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And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, thence came out a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came forth, and cursed still as he came.	<p>Bahurim: a town in Benjamin between Jerusalem and Jericho beyond the Mount of Olives on the way to Jericho</p> <p>Shimei: member of house of Benjamin (the tribe of King Saul)</p> <p>They were upset when the royal house passed from their tribe; showed opposition to David and hatred</p> <p>Shimei, ... a man of the family of Saul—The misfortune of his family, and the occupation by David of what they considered their rightful possessions,</p>
6And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David:	Shimei was out of easy reach, though within a stone's throw of David and his party.

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9 Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off his head.	<p>Abishai: son of David's sister' an elite warrior; conducted daring missions for David</p> <p>Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king,.... A sister's son of his, and a general in the army, who could not bear to hear the king abused in this manner</p> <p>violent and vengeful:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Wiped out 18,000 Edomites for revenge of Saul's commander- David denounces this brutality
10 And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah?	Once and again David spared Saul's life, while Saul sought his. But innocence is no defense against malice and falsehood;

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12It may be that the Lord will look on mine affliction, and that the Lord will requite me good for his cursing this day.	so let him curse; go on cursing after this manner; do not restrain him from it, or attempt to stop his mouth

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<p>13 And as David and his men went by the way, Shimei went along on the hill's side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust.</p>	<p><i>Shimei went along on the hill's side</i> — David's patience but more inflamed Shimei's insolence. And as David and his servants marched along, Shimei kept pace with them upon the side of an adjacent hill; and still continued cursing, reviling, and throwing dust and stones unchastised. David, however, endured it all, and <i>when he was reviled, he reviled not again; but committed his cause to Him that judgeth righteously Not that he could reach him or hurt him with it; but only as an expression of contempt.</i></p> <p>Now David shows exceptional restraint in his response to Shimei and prevents Abishai from committing murder. A scholar explains: "David recognizes that it is not the good will of Shimei that he needs, but the grace and mercy of God in his time of distress (v. 12a). . . . In this moment</p>

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14And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary, and refreshed themselves there.	Weary. Faint; exhausted; weary; thirsty.
	Evidently the name of a place; for David "refreshed himself there." It was probably a caravanserai, the full name of which was, "Rest for the weary," but gradually the title was shortened down to the last word, "Weary,"