

# 2 Samuel 19:15

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan.**

This verse contributes to the narrative of David's Return, emphasizing restoration, leadership wisdom. David's return to Jerusalem requires political wisdom as he navigates competing factions. His restoration of enemies (Shimei) and reward of supporters demonstrates leadership discernment. Theological themes include wise leadership during restoration, the complexity of post-crisis reconciliation, balancing justice and mercy, and the necessity of moving forward despite ongoing tensions.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting of 2 Samuel 19 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity. Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding restoration, leadership wisdom provide crucial background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines, Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed significantly from modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid

anachronistic interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of restoration, leadership wisdom?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיָּשָׁב	הִמָּלֵךְ	בָּ א	עַד	הַיַּרְדֵּן:	וַיהוֹדָה	בָּ א
returned	So the king	and came	H5704	Jordan	And Judah	and came
H7725	H4428	H935		H3383	H3063	H935
הַגִּלְגָּל	לֵלֵךְ	לִקְרֹא	אֶת	הִמָּלֵךְ	לְהִעָבֵר	אֶת
to Gilgal	H1980	to meet		So the king	over	H853
H1537		H7125		H4428	H5674	H4428
אֶת	הַיַּרְדֵּן:					
H853	Jordan					
	H3383					

## Additional Cross-References

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**Joshua 5:9** (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

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