

# 2 Samuel 19:31

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim, and went over Jordan with the king, to conduct him 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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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## 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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וּבְרִזַּי	הַגִּלְעָדִי	יָבֹא	מִרֹּגֵלִים	וַעֲבָר	אֶת
And Barzillai	the Gileadite	came down	from Rogelim	and went over	
H1271	H1569	H3381	H7274	H5674	H854
הֵם לְ	בְּיַרְדֵּן	לְשַׁלַּח	אֶת	בְּיַרְדֵּן	
with the king	Jordan	to conduct		Jordan	
H4428	H3383	H7971	H853	H3383	

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Kings 2:7** (Parallel theme): 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.

