



## Lesson 98

# Sheba's Unsuccessful Rebellion

### Story Elements

- **Text:** 2 Samuel 20:1-26
- **Setting:** approx. 980 B.C.
- **Main Characters:** God, David, Sheba, Amasa, and Joab
- **Plot:** Joab murders Amasa and then quells another rebellion.

- **Key word(s):** " \_\_\_\_\_ "
- **Climax:** *"And one of Joab's men stood by him, and said, He that favoureth Joab, and he that is for David, let him go after Joab."* (20:11)

### Review

1. (2 Sam. 19:9-43) After David's army vanquished Absalom's, the tribes of Israel bickered amongst themselves about David's return to the throne. *En route* to Jerusalem, David was escorted by his loyal followers, and met by apologetic rebels.

### Sheba Rebels

2. (20:1-2) While David's entourage made their way back to Jerusalem, a man of Belial named \_\_\_\_\_ (of the tribe of Benjamin and therefore probably loyal still to the house of Saul) blew the trumpet and announced the secession of the northern tribes from the David's kingdom. Only David's native tribe Judah remained faithful.
3. (20:4) After reentering Jerusalem, David summoned Amasa to arrange a campaign against Sheba. Amasa (who was given \_\_\_\_\_ job as army commander) was told to gather sufficient forces and return in three days.

### Amasa Murdered

4. (20:5-6) When Amasa did not return at the appointed time, David ordered \_\_\_\_\_, Joab's brother, to take Joab's best soldiers (the Cherethites, the Pelethites, and other mighty men) and pursue after Sheba without the tardy Amasa.
5. (20:7-10) Later, Amasa caught up with Joab's forces at Gibeon, at which time he was saluted by Joab.
  - (a) As Joab approached Amasa to give him a customary greeting, he purposefully let his sword fall to the ground so that Amasa would not be \_\_\_\_\_ when he picked it up and had it in hand right before kissing him. With Amasa caught off guard, Joab stabbed him and left him wallowing in his own gore.
  - (b) (20:11-13) One of Joab's loyal soldiers stood over the dying Amasa and demanded that every soldier declare their allegiance to David by following \_\_\_\_\_. As the

