And they continued to dwell in Gilead, in Bashan and in its dependent towns and in all the pasture grounds of Sharon as far as their terminations. (**1 Chronicles 5:16**)
- They were all of them enrolled genealogically in the days of Jotham the king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the king of Israel. (**1 Chronicles 5:17**)
- As for the sons of Reuben and the Gadites and the half tribe of Manasseh, of those who were valiant fellows, men carrying shield and sword and bending the bow and trained in war, there were forty-four thousand seven hundred and sixty going out to the army. (**1 Chronicles 5:18**)
- And they began to make war upon the Hagrites, and Jetur and Naphish and Nodab. (**1 Chronicles 5:19**)
- And they came to be helped against them, so that the Hagrites and all those who were with them were given into their hand, for it was to God that they called for aid in the war, and he let himself be entreated in their favor because they trusted in him. (**1 Chronicles 5:20**)
- And they got to take captive their livestock, their camels fifty thousand, and sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and asses two thousand, and human souls a hundred thousand. (**1 Chronicles 5:21**)

- For there were many that had fallen slain, because it was on the part of the true God that the fighting was. And they continued to dwell in their place down to the time of the exile. (1 Chronicles 5:22)
- As for the sons of the half tribe of Manasseh, they dwelt in the land from Bashan to Baal-hermon and Senir and Mount Hermon. They themselves became numerous. (1 Chronicles 5:23)
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- As for the sons of the half tribe of Manasseh, they dwelt in the land from Bashan to Baal-hermon and Senir and Mount Hermon. They themselves became numerous. (1 Chronicles 5:23)
- Is generally thought to be a scribal error for David's table, another possibility is that **Ziba** may have been **repeating** David's exact words.
- When David fled from Jerusalem on account of Absalom's rebellion, **Ziba** brought him much needed supplies of food and animals. However, he left Mephibosheth behind, even though he wanted to come, and told David that Mephibosheth deliberately stayed in Jerusalem, expecting to recover the kingdom for Saul's house.
- In response, without further investigation of the matter David transferred Mephibosheth's property to **Ziba**.
- 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)
- Then the king said to **Ziba**; What do these things mean on your part? To this **Ziba** said; The asses are for the household of the king to ride, and the bread and the load of summer fruit are for the young men to eat, and the wine is for the one tired out in the wilderness to drink. (2 Samuel 16:2)
- The king now said; And where is the son of your master? At this **Ziba** said to the king; There he is dwelling in Jerusalem, for he said; Today the house of Israel will give back to me the royal

rule of my father. (2 Samuel 16:3)

- The king then said to **Ziba**; Look! Yours is everything that belongs to Mephibosheth. Upon that **Ziba** said; I do bow down. Let me find favor in your eyes, my lord the king. (2 Samuel 16:4)
- When David returned after the rebellion was crushed, **Ziba** was among the early ones to greet the king. Then Mephibosheth met David, welcomed him back, and informed him of **Ziba's** trickery and slander.
- In the light of these new developments, David now decided that the property should be divided between Mephibosheth and Ziba. Mephibosheth, however, declared; Let him, **Ziba**, even take the whole, now that my lord the king has come in peace to his house.
- 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)
- As for Mephibosheth the grandson of Saul, he came down to meet the king, and he had not attended to his feet nor had he attended to his mustache nor had he washed his garments from the day that the king went away until the day that he came in peace. (2 Samuel 19:24)
- And it came about that, when he came to Jerusalem to meet the king, then the king said to him; Why did you not go with me, Mephibosheth? (2 Samuel 19:25)
- To this he said; My lord the king, it was my servant that tricked me. For your servant had said; Let me saddle the female ass for me that I may ride upon it and go with the king, for your servant is lame. (2 Samuel 19:26)
- So he slandered your servant to my lord the king. But my lord the king is as an angel of the true God, and so do what is good in your eyes. (2 Samuel 19:27)
- For all the household of my father would have become nothing but doomed to death to my lord the king, and yet you placed your servant among those eating at your table. So what do I still have as a just claim even for crying out further to the king? (2 Samuel

19:28)

- **However, the king said to him; Why do you yet keep speaking your words? I do say; You and Ziba should share in the field. (2 Samuel 19:29)**
- **At this Mephibosheth said to the king; Let him even take the whole, now that my lord the king has come in peace to his house. (2 Samuel 19:30)**