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29 And honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

WHAT WAS DAVID DOING AT makh-an-ah'-yim - Mahanaim

Mahanaim is mentioned in Genesis

Ge 32:1 ¶ And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him.

2 And when Jacob saw them, he said, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place (makh-an-ah'-yim) Mahanaim.

JACOB ON HIS WAY TO A POSSIBLE CONFRONTATION WITH ESAU

04266. מַחֲנַיִם Machanayim, makh-an-ah'-yim

dual of 4264; double camp; Machanajim, a place in Palestine:-- Mahanaim.

See Hebrew 04264 (machaneh)

04264. מַחֲנֶה machaneh, makh-an-eh'

from 2583; an encampment (of travellers or troops); hence, an army, whether literal (of soldiers) or figurative (of dancers, angels, cattle, locusts, stars; or even the sacred courts):-- army, band, battle, camp, company, drove, host, tents.

See Hebrew 02583 (chanah)

02583. חֲנָה chanah, khaw-naw'

a primitive root (compare 2603); properly, ...); specifically, to pitch a tent; gen. to encamp (for abode or siege):--abide (in tents), camp, dwell, encamp,

ANGELS MET WITH JACOB THERE ; JESUS.

THIS PLACE WOULD LATER BE A CITY OF REFUGE.

Joshua 21:38

And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, to be a city of refuge for the slayer; and (makh-an-ah'-yim) Mahanaim with her suburbs,

**DAVID IS AT makh-an-ah'-yim Mahanaim
CAMPING OUT TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION
WITH HIS SON ABSALAM.**

HE HAS FLED JERUSALEM, literally for his life.

2 Samuel 15:

12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

13 ¶ And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom.

14 And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.

15 And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall appoint.

16 And the king went forth, and all his household after him.

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2Sa 15:19 Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return to thy place, and abide with the king: for thou art a stranger, and also an exile.

20 Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us? seeing I go whither I may, return thou, and take back thy brethren: mercy and truth be with thee.

21 And Ittai answered the king, and said, As the LORD liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will thy servant be.

22 And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him.

23 And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

24 ¶ And lo Zadok also, and all the Levites were with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God: and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city.

25 And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the LORD, he will bring me again, and shew me both it, and his habitation:

26 But if he thus say, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him.

ITTAI WAS FAITHFUL IN TIME OF TROUBLE.

NOTE THAT HE LATER BECAME ONE OF DAVID'S TOP LEADERS.

HE WAS HONORED FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS.

2 Samuel 18:

1 ¶ And David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them.

2 And David sent forth a third part of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also.

3 But the people answered, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: but now thou art worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou succour us out of the city.

BARZILLAI WAS FAITHFUL DURING TIME OF TROUBLE.

**JUST AS GOD SENT ANGELS TO makh-an-ah'-yim Mahanaim for JACOB;
HE SENT BARZILLAI AND OTHERS TO HELP DAVID.**

2 Samuel 19:

31 ¶ And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him over Jordan.

32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even fourscore years old: and he had provided the king of sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very great man.

33 And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will feed thee with me in Jerusalem.

34 And Barzillai said unto the king, How long have I to live, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem?

35 I am this day fourscore years old: and can I discern between good and evil? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing

men and singing women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king?

36 Thy servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward?

37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, and be buried by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee.

38 And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good unto thee: and whatsoever thou shalt require of me, that will I do for thee.

39 And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king was come over, the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place.

40 ¶ Then the king went on to Gilgal, and Chimham went on with him: and all the people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the people of Israel.

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**BARZILLA TREATED THOSE ABOVE HIM – DAVID
AND THOSE BENEATH HIM – CHIMHAM
WITH LOVE AND RESPECT.**

**HE TREATED THOSE WHO COULD DO SOMETHING FOR HIM
AND THOSE WHO COULDN'T DO SOMETHING FOR HIM
THE SAME.**

II. I ADMIRE BARZILLAI FOR HIS GREATNESS IN HIS CONSTANCY.

IT IS HERE THAT I SPEAK OF HIS FAITHFULNESS.

**PHONE TREE:
FAITHFULNESS IN TROUBLED TIMES.**

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THE BIBLE SAYS HE WAS A VERY GREAT MAN.

NOT EASY TO BE A GREAT MAN.

WASN'T A GLORY HOUND.
TURNED DOWN AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR IMPORTANCE AT JERSUALEM.

WANTED TO SIMPLY RETURN TO HIS OWN HOME.

WASN'T SEEK A PLACE AT THE PALACE.

DIDN'T NEED TO RIDE ON DAVID'S COATTAILS.

HE DIDN'T JUST LOVE DAVID WHEN HE WAS UP.
HE LOVED HIM WHEN HE WAS DOWN.

GREAT PEOPLE

1 Kings 2:

- 1 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die;
and he charged Solomon his son, saying,
- 2 I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore,
and shew thyself a man;
- 3 And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his
statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as
it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest,
and whithersoever thou turnest thyself:
- 4 That the LORD may continue his word which he spake concerning me, saying,
If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their
heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the
throne of Israel.
- ...
- 7 But shew kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite,
and let them be of those that eat at thy table:
for so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom thy brother.

**IN A SPIRITUAL SENSE,
JESUS IS MY HEAVENLY BARZILLAI .**

**BARZILLAI CREDITED TO CHIMHAM
THAT WHICH HE HAD EARNED.**

**CHIMHAM ENJOYED A PLACE OF PRIVILEGE
BECAUSE OF WHAT BARZILLAI HAD DONE.**

**I WILL SIT AT THE KINGS TABLE
BECAUSE OF WHAT MY HEAVENLY BARZILLAI - JESUS – DID.**

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