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## 2 Samuel 4:4

### Jonathan's Son, Mephibosheth

[Moved forward for chronology:]

Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son *who was lame in his feet*. He **was five [5] years old when** the news about Saul and Jonathan came from [Jezreel](#); and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened, as she made haste to flee, that he fell and became lame. His name *was* Mephibosheth [*"exterminating the idol"*].

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## 2 Samuel 1

### David Learns Saul and Jonathan Died

1:1 ¶ **Now** it came to pass **after** the death of Saul, **when** David had returned from the slaughter of the [Amalekites](#), and David had stayed **two [2] days** in [Ziklag](#), **2 on the third [3<sup>rd</sup>] day**, behold, it happened that a man came from [Saul's camp](#) with his clothes torn and dust on his head. So it was, **when** he came to David, that he fell to [the ground](#) and prostrated himself. **3** And David said to him, **"Where have you come from?"**

So he said to him, **"I have escaped from the camp of Israel."** **4** **Then** David said to him, **"How did the matter go? Please tell me."**

And he answered, **"The people have fled from the battle, many of the people are fallen and dead, and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also."** **5**

So David said to the young man who told him,

**"How do you know that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?"** **6**

**Then** the young man who told him said, **"As I happened by chance to be on Mount Gilboa, there was Saul, leaning on his spear; and indeed the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him. 7 Now when he looked behind him, he saw me and called to me. And I answered,**

**'Here I am.'** **8** **And he said to me, 'Who are you?' So I answered him, 'I am an Amalekite.'** **9**

**He said to me again,** **'Please stand over me and kill me, for anguish has come upon me, but my life still remains in me.'** **10** **So I stood over him and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown that was on his head and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them here to my lord."**

**11** ¶ **Therefore** David took hold of his own clothes and tore them, and *so did* all the men who *were* with him. **12** **And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening**

**for Saul and for Jonathan his son, for the people of YHWH and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.**

**13** **Then** David said to the young man who told him, **"Where are you from?"**

And he answered, **"I am the son of an alien, an Amalekite."** **14**

So David said to him, **"How was it you were not afraid to put forth your hand to destroy YHWH's anointed?"** **15**

**Then** David called one of the young men and said, **"Go near, and execute him!"** **And he struck him so that he died.** **16**

So David said to him, **"Your blood is on your own head, for your own mouth has testified against you, saying, 'I have killed YHWH's anointed.'"**

### David's Laments Over Saul, Jonathan

**17** ¶ **Then** David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son, **18** and he told *them* to teach the children of Judah **the Song of the Bow**; indeed *it is* written in the Book of Jasher [*"the Just"*; **2<sup>nd</sup>** of 2 references; *not the same as 2Sa*; cf. [Jos 10:13](#)]:

**19** "The beauty of Israel is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen! **20**

Tell it not in [Gath](#), Proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon: Lest the daughters of the [Philistines](#) rejoice,

Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph. **21**

O mountains of [Gilboa](#), Let there be no dew nor rain upon you, Nor fields of offerings. For the shield of the mighty is cast away there!

The shield of [Saul](#), not anointed with oil. **22** [*i.e., unmaintained, left to rust: owner dead*]

From the [blood](#) of the slain, From the fat of the mighty, The bow of [Jonathan](#) did not turn back, And the sword of [Saul](#) did not return empty. **23** [Saul and Jonathan were](#) beloved and pleasant in their lives, And in their death they were not divided; They were swifter than eagles, They were stronger than lions. **24**

O daughters of Israel, weep over [Saul](#), Who clothed you in [scarlet](#), with luxury; Who put ornaments of [gold](#) on your apparel. **25** How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle!

[Jonathan](#) was slain in your high places. **26** I am distressed for you, [my brother Jonathan](#); You have been very pleasant to me; Your love to me was wonderful, Surpassing the love of women. **27** [*of a different kind, not sexual, of course*] How the mighty have fallen, And the weapons of war perished!"

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## 2 Samuel 2

### David Anointed King of Judah

2:1 ¶ It happened **after** this that David inquired of [YHWH](#), saying, **"Shall I go up to any of the cities of Judah?"** **And YHWH** said to him, **"Go up."** **David** said, **"Where shall I go up?"** **And He** said, **"To Hebron."** **2**

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So David went up there, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite. <sup>3</sup> And David brought up the men who were with him, every man with his household. So they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. <sup>4</sup> Then the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, "The men of Jabesh Gilead were the ones who buried Saul." <sup>5</sup> So David sent messengers to the men of Jabesh Gilead ["dry" "rocky region"], and said to them, "You are blessed of YHWH, for you have shown this kindness to your lord, to Saul, and have buried him. <sup>6</sup> And now may YHWH show kindness and truth to you. I also will repay you this kindness, because you have done this thing. <sup>7</sup> Now therefore, let your hands be strengthened [be encouraged], and be valiant; for your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah has anointed me king over them."

### **Ishbosheth Made King Over the Rest**

<sup>8</sup> But Abner [Saul's cousin] the son of Ner, commander of Saul's army, took Ishbosheth ["man of shame"; aka Esh-Baal] the [only surviving] son of Saul and brought him over to Mahanaim ["two camps"]; <sup>9</sup> and he made him king <sup>1</sup> over Gilead, over the Ashurites, over Jezreel, over Ephraim, over Benjamin, and over all Israel [as opposed to Judah]. <sup>10</sup>

Ishbosheth, Saul's son, was forty [40] years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two [2] years. [But David was only 30 at this time (5:5), and Jonathan was older than his brother Ishbosheth (1Ch 8:33). Jonathan was at least 42 years older than David (Jones)] Only the house of Judah followed David. <sup>11</sup> And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months [7 yrs 6 mos; 2950-2957 AB = 1055-1048 BC: Timeline of Judges].

### **Pointless Contest by Abner and Joab**

<sup>12</sup> Now Abner the son of Ner [so the 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin of Ishbosheth], and the servants of Ishbosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon ["hill city"]. <sup>13</sup> And Joab the son of Zeruiah [David's sister: 1Ch 2:16], and the servants of David, went out and met them by the pool of Gibeon. So they sat down, one on one side of the pool and the other on the other side of the pool. <sup>14</sup> Then Abner said to Joab, "Let the young men now arise and compete before us."

And Joab said, "Let them arise." <sup>15</sup> So they arose and went over by number, twelve [12] from Benjamin, followers of Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and twelve [12] from the servants of David. <sup>16</sup> And each one grasped his opponent by the head and thrust his sword in his opponent's side; so they fell down together. Therefore that place was called the Field of Sharp

Swords, which is in Gibeon. <sup>17</sup> So there was a very fierce battle that day, and Abner and the men of Israel were beaten before the servants of David.

**Abner Kills Asahel, David's Nephew** <sup>18</sup> Now the three [3] sons of Zeruiah were there [David's nephews: 1Ch 2:16]: Joab and Abishai and Asahel.

And Asahel was as fleet of foot as a wild gazelle. <sup>19</sup> So Asahel pursued Abner, and in going he did not turn to the right hand or to the left from following Abner. <sup>20</sup> Then Abner looked behind him and said, "Are you Asahel?" He answered, "I am." <sup>21</sup> And Abner said to him, "Turn aside to your right hand or to your left, and lay hold on one of the young men and take his armor for yourself." But Asahel would not turn aside from following him. <sup>22</sup> So Abner said again to Asahel, "Turn aside from following me. Why should I strike you to the ground? How then could I face your brother Joab?" <sup>23</sup>

However, he refused to turn aside. Therefore Abner struck him in the stomach with the blunt end of the spear, so that the spear came out of his back; and he fell down there and died on the spot. So it was that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died, stood still. <sup>24</sup> Joab and Abishai also pursued Abner. And the sun was

going down when they came to the hill of Ammah ["a cubit"], which is before Giah ["to break forth"] by the road to the Wilderness of Gibeon.

<sup>25</sup> Now the children of Benjamin gathered together behind Abner and became a unit, and took their stand on top of a hill. <sup>26</sup> Then Abner called to Joab and said, "Shall the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will be bitter in the latter end? How long will it be then until you tell the people to return from pursuing their brethren?" <sup>27</sup> And Joab said, "As God lives, unless you had spoken, surely then by morning all the people would have given up pursuing their brethren." <sup>28</sup> So Joab blew a trumpet; and all the people stood still and did not pursue Israel anymore, nor did they fight anymore. <sup>29</sup> Then Abner and his men went on all that night through the plain, crossed over the Jordan, and went through all Bithron ["division" or "cleft" or "ravine"]; and they came to Mahanaim. <sup>30</sup> So Joab returned from pursuing Abner. And when he had gathered all the people together, there were missing of David's servants nineteen [19] men and Asahel. <sup>31</sup> But the servants of David had struck down, of Benjamin and Abner's men, three hundred and sixty [360] men who died. <sup>32</sup> Then they took up Asahel and buried him in his father's tomb, which was in Bethlehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at daybreak.

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Sa 3]

2 Samuel 3:1-5 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

3:1 ¶ **Now** there was a long war between the house of Saul and the house of David.

But David grew stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul grew weaker and weaker. 2

Sons

\_\_\_ were born to David in Hebron:

His firstborn was

Amnon [“faithful”],

by Ahinoam

[“delight is my brother”]

the Jezreelitess; 3

his second,

Chileab [“father-like”],

by Abigail [“my father is joy”]

the widow of Nabal [“fool”]

the Carmelite\_;

the third,

Absalom [“my father is peace”],

the son of Maacah [“oppression”],

the daughter of

Talmai [“furrowed”],

king of Geshur

[“proud beholder”]; 4

the fourth,

Adonijah [“my lord is YHWH”],

the son of Haggith [“festive”];

[these two never reappear:]

the fifth,

Shephatiah [“YHWH has judged”],

the son of Abital

[“(the) dew is my father”]; 5 and

the sixth,

Ithream [“profit of the people”]

by David’s wife Eglah [“a heifer”].

These \_\_\_ were born to David in Hebron.

[Audio: S. Gregg Ch Overview1]

1 Chronicles 3:1-4a [2:16-55]

David’s Sons

[← “house” = family, here.]

[later “house” = David’s dynasty]

3:1 ¶ **Now** these were the sons of David

who were born to him in Hebron:

The firstborn was

Amnon,

by Ahinoam

the Jezreelitess;

the second,

Daniel [“God is my judge”],

by Abigail

the Carmelitess; 2

the third,

Absalom,

the son of Maacah,

the daughter of

Talmai,

king of Geshur;

the fourth,

Adonijah

the son of Haggith; 3

the fifth,

Shephatiah,

by \_\_\_ Abital;

the sixth,

Ithream,

by his \_\_\_ wife Eglah. 4a

These six [6] were born to him in Hebron.

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Sa 23-24]

2 Samuel 23:8-39 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

David’s Top Three Mighty Men

23:8 ¶ \_\_\_ These are the names of

the mighty men whom David had:

Joshab-Basshebeth [“dwell in rest”]

the Tachmonite [“you will make me

wise”], chief among the captains.

He was called

Adino [“his ornament”]

the Eznite [“sharp” or “strong”

or “spear”], because he had

killed eight hundred [800] men

at one time. 9 And after him was

Eleazar [“helped by God”]

the son of Dodo [“his beloved”],

[aka Dodai: 1Ch 27:4]

the Ahohite [“brother of rest”],

[who was] one of the three [3]

mighty men \_\_\_\_\_

with David \_\_\_\_\_

when they defied the Philistines who

were gathered there for battle, and

the men of Israel had retreated. 10

He arose and attacked the Philistines

until his hand was weary, and his hand

stuck to the sword. YHWH brought

about a great victory that day; and

the people returned after him only

to plunder. 11 And after him was

Shammah [“astonishment”]

the son of Agee [“I shall increase”]

the Hararite

[“mountain dweller”].

[Audio: S. Gregg Ch Overview2]

1 Chronicles 11:10-47 [11:4-9]

David’s Top \_\_\_ Mighty Men

10 ¶ **Now** these were the heads of the

mighty men whom David had, who

strengthened themselves with him in

his kingdom, with all Israel, to make

him king, according to the word of

YHWH concerning Israel. 11 And this

is the number of

the mighty men whom David had:

Jashobeam [“the people will return”]

the son of a Hachmonite [“wise”],

chief of \_\_\_ the captains.

[or these were two different men?]

[or the original text is corrupted here?]

He had lifted up his spear

against three hundred [300],

killed by him

at one time. 12 \_\_\_ After him was

Eleazar

the son of Dodo,

[aka Dodai: 1Ch 27:4]

the Ahohite,

who was one of the three [3]

mighty men. 13 He was

with David at Pasdammim.

[↑ “boundary of blood”]

← [1Ch omits him for some reason]

[This column is parallel to the next:]

The Philistines had gathered together into a troop where there was a piece of ground full of lentils. Then the people fled from the Philistines.<sup>12</sup> But he [Shammah] stationed himself in the middle of the field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. And YHWH brought about a great victory.<sup>13</sup>

Then three [3] of the thirty [30] chief men went down at harvest time and came to David at the cave of Adullam. And the troop of Philistines encamped in the Valley of Rephaim.<sup>14</sup> David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.<sup>15</sup> And David said with longing, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of the water from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"<sup>16</sup> So the three [3] mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless he would not drink it, but poured it out to YHWH.<sup>17</sup> And he said, "Far be it from me, O YHWH, that I should do this! Is this not the blood of the men who went in jeopardy of their lives?"

Therefore he would not drink it. These things were done by the three [3] mighty men.

## 1 Chronicles 11

Now there [at Pasdammim] the Philistines were gathered for battle, and there was a piece of ground full of barley. And the people fled from the Philistines.<sup>14</sup> But they stationed themselves in the middle of that field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So YHWH brought about a great victory.<sup>15</sup>

Now three [3] of the thirty [30] chief men went down to the rock

to David, into the cave of Adullam. And the army of the Philistines encamped in the Valley of Rephaim.<sup>16</sup> David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.<sup>17</sup> And David said with longing, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of water from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!"<sup>18</sup> So the three [3] broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David. Nevertheless David would not drink it, but poured it out to YHWH.<sup>19</sup> And he said, "Far be it from me, O my God, that I should do this! Shall I drink the blood of these men who went in jeopardy of their lives?"<sup>1</sup>

For at the risk of their lives they brought it; therefore he would not drink it. These things were done by the three [3] mighty men.

<sup>1</sup> NKJ inconsistency: "Shall I drink the blood of these men who have put their lives in jeopardy?"

[This column is parallel to the next:]

## David's Top 37 Mighty Men

<sup>18</sup> Now Abishai the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief of another three [3]. He lifted his spear against three hundred [300] men, killed them, and won a name among these three [3].<sup>19</sup> Was he not the most honored of [the] three [3]? Therefore he became their captain. However, he did not attain to the first three [3].<sup>20</sup>

Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel ["God gathers"], who had done many deeds [cf. 1Ch 27:5-6]. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.<sup>21</sup> And he killed an Egyptian, a spectacular man.

The Egyptian had a spear in his hand; so he went down to him with a staff, wrested the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.<sup>22</sup> These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and won a name among three [3] mighty men.<sup>23</sup> He was more honored than the thirty [30], but he did not attain to the first three [3]. And David appointed him over his guard.<sup>24</sup>

## 1 Chronicles 11

### David's Top 37+16+30 Mighty Men

<sup>20</sup> Abishai the brother of Joab was chief of another three [3]. He had lifted up his spear against three hundred [300] men, killed them, and won a name among these three [3].<sup>21</sup> Of the three [3] he was more honored than the other two [2] men. Therefore he became their captain. However, he did not attain to the first three [3].<sup>22</sup>

Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel ["God gathers"], who had done many deeds [cf. 1Ch 27:5-6]. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.<sup>23</sup> And he killed an Egyptian, a man of great height, five cubits tall.

[~7.5 feet tall]

In the Egyptian's hand there was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, wrested the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.<sup>24</sup> These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and won a name among three [3] mighty men.<sup>25</sup> Indeed he was more honored than the thirty [30], but he did not attain to the first three [3]. And David appointed him over his guard.<sup>26</sup>

**Asahel** the brother of Joab  
was one of the thirty [30];  
Elhanan the son of  
Dodo of **Bethlehem**, 25  
Shammah the Harodite,  
Elika the Harodite, 26  
Helez the Paltite,  
Ira the son of Ikkesh the **Tekoite**, 27  
Abiezer the Anathothite,  
**Mebunnai** the Hushathite, 28

**Zalmon** the Ahohite,  
Maharai the Netophathite, 29  
Heleb the son of Baanah  
the Netophathite,  
Ittai the son of Ribai from **Gibeah**  
of the children of Benjamin, 30  
Benaiah a Pirathonite,  
**Hiddai** from the brooks of **Gaash**, 31

Abi-Albon the Arbathite,  
Azmaveth the Barhumite, 32

Eliabba the **Shaalbonite**  
(of the sons of **Jashen**),  
Jonathan, 33  
**Shammah** the Hararite,  
Ahiam the son of **Sharar** the Hararite, 34

**Eliphelet** the son of **Ahasbai**,  
the son of the Maachathite,

**Eliam** the son of **Ahithophel**  
the **Gilonite**, 35  
**Hezrai** the **Carmelite**,  
**Paarai** the **Arbite**, 36  
**Igal** the son of Nathan of **Zobah**,  
**Bani** the **Gadite**, 37

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Also the mighty warriors were  
**Asahel** the brother of Joab,  
Elhanan the son of  
Dodo of **Bethlehem**, 27  
**Shammoth** the Harorite,  
← [omitted here for some reason]  
**Helez** the **Pelonite**, 28  
**Ira** the son of Ikkesh the **Tekoite**,  
**Abiezer** the Anathothite, 29  
**Sibbechai** the **Hushathite**,

**Ilai** the Ahohite, 30  
**Maharai** the Netophathite,  
**Heled** [cf. 27:15] the son of Baanah  
the Netophathite, 31  
**Ithai** the son of Ribai of **Gibeah**,  
of the sons of Benjamin,  
**Benaiah** the Pirathonite, 32  
**Hurai** of the brooks of **Gaash**,

**Abiel** the Arbathite, 33  
**Azmaveth** the **Baharumite**,

Eliabba the **Shaalbonite**, 34  
the sons of **Hashem** the **Gizonite**,  
Jonathan  
the son of **Shageh** the Hararite, 35  
Ahiam the son of **Sacar** the Hararite,

**Eliphal** the son of **Ur**, 36  
**Hepher** the **Mecherathite**,

**Ahijah**  
the **Pelonite**, 37  
**Hezro** the **Carmelite**,  
**Naarai** the son of **Ezbai**, 38  
**Joel** the brother of Nathan,  
**Mibhar** the son of **Hagri**, 39

### Meanings of the names to the left:

- 1 **Asahel**: "God-made" [cf. 1Ch 27:7]  
Joab: "father **YHWH**"
- 2 **Elhanan**: "gracious has been **God**"  
[aka Shamhuth: 1Ch 27:8]  
Dodo: "his beloved"  
**Bethlehem**: "house of bread"  
**Shammoth**: "desolations"; + ↓  
**Harodite**: "the mountaineer"
- 3 **Shammah**: "astonishment"
- 4 **Elika**: "my **God** rejects"
- 5 **Helez**: "he has saved" [1Ch 27:10]  
**Paltite**, **Pelonite**: "a certain one"
- 6 **Ira**: "watchful of a city" [1Ch 27:9]  
**Ikkesh**: "twisted"; **Teko**: "trumpet blast"
- 7 **Abiezer**: "help is my father"  
**Anathoth**: "affliction" [1Ch 27:12]
- 8 **Mebunnai**: "building of **YHWH**"  
**Sibbechai**: "weaver" [1Ch 27:11]  
**Hushathite**: "inhabitant of **Hushah**"
- 9 **Zalmon**: "shaady"; **Ilai**: "exalted"
- 10 **Maharai**: "impetuous" [1Ch 27:13]  
**Netophath**: "dropping"
- 11 **Heleb**: "milk"; **Heled**: "transient"  
(also spelled **Heldai**)  
**Baana(h)**: "in affliction"  
**Netophath**: "dropping"
- 12 **Ittai**, **Ithai**: "with me"
- 13 **Benjamin**: "son of the right hand"  
**Ribai**: "pleader with **YHWH**"; Gibeah: "hill"
- 14 **Benaiah**: "**YHWH** has built (up)"  
**Pirathon**: "princely" [1Ch 27:14]
- 15 **Hiddai**: "for the rejoicing of **YHWH**"  
**Hurai**: "linen-weaver"  
**Gaash**: "quaking" / ↓ desert house  
**Arbathite**: "inhabitant of Beth-Arabah"  
**Barhum**: "son of the blackened: pitied"  
**Baharum**: "choice youths"  
**Shaalbon**: "place of foxes"  
**Gizonite**: "shearer: quarryman"
- 16 **Abi-Albon**, **Abiel**: "**God**'s my father"
- 17 **Azmaveth**: "strong unto death"
- 18 **Eliabba**: "**God** hides"  
**Jashen**: "sleeping" **Hashem**: "fat"
- 19 **Jonathan**: "**YHWH** has given"
- 20 **Shammah**: cf. 3; **Shageh**: "erring"
- 21 **Ahiam**: "mother's brother"
- 22 **Eliphelet**: "**God** is deliverance"
- 23 [?????]; **Hepher**: "a well"
- 24 **Eliam**: "the people's **God**" or  
"kinsman is **God**"  
**Gilonite**: "gentilic of preceding"
- 25 **Hezrai**, **Hezro**: "enclosed"
- 26 **Paarai**: "gaping"; **Naarai**: "handmaid"  
**Arbite**: Arabian; **Ezbai**: "my humblings"
- 27 **Igal**: "**He** redeems" **Joel**: "**YHWH** is **God**"  
**Nathan**: "giver" **Zobah**: "station"
- 28 **Bani**: "built"; **Mibhar**: "choice"  
**Hagri**: "wanderer"

Zelek the **Ammonite**,  
 Naharai the **Beerothite**  
 (\_\_\_ armorbearer of Joab  
 the son of Zeruiah), 38  
 Ira the Ithrite,  
 Gareb the Ithrite, 39 and  
**Uriah the Hittite**:  
 thirty-seven [37 (33???) in all.

Zelek the **Ammonite**,  
 Naharai the **Beerothite**  
 (the armor-bearer of Joab  
 the son of Zeruiah), 40  
 Ira the Ithrite,  
 Gareb the Ithrite, 41  
**Uriah the Hittite**,  
 Zabab the son of Ahlai, 42  
 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite  
 (a chief of the Reubenites)  
 and thirty [30] with him, 43  
 Hanan the son of Maachah,  
 Joshaphat the Mithnite, 44  
 Uzzia the Ashterathite,  
**Shama and**  
**Jeiel**  
 the sons of Hotham  
 the **Aroerite**, 45  
**Jediael** the son of Shimri, and  
**Joha his brother**, the Tizite, 46  
 Eliel the Mahavite,  
**Jeribai and**  
**Joshaviah**  
 the sons of Elnaam,  
 Ithmah the **Moabite**, 47  
 Eliel,  
 Obed, and  
**Jaasiel** the Mezobaite.

[1Ch 12:1-7]

29 Zelek: "fissure"  
 30 Naharai: "snorter"  
 Joab: "father **YHWH**"  
 Zeruiah: "balsam"  
 31 Ira: "watchful of a city"  
 32 Gareb: "scrabby"  
 33 Uriah: "**YHWH** is my light (flame)"  
 ← 37 = 33 + The Three + Abishai?  
 34 Zabab: "he endows"  
 35 Adina: "slender"  
 36 Hanan: "he is merciful"  
 37 Joshaphat: "judged by **YHWH**"  
 38 Uzzia: "**YHWH**'s strength"  
 39 Shama: "obedient"  
 40 Jeiel: "**God** sweeps away"  
 41 Jediael: "**God** makes known"  
 42 Joha: "life given by **YHWH**"  
 43 Eliel: "(my) **God** is **God**"  
 44 Jeribai: "my contentions"  
 45 Joshaviah: "maked equal by **YHWH**"  
 46 Ithmah: "orphan"  
 47 Eliel: "(my) **God** is **God**"  
 48 Obed: "serving"  
 49 Jaasiel: "**God** is **Maker**"

Ammon: "tribal"  
**Beeroth**: "my wells"  
 Ithrite: "a remnant: excellence"  
 " "  
 Hittite: "descendant of Heth"  
 Ahlai: "O! would that!"  
 Shiza: "splendor"  
 Reuben: "behold a son"  
 Maachah: "opression"  
 Mithnite: "athlete"  
 Ashterath: "star"  
 Hotham: "seal"  
 Aroer: "destitute"  
 Shimri: "vigilant"  
 Tizite: "you shall go forth"  
 Mahavite: "propagators"  
 Elnaam: "**God** is delight/pleasantness"  
 Moab: "father-given"  
 Mezobaite: "the one set up of **YHWH**"

Notes:

# April 21

[Audio: Steve Gregg [2Sa 3](#)]

2 Samuel 3:6ff

Abner Gives Israel to David

[2957 AB = 1048 BC: 2:11]

Now it was so, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner [Saul's cousin] was strengthening his hold on the house of Saul. [He was truly in charge, not Ishbosheth.]

7 ¶ And Saul had a concubine, whose name was

Rizpah [“pavement”],  
the daughter of Aiah [“falcon”].

So Ishbosheth said to Abner,

“Why have you gone in to my father's concubine?” 8

Then Abner became very angry at the words of Ishbosheth, and said,

“Am I a dog's head that belongs to Judah? Today I show loyalty

to the house of Saul your father,  
to his brothers, and  
to his friends,

and have not delivered you into the hand of David; and you charge me today with a fault concerning this woman? 9 May God do so [gesture] to Abner, and more also, if I do not do for David as YHWH has sworn to him — 10 to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and set up the throne of David

over Israel and  
over Judah,

from Dan [north]  
to Beersheba [south].” 11

And he could not answer Abner another word, because he [was weak and] feared

him. 12 Then Abner sent messengers on his behalf to David, saying,

“Whose is the land?”

saying also,

“Make your covenant with me, and indeed my hand shall be with you to bring all Israel to you.” 13

And David said,

“Good, I will make a covenant with you. But one thing I require of you: you shall not see my face unless you first bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see my face.” 14

So David sent messengers to

Ishbosheth, Saul's son, saying,

“Give me my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to myself for a hundred [100] foreskins of the Philistines.” 15

And Ishbosheth sent and took her<sup>ii</sup>

from her husband,

from Paltiel [“God delivers”]

the son of Laish [“lion”]. 16

Then her husband went along with her to Bahurim [“village of young men”], weeping behind her. So Abner said to him,

“Go, return!”

And he returned. 17 Now Abner had communicated with the elders of Israel, saying,

“In time past you were seeking for David to be king over you. 18 Now then, do it! For YHWH has spoken of David, saying,

‘By the hand of My servant David,  
I will save My people Israel from  
the hand of the Philistines and  
the hand of all their enemies.’” 19

[I cannot find this quote or anything like it in any previous record. Perhaps it is Abner's own, or a popular,

interpretation of David's anointing by Samuel: [1Sa 13:14](#), [16:1ff](#).]

And Abner also spoke in the hearing of Benjamin. Then Abner also went to speak in the hearing of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel and the whole house of Benjamin. 20 So Abner and twenty [20] men with him came to David at Hebron. And David made a feast for Abner and the men who were with him. 21 Then Abner said to David, “I will arise and go, and gather all Israel to my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with you, and that you may reign over all that your heart desires.”

So David sent Abner away,

and he went in peace.

**Joab Kills Abner in Revenge of Asahel**

22 ¶ At that moment the servants of David and Joab came from a raid and brought much spoil with them. But Abner was not with David in Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he had gone in peace. 23 When Joab and all the troops that were with him had come, they told Joab, saying,

“Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he sent him away, and he has gone in peace.” 24

Then Joab came to the king and said, “What have you done? Look, Abner came to you; why is it that you sent him away, and he has already gone? 25 Surely you realize that Abner the son of Ner came

to deceive you,  
to know your going out  
and your coming in, and

to know all that you are doing.” 26

And when Joab had gone from David's presence, he sent messengers after Abner, who brought him back from the well of Sirah [“the turning”]. But David did not know it. 27 Now when Abner had returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him privately, and there stabbed him in the stomach, so that he died for the blood of Asahel his brother. 28 Afterward, when David heard it, he said,

“My kingdom and I are guiltless before YHWH forever of the blood of Abner the son of Ner. 29 Let it rest

on the head of Joab and

on all his father's house;

and let there never fail to be in the house of Joab one [↓ gonorrhea]

who has a discharge or is a leper,  
who leans on a staff

[Gill: does woman's work]  
or falls by the sword, or

who lacks bread.” 30

So Joab and Abishai his brother killed Abner, because he had killed their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

31 Then David said to Joab and to all the people who were with him,

“Tear your clothes, gird yourselves with sackcloth, and mourn for Abner.”

And King David followed the coffin. 32

So they buried Abner in Hebron; and the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner, and all the people wept. 33 And the king sang a lament over Abner and said:

“Should Abner die as a fool dies? 34

Your hands were not bound  
Nor your feet put into fetters;  
As a man falls before wicked men,  
so you fell.”



Then all the people wept over him again.  
35 And when all the people came to persuade David to eat food while it was still day, David took an oath, saying, “God do so [gesture] to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else till the sun goes down!” 36

Now all the people took note of it, and it pleased them, since whatever the king did pleased all the people. 37 For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it had not been the king’s intent to kill Abner the son of Ner. 38 Then the king said to his servants, “Do you not know that a prince and a great man has fallen this day in Israel? 39 And I am weak today, though anointed king; and these men, the sons of Zeruiah [David’s sister], are too harsh for me. YHWH shall repay the evildoer according to his wickedness.”

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Sa 4-6]

## 2 Samuel 4

### Saul’s Son, Ishbosheth, Murdered

4:1 ¶ When Saul’s son heard that Abner had died in Hebron, he lost heart, and all Israel was troubled. 2 Now Saul’s son had two [2] men who were captains of troops. The name of one was Baanah [“in affliction”] and the name of the other Rechab [“rider”], the sons of Rimmon [“pomegranate”] the Beerothite [“wells”], of the children of Benjamin. (For Beeroth also was part of Benjamin, 3 because the Beerothites fled to Gittaim [“two winepresses”] and have been sojourners there until this day.)

[v4 precedes 1:1 for chronology]

5 Then the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, set out and came at about the heat of the day to the house of Ishbosheth, who was lying on his bed at noon. 6 And they came there, all the way into the house, as though to get wheat, and they stabbed him in the stomach. Then Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. 7 For when they came into the house, he was lying on his bed in his bedroom; then they struck him and killed him, beheaded him and took his head, and were all night escaping through the plain. 8 And they brought the head of Ishbosheth to David at Hebron, and said to the king, “Here is the head of Ishbosheth, the son of Saul your enemy, who sought your life; and YHWH has avenged my lord the king this day of Saul and his descendants.”

9 ¶ But David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, “As YHWH lives, who has redeemed my life from all adversity, 10 when someone told me, saying, ‘Look, Saul is dead’, thinking to have brought good news, I arrested him and had him executed in Ziklag — the one who thought I would give him a reward for his news. 11 How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous person in his own house on his bed? Therefore, shall I not now require his blood at your hand and remove you from the land [earth]?” 12

So David commanded his young men, and they executed them, cut off their hands and feet, and hanged them by the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ishbosheth and buried it in the tomb of Abner in Hebron.

## 2 Samuel 5:1-5 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

5:1 ¶ Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and spoke, saying,

“Indeed we are your bone and your flesh. 2 Also, in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led [the army of] Israel out and brought them in; and YHWH \_\_\_\_\_ said to you,

‘You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over \_\_\_\_\_ Israel.’” 3

[No such prior quote, but cf. 1Sa 16:1d]

Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before YHWH. And they anointed David king over Israel. 4

David was thirty [30] years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty [40] years. 5 \_\_\_\_\_ In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months [7.5 yrs], and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three [33] years over all Israel and Judah.

[2:11, Timeline of Judges:

## 1 Chronicles 11:1-3, 3:4b [10:1-14]

Israel Accepts David as Their King  
11:1 ¶ Then all \_\_\_\_\_ Israel came together to David at Hebron \_\_\_\_\_, saying,

“Indeed we are your bone and your flesh. 2 Also, in time past, even when Saul was king \_\_\_\_\_, you were the one who led [the army of] Israel out and brought them in; and YHWH your God said to you,

‘You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over My people Israel.’” 3

Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them at Hebron before YHWH. Then they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of YHWH by Samuel. [11:4-9] [3:1-4a]

## 1 Chronicles 3:4b

4b There [in Hebron] he reigned \_\_\_\_\_ seven years and six months [7.5 yrs], and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three [33] years. [3:5-9]

2950-2989 AB = 1055-1016 BC]

**1 Chronicles 12:23-40** [12:19-22]  
**David's Early Armies**

23 ¶ **Now** these were the numbers of the divisions that were equipped for war, and came to David at **Hebron** to turn over the kingdom of Saul to him, according to **the word of YHWH**: 24

of the sons of **Judah** bearing shield and spear, six thousand eight hundred [6,800] armed for war; 25

of the sons of **Simeon**, mighty men of valor fit for war, seven thousand one hundred [7,100]; 26

of the sons of **Levi** four thousand six hundred [4,600]; 27 **Jehoiada**, the leader of the **Aaronites**, and with him three thousand seven hundred [3,700]; 28 **Zadok** [from **Eli**], a young man, a valiant warrior, and from his father's house twenty-two [22] captains; 29

of the sons of **Benjamin**, relatives of Saul, three thousand [3,000] (until then the greatest part of them had remained loyal to the house of Saul [except for 23: 1Ch 12:1-7]); 30

of the sons of **Ephraim** twenty thousand eight hundred [20,800], mighty men of valor, famous men throughout their father's house; 31

of the half-tribe of **Manasseh** [from west of the Jordan: v37] eighteen thousand [18,000], who were designated by name to come and make David king; 32

of the sons of **Issachar** who had **understanding of the times**, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred [200]; and all their brethren were at their command; 33 [↑↑↑↑↑↑ How many total?]

of **Zebulun** there were fifty thousand [50,000] who went out to battle, expert in war with all weapons of war, stouthearted men who could keep ranks; 34

of **Naphtali** one thousand [1,000] captains, and with them thirty-seven thousand [37,000] with shield and spear; 35

of the **Danites** who could keep battle formation, twenty-eight thousand six hundred [28,600]; 36

of **Asher**, those who could go out to war, able to keep battle formation, forty thousand [40,000]; 37

of the **Reubenites** and the **Gadites** and the half-tribe of **Manasseh**, from the other side of the Jordan [east], one hundred and twenty thousand [120,000] armed for battle with every kind of weapon of war. 38

All these men of war, who could keep ranks, came to **Hebron** with a loyal heart, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest of Israel were of one mind to make David king. 39 And they were there with David **three [3] days**, eating and drinking, for their brethren had prepared for them. 40

Moreover those who were near to them, from as far away as

**Issachar** and **Zebulun** and **Naphtali**, were bringing food

on donkeys and camels,  
on mules and oxen

— provisions of

flour and  
cakes of figs and  
cakes of raisins,  
wine and oil and  
oxen and sheep

abundantly, for there was joy in Israel. [1Ch 13:1-5]

David's Early Armies		
[1Ch 12:23-40]		
Judah		6,800
Simeon		7,100
Levi		4,600
Jehoiada	(Aaronites)	3,700
Zadok	(captains)	22
Benjamin		3,000
Ephraim		20,800
Manasseh (west)		18,000
Issachar	(chiefs)	200
	(brethren)	?
Zebulun		50,000
Naphtali	(captains)	1,000
	(brethren)	37,000
Dan		28,600
Asher	(↓ east)	40,000
<b>Reuben-Gad-Manasseh</b>		<b>120,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	(at least)	<b>340,822</b>

**April 22 (next page)**

[Next is 2 Sam 5:6-25

reordered as follows:

5:6-12, 17-25, 13-16

with parallels from 1 Chronicles]

[This column is parallel to the next:]

2 Samuel 5:6-10 || 1 Chronicles 11:4-9:

### David Invades Jerusalem

6 ¶ And the king and his men went to Jerusalem \_\_\_\_\_ against the Jebusites \_\_\_\_\_, the inhabitants of the land,

who spoke to David, saying, “You shall not come in here; but the blind and the lame will repel you,” thinking,

“David cannot come in here.” 7 Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion [“parched place”]

(that is, the City of David). 8

Now David said on that day,

“Whoever climbs up by way of the water shaft and defeats the Jebusites (the lame and the blind, who are hated by David’s soul), he shall be chief and captain.”

Therefore they say,

“The blind and the lame shall not come into the house.” 9

Then David dwelt in the stronghold, and \_\_\_\_\_ called it the City of David. And David built all \_\_\_\_\_ around \_\_\_\_\_ from the Millo and inward. 10

So \_\_\_\_\_ David went on and became great, and YHWH God of hosts was with him.

2 Samuel 5:11-12 || 1 Chronicles 14:1-2:

### Hiram, King of Tyre, Helps David

11 ¶ Then Hiram [“noble”] king of Tyre [“a rock”] sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters and masons.

And they built David a house.

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Sa 4-6]

[1Ch 11:1-3]

### David Invades Jerusalem

4 And David and all Israel \_\_\_\_\_ went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus, where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land. 5 Then the inhabitants of Jebus said \_\_\_\_\_ to David,

“You shall not come in here!”

Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion [“parched place”]

(that is, the City of David). 6

Now David said \_\_\_\_\_,

“Whoever \_\_\_\_\_ attacks the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain.”

And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and became chief. 7

Then David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it the City of David.

8 And he \_\_\_\_\_ built the city around it, from the Millo to the surrounding area. Joab repaired the rest of the city. 9

Then David went on and became great, and YHWH \_\_\_\_\_ of hosts was with him.

[1Ch 11:10-17]

[1Ch 13:6-14]

### Hiram, King of Tyre, Helps David

14:1 ¶ Now Hiram [“noble”] king of Tyre [“a rock”] sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, with masons and carpenters,

\_\_\_\_\_ to build him a house.

[This column is parallel to the next:]

12 So David knew that YHWH had established him as king over Israel, and that He had exalted His kingdom for the sake of His people Israel.

[5:13-16 follow 5:25]

2 Samuel 5:17-25 ||

### The Philistines Attack David

17 ¶ Now when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over \_\_\_\_\_ Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard of it and went down to the stronghold. 18 The Philistines also went and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim [“giants”]. 19 So David inquired of YHWH, saying, “Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?” And YHWH said to David,

“Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand.” 20

So David went \_\_\_\_\_ to Baal Perazim [“lord of the breaks”], and David defeated them there; and he said,

“YHWH has broken through my enemies before me \_\_\_\_\_, like a breakthrough of water.”

Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim. 21 And \_\_\_\_\_ they left their images there, and David

and his men carried them away. 22

Then the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. 23 Therefore David inquired \_\_\_\_\_ of YHWH, and He said \_\_\_\_\_,

2 So David knew that YHWH had established him as king over Israel, for his<sup>2</sup> kingdom was highly exalted for the sake of His people Israel.

[1Ch 14:3-7]

1 Chronicles 14:8-17

### The Philistines Attack David

8 ¶ Now when the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard of it and went out against them.

9 Then \_\_\_\_\_ the Philistines \_\_\_\_\_ went and made a raid on the Valley of Rephaim [“giants”]. 10 And David inquired of God, saying, “Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?” And YHWH said to him,

“Go up, for I will \_\_\_\_\_ deliver them \_\_\_\_\_ into your hand.” 11

So they \_\_\_\_\_ went up to Baal Perazim [“lord of the breaks”], and David defeated them there. Then David said,

“God has broken through my enemies by my hand, like a breakthrough of water.”

Therefore they called the name of that place Baal Perazim. 12 And when they left their gods there, \_\_\_\_\_ David gave a commandment,

and they were burned with fire. 13

Then the Philistines \_\_\_\_\_ once again made a raid on the Valley \_\_\_\_\_. 14 Therefore David inquired again of God, and God said to him,

55 \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>2</sup> The NKJ is inconsistent as to whether it is David’s or YHWH’s kingdom. Perhaps both. [Highlighting Legend & Latest Notes](#)

“You shall not go up \_\_\_\_\_; circle around behind them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees. 24 And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then YHWH will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines.” 25

“You shall not go up after them; circle around \_\_\_\_\_ them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees. 15 And it shall be, when you hear a sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall go out to battle, for \_\_\_\_\_ God has gone out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines.” 16 ↗

And David did so, as YHWH commanded him; and he drove back \_\_\_\_\_ the Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer.

So David did \_ as God commanded him, and they drove back the army of the Philistines from Gibeon as far as Gezer. 17 Then the fame of David went out into all lands, and YHWH brought the fear of him upon all nations.

[15:1-24]

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## 2 Samuel 5:13-16 ||

[Now a three-column parallel:]

And David took more concubines and wives from Jerusalem, after he had come from Hebron. Also more sons and daughters were born to David. 14

Now these are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem:

Shammua [“renowned”],  
Shobab [“rebellious”],  
Nathan [“giver”],  
Solomon [“peace”], 15

[aka Bathsheba →]  
[“daughter of an oath”]

Ibhar [“YHWH chooses”],  
Elishua [“wealth is my God” or  
“salvation is my God”],  
[duplicate missing here] →  
[missing here for some reason] →

Nepheg [“sprout”],  
Japhia [“shining”], 16  
Elishama [“heard by my God”],  
Eliada [“known by my God”], and  
Eliphelet [“deliverance is by God”].

## 1 Chronicles 3:5-9 ||

David’s Sons in Jerusalem

[1Ch 3:4b]

5 And these \_\_\_\_\_ were born to him in Jerusalem:

Shimea [“fame”],  
Shobab,  
Nathan, and  
Solomon

— four [4] by Bathshua  
[“daughter of wealth”] the daughter of  
Ammiel [“God is (my) kinsman”]. 6

Also there were [in addition]  
Ibhar, [↓ “heard by my God”]  
Elishama [duplicate of 3<sup>rd</sup> to last?],  
[↑ perhaps a spelling diff.?

Eliphelet [duplicate of last?], 7  
Nogah [“brightness”],  
Nepheg,  
Japhia, 8

Elishama [second occurrence here],  
Eliada, and  
Eliphelet [second occurrence here]  
— nine [9] [additional] in all. 9

These were all the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines, and Tamar [“palm-tree”] their sister.

## 1 Chronicles 14:3-7: [14:1-2]

David’s Sons in Jerusalem

3 Then David took more \_\_\_\_\_ wives in Jerusalem, and David \_\_\_\_\_ begot more sons and daughters. 4

And these are the names of his children whom he had in Jerusalem:

Shammua,  
Shobab,  
Nathan,  
Solomon, 5

Ibhar,  
Elishua,

El\_p\_elet [diff. spelling only], 6  
Nogah, [perhaps he died early?]

Nepheg,  
Japhia, 7  
Elishama,  
Beeliada [“known by the lord”], and  
Eliphelet.

[1Ch 14:8-17]

[← Next: 1Ch 3:10-16]

## 1 Chronicles 13:1-5 [12:19-22]

David Proposes to Bring the Ark to Jerusalem

13:1 ¶ Then David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader. 2 And David said to all the assembly of Israel,

“If it seems good to you, and if it is of YHWH our God, let us send out to our brethren everywhere who are left in all the land of Israel, and with them to the priests and Levites who are in their cities and their common-lands, that they may gather together to us; 3 and let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul.”

[Some more than 7.5 years. Or does this mean since before the days of Saul? 47.5 years. Saul never inquired at the ark?] 4

Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. 5 So David gathered all Israel together, from

Shihor [“dark”] in Egypt to as far as the entrance of Hamath [“forest”], to bring the ark of God from Kirjath Jearim [“city of forests”].

[This column is parallel to the next:]

## 2 Samuel 6:1-12a ||

### David Goes to Get the Ark

6:1 ¶ **Again** David gathered all the choice men of Israel, thirty thousand [30,000].<sup>2</sup> And David arose and went with all the people who were with him from Baale ["the lords of"]

\_\_\_\_\_ Judah  
to bring up from there the ark of God, whose name is called by the Name, **YHWH of Hosts**, who dwells between the cherubim.<sup>3</sup>

So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab,

which was on the hill:

and Uzzah  
and Ahio,

the sons of Abinadab,  
drove the new cart.<sup>4</sup>

And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill, accompanying the ark of God; and Ahio went before the ark.<sup>5</sup>

**Then** David and all the house of Israel played music before **YHWH**

on all kinds of instruments of fir wood,

on harps,  
on stringed instruments,  
on tambourines,  
on sistrums<sup>3</sup>, and  
on cymbals.

## 1 Chronicles 13:6-14

### David Goes to Get the Ark

6 And David and \_\_\_\_\_ all \_\_\_\_\_ Israel

went up to \_\_\_\_\_ Baalah ["mistress"], to Kirjath Jearim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up from there the ark of God

\_\_\_\_\_ **YHWH** \_\_\_\_\_, who dwells between the cherubim, where His name is proclaimed.<sup>7</sup> So they carried the ark of God on a new cart from \_\_\_\_\_ the house of Abinadab, ["noble/willing is my father"]

and Uzza\_ ["strength"]  
and Ahio ["brotherly"]

drove the \_\_\_\_\_ cart.<sup>8</sup>

**Then** David and all \_\_\_\_\_ Israel played music before **God** with all their might, with singing,

on harps,  
on stringed instruments,  
on tambourines,  
  
on cymbals,  
and with trumpets.

[This column is parallel to the next:]

## Uzzah Touches the Ark and is Killed

6 ¶ And **when** they came to Nachon's ["prepared"] threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to \_\_\_\_\_ the ark of **God** and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled.<sup>7</sup> **Then** the anger of **YHWH** was aroused against Uzzah, and **God** struck him there for his error;

and he died there by the ark of **God**.<sup>8</sup> And David became angry because of **YHWH's** outbreak against Uzzah; and he called the name of the place Perez Uzzah ["breach of Uzzah"] to this day.<sup>9</sup> David was afraid of **YHWH** that day; and he said,

"How can \_\_\_\_\_ the ark of **YHWH** come to me?"<sup>10</sup> So David would not move the ark of **YHWH** with him into the City of David; but David took it aside into the house of

Obed-Edom ["servant of Edom"] the Gittite ["belonging to Gath"].<sup>11</sup> [first of many mentions]

The ark of **YHWH** remained in the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite \_\_\_\_\_ three [3] months. And **YHWH** blessed \_\_\_\_\_ Obed-Edom and all his household.

12a ¶ **Now** it was told King David, saying, "**YHWH** has blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of **God**."

Uzza\_ Touches the Ark and is Killed  
9 ¶ And **when** they came to Chidon's ["javelin"] threshing floor, Uzza\_ put out his hand to hold the ark,

for the oxen stumbled.<sup>10</sup> **Then** the anger of **YHWH** was aroused against Uzza\_, and **He** struck him

because he put his hand to the ark; and he died there before \_\_\_\_\_ **God**.<sup>11</sup> And David became angry because of **YHWH's** outbreak against Uzza\_; therefore that place is called

Perez Uzza\_ ["breach of Uzza\_"] to this day.<sup>12</sup> David was afraid of **God** that day, saying,

"How can I bring the ark of **God** \_\_\_\_\_ to me?"<sup>13</sup> So David would not move the ark \_\_\_\_\_ with him into the City of David, but \_\_\_\_\_ took it aside into the house of

Obed-Edom ["servant of Edom"] the Gittite ["belonging to Gath"].<sup>14</sup> [first of many mentions]

The ark of **God** remained with the family of Obed-Edom \_\_\_\_\_ in his house three [3] months. And **YHWH** blessed the house of Obed-Edom and all that he had \_\_\_\_\_.

[1Ch 14:1-2]

55 \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>3</sup> Sistrum: a kind of rattle used as a musical instrument.

# April 23

## 1 Chronicles 15:1-24

### After 3 Months David Brings the Ark

15:1 ¶ David built houses for himself in the City of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it [had the tabernacle been destroyed when the ark was captured: 1Sa 4? No, see 1Ch 21:29 & 1Ki 8:4 // 2Ch 5:5].

2 Then [apparently after reading the Law: v15] David said, “No one may carry the ark of God but the Levites, for YHWH has chosen them to carry the ark of God and to minister before Him forever.”

3 And David gathered all Israel together at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of YHWH to its place, which he had prepared for it.

4 Then David assembled the children of Aaron and the Levites:

5 of the sons of Kohath, Uriel [“God is my light”] the chief, and one hundred and twenty [120] of his brethren;

6 of the sons of Merari, Asaiah [“YHWH-made”] the chief, and two hundred and twenty [220] of his brethren;

7 of the sons of Gershon, Joel [“God is YHWH”] the chief, and one hundred and thirty [130] of his brethren;

8 [Next: Hebron and Uzziel were sons of Kohath; Elizaphan was a son of Uzziel. Cf. Nu 3:30 and Levi’s Descendants below]

9 of the sons of Elizaphan [“protected by my God”], Shemaiah [“YHWH-heard”] the chief, and two hundred [200] of his brethren;

10 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel [“God is (my) God”] the chief, and eighty [80] of his brethren;

11 of the sons of Uzziel [“God is my strength”], Amminadab [“noble is my kinsman”] the chief, and one hundred and twelve [112] of his brethren. [121+221+131+201+81+113=868]

12 And David called for [of Eli:] Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites: for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, Eliel, and Amminadab.

13 He said to them, “You are the heads of the fathers’ houses of the Levites; sanctify yourselves, you and your brethren, that you may bring up the ark of YHWH God of Israel to the place I have prepared for it. For because you did not do it the first time, YHWH our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order [i.e., procedure].”

14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of YHWH, God of Israel. And the children of the Levites bore the ark of God

on their shoulders, by its poles, as Moses had commanded [Ex 37:3 // 25:14, 40:20]

15 according to the word of YHWH. Then David spoke to the leaders of the Levites to appoint their brethren to be the singers accompanied by instruments of music — stringed instruments, harps, and cymbals —

by raising the voice with resounding joy. 17 So the Levites appointed

Heman [“faithful”] the son of Joel [the son of Samuel (of the sons of Kohath; 1Ch 6:33), who wrote Ps 88, not the Joel of v7];

and of his brethren, Asaph [“gatherer”] the son of Berechiah [“YHWH blesses”]; and of their brethren, the sons of Merari,

Ethan [“enduring”] the son of Kushaiah [“YHWH’s bow”]; 18 and with them their brethren of the second rank:

19 Zechariah [“YHWH remembers”], Ben [“son” — several versions omit], Jaaziel [“God made bold”], Shemiramoth [“name of heights”], Jehiel [“God lives”], Unni [“afflicted”], Eliab [“(my) father is God”], Benaiah [“YHWH has built (up)”], Maaseiah [“YHWH’s work”], Mattithiah [“YHWH’s gift”], Elipheleh [“he is set apart (distinguished) by my God”], Mikneiah [“YHWH’s possession”], Obed-Edom [“servant of Edom”], and Jeiel [“God sweeps away”],

the gatekeepers;

the singers:

Heman [Samuel’s grandson: v17], Asaph, and Ethan, were to sound the cymbals of bronze; Zechariah, [Ben?]

Aziel [“strengthened by God”] Shemiramoth, [aka Ja-Aziel?] Jehiel, Unni, Eliab, Maaseiah, and Benaiah,

with strings according to Alamoth [a term in psalm headings ↑] [“girls”; soprano/falsetto?]; Mattithiah, Elipheleh, Mikneiah, Obed-Edom, Jeiel, and Azariah [not previously mentioned; cf. 1Ch 27:20], to direct with harps on the Sheminith [perhaps an eight-stringed musical instrument; a lyre?]; Chenaniah [“YHWH establishes”], leader of the Levites, was instructor in charge of the music, because he was skillful; Berechiah and Elkanah [1Ch 6:23] were doorkeepers for the ark; Shebaniah, Joshaphat, Nethanel [1Ch 26:4f], Amasai, Zechariah, Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, were to blow the trumpets before the ark of God; and Obed-Edom and Jehiah [“YHWH lives”] [only mention, aka Jehiel?], doorkeepers for the ark.

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Sa 4-6]

2 Samuel 6:12b-15 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

So David

went and brought up  
the ark of God  
from the house of Obed-Edom  
to the City of David with gladness. 13  
And so it was, when  
those bearing  
the ark of YHWH  
had gone six [6] paces,  
that he sacrificed  
oxen and  
fatted sheep. 14  
Then David danced before YHWH with  
all his might;

and  
David was wearing a linen ephod. 15  
So David and  
all the house of Israel brought up  
the ark of YHWH  
with shouting and  
with the sound of the trumpet.

1 Chronicles 15:25-28

David Dances Before YHWH

So David,  
the elders of Israel, and  
the captains over thousands  
went to bring up  
the ark of the covenant of YHWH  
from the house of Obed-Edom  
with joy. 26  
And so it was, when God helped  
the Levites who bore  
the ark of the covenant of YHWH,  
that they offered  
seven [7] bulls and  
seven [7] rams. 27

David was clothed with  
a robe of fine linen, as were  
all the Levites who bore the ark,  
the singers, and  
Chenaniah the music master  
with the singers.  
David also wore a linen ephod. 28  
Thus  
all Israel brought up  
the ark of the covenant of YHWH  
with shouting and  
with the sound of the horn,  
with trumpets and  
with cymbals,  
making music  
with stringed instruments and  
harps.

2 Samuel 6:16-20a ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

Now \_\_\_\_\_ as the ark  
of YHWH came  
into the City of David, \_\_\_\_\_ Michal,  
Saul's daughter, looked through  
a window and saw King David  
leaping and whirling before YHWH;  
and she despised him in her heart. 17

So they brought the ark of YHWH, and  
set it in its place in the midst of the  
tabernacle that David had erected for  
it. Then David offered burnt offerings  
and peace offerings before YHWH. 18  
And when David had finished offering  
\_\_\_\_\_ burnt offerings and \_\_\_\_\_ peace  
offerings, he blessed the people in  
the name of YHWH of hosts. 19a Then  
he distributed among all the people,  
among the whole multitude of Israel,  
both the women and the men,  
to everyone a loaf of bread,  
a piece of meat, and  
a cake of raisins.

19b So all the people departed, every-  
one to his house. 20a ¶ Then David  
returned to bless his household.  
[same Hebrew ^ word ->]

1 Chronicles 15:29-16:3, 43

Michal Sees & Dispises David

And it happened, as the ark  
of the covenant of YHWH came  
to the City of David, that Michal,  
Saul's daughter, looked through  
a window and saw King David  
\_\_\_\_\_ whirling and playing music;  
and she despised him in her heart.

16:1 ¶  
So they brought the ark of God, and  
set it \_\_\_\_\_ in the midst of the  
tabernacle that David had erected for  
it. Then they offered burnt offerings  
and peace offerings before God. 2  
And when David had finished offering  
the burnt offerings and the peace  
offerings, he blessed the people in  
the name of YHWH. 3 Then  
he distributed to everyone  
\_\_\_\_\_ of Israel,  
both man \_\_\_\_\_ and woman \_\_\_\_\_,  
to everyone a loaf of bread,  
a piece of meat, and  
a cake of raisins.

[1Ch 16:4-42: next three pages]  
43 Then all the people departed, every  
man to his house; \_\_\_\_\_ and David  
returned to bless his household.  
[← same Hebrew ^ word]

[These two columns are NOT parallel:]

## 2 Samuel 6:20b-23

### Michal States Her Disdain to David

And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said,

“How glorious was the king of Israel today, uncovering himself today in the eyes of the maids of his servants, as one of the base fellows shamelessly uncovers himself!”<sup>21</sup>

So David said to Michal,

“It was before Y<sup>HWH</sup>,

who chose me instead of your father and all his house,

to appoint me ruler

over the people of Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
over Israel.

Therefore I will play music before Y<sup>HWH</sup>.

<sup>22</sup> And I

will be even more undignified than this, and

will be humble in my own sight. But as for the maidservants

of whom you have spoken,

by them I will be held in honor.”<sup>23</sup>

Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no children to the day of her death.

## 1 Chronicles 16:4-7

And he appointed some of the Levites

to minister before the ark of Y<sup>HWH</sup>,  
to commemorate,

to thank, and

to praise Y<sup>HWH</sup>, God of Israel: <sup>5</sup>

Asaph the chief, and next to him

Zechariah, then

Jeiel,

Shemiramoth,

Jehiel,

Mattithiah,

Eliab,

Benaiah, and

Obed-Edom:

Jeiel with

stringed instruments and harps, but

Asaph made music with cymbals; <sup>6</sup>

Benaiah and

Jahaziel [aka Jaaziel/Aziel? v15:20]

the priests

regularly blew the trumpets before

the ark of the covenant of God.

### David's Psalm of Thanksgiving

<sup>7</sup> ¶ On that day David first delivered this psalm into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank Y<sup>HWH</sup>: <sup>8</sup>

[Apparently, this psalm was later broken into the first third of Ps 105, then Ps 96, then the beginning and end of Ps 106, as indicated by the parallels next:]

## 1 Chronicles 16:8-22 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

Oh, give thanks to Y<sup>HWH</sup>!

Call upon His name;

Make known His deeds

among the peoples! <sup>9</sup>

Sing to Him,

Sing psalms to Him;

Talk of all His wondrous works! <sup>10</sup>

Glory in His holy name;

Let the hearts of those rejoice

who seek Y<sup>HWH</sup>! <sup>11</sup>

Seek Y<sup>HWH</sup> and His strength;

Seek His face evermore! <sup>12</sup>

Remember

His marvelous works

that He has done,

His wonders, and

The judgments of His mouth, <sup>13</sup>

O seed [↓] of Israel — His servant,

You children of Jacob,

His chosen ones! <sup>14</sup>

He is Y<sup>HWH</sup> our God;

His judgments are in all the land [earth].  
<sup>15</sup>

— Remember

His covenant

forever,

The word that He commanded,

for a thousand [1000] generations, <sup>16</sup>

The covenant that He made

with Abraham, and

His oath to Isaac, <sup>17</sup>

and confirmed it

To Jacob for a statute,

To Israel for an everlasting covenant, <sup>18</sup>

Saying, [~Ge 28:13, repeating Ge 17:8]

“To you I will give the land of Canaan

As the allotment of your inheritance”, <sup>19</sup>

When you were

few in number, Indeed very

few, and strangers in it. <sup>20</sup>

When they went

from one nation to another, And

from one kingdom to another people, <sup>21</sup>

## Psalm 105:1-15 [omitting vv16-45]

Oh, Give Thanks to Y<sup>HWH</sup> (I)

<sup>105:1</sup> ¶

Oh, give thanks to Y<sup>HWH</sup>!

Call upon His name;

Make known His deeds

among the peoples! <sup>2</sup>

Sing to Him,

Sing psalms to Him;

Talk of all His wondrous works! <sup>3</sup>

Glory in His holy name;

Let the hearts of those rejoice

who seek Y<sup>HWH</sup>! <sup>4</sup>

Seek Y<sup>HWH</sup> and His strength;

Seek His face evermore! <sup>5</sup>

Remember

His marvelous works

that He has done,

His wonders, and

The judgments of His mouth, <sup>6</sup>

O seed [↓] of Abraham His servant,

You children of Jacob,

His chosen ones! <sup>7</sup>

He is Y<sup>HWH</sup> our God;

His judgments are in all the land [earth].  
<sup>8</sup> ¶

He remembers

His covenant

forever,

The word that He commanded,

for a thousand [1000] generations, <sup>9</sup>

The covenant that He made

with Abraham, and

His oath to Isaac, <sup>10</sup>

and confirmed it

To Jacob for a statute,

To Israel as an everlasting covenant, <sup>11</sup>

Saying, [~Ge 28:13, repeating Ge 17:8]

“To you I will give the land of Canaan

As the allotment of your inheritance”, <sup>12</sup>

When they were

few in number, Indeed very

few, and strangers in it. <sup>13</sup>

When they went

from one nation to another, \_\_\_\_\_

from one kingdom to another people, <sup>14</sup>



[This column is parallel to the next:]

He permitted no man to do them wrong; Yes,  
He rebuked kings for their sakes, 22 saying,  
“Do not touch My anointed ones, And  
Do My prophets no harm.”

1 Chronicles 16:23-33 ||

Sing to YHWH, all the land [earth];

Proclaim the good news of  
His salvation  
from day to day. 24

Declare  
His glory  
among the nations,  
His wonders  
among all peoples [lands]. 25

For YHWH is  
great and  
greatly to be praised;  
He is also  
to be feared above  
all gods. 26 For  
all the gods of the peoples are  
idols,

But YHWH made the heavens [Day 2]. 27  
Honor and majesty are before Him;  
Strength and gladness are in His place. 28  
Give to YHWH, O families of the peoples,  
Give to YHWH glory and strength. 29  
Give to YHWH the glory due His name;  
Bring an offering, and  
Come before Him. Oh,  
Worship YHWH  
in the beauty of holiness! 30a  
Tremble before Him, all the lands [earth].  
[i.e., people]

[man = ish; one = adam]

He permitted no one to do them wrong; Yes,  
He rebuked kings for their sakes, 15 saying,  
“Do not touch My anointed ones, And  
Do My prophets no harm.”

[Ps 105:16-45 omitted here]

Psalm 96

96:1 ¶ [Ps 96 repeated]

Sing to YHWH a New Song (I)

Oh, [i.e., people]

Sing to YHWH a new song! [ ↓ ]

Sing to YHWH, all the land [earth]. 2

Sing to YHWH; bless His name;

Proclaim the good news of  
His salvation  
from day to day. 3

Declare  
His glory  
among the nations,  
His wonders  
among all peoples [lands]. 4

For YHWH is  
great and  
greatly to be praised;  
He is \_\_\_\_  
to be feared above  
all gods; 5 for  
all the gods of the peoples are  
idols,

But YHWH made the heavens. [Ge 1:6-8] 6  
Honor and majesty are before Him;  
Strength and beauty are in His sanctuary. 7  
Give to YHWH, O families of the peoples,  
Give to YHWH glory and strength. 8  
Give to YHWH the glory due His name;  
Bring an offering, and  
Come into His courts. 9 Oh,  
Worship YHWH  
in the beauty of holiness!  
Tremble before Him, all the lands [earth].  
[i.e., people]

[This column is parallel to the next:]

31b [moved to match Ps 96]

Let them say among the nations,

“YHWH reigns.” 30b

The world also is firmly established,  
It shall not be moved. 31a

Let the heavens rejoice, and  
Let the lands [earth] be glad; And. 32  
Let the sea roar, and all its fullness;  
Let the field rejoice, and all that is in it. 33  
Then the trees of the woods  
shall rejoice before YHWH,

For He is coming  
to judge the lands [earth].  
[i.e., people]

1 Chronicles 16:34-36 ||

34

Oh, give thanks to YHWH,  
For He is good!  
For His mercy endures forever.

35

And say, “  
Save us, O God of our salvation;  
Gather us together, and  
Deliver us from the Gentiles,  
To give thanks to Your holy name,  
To triumph in Your praise. 36  
Blessed be YHWH, God of Israel  
From everlasting to everlasting!”  
And all the people said,  
“Amen!”  
and praised YHWH.

10 ¶

Say among the nations,  
“YHWH reigns;  
The world also is firmly established,  
It shall not be moved;  
He shall judge the peoples righteously.” 11  
Let the heavens rejoice, and  
Let the lands [earth] be glad; \_\_\_\_  
Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; 12  
Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it.  
Then all the trees of the woods  
will rejoice 13 before YHWH.  
For He is coming,  
For He is coming [Cf. Ps 98:9]  
to judge the lands [earth].  
He shall judge [i.e., people]  
the world with righteousness, and  
the peoples with His truth.

Psalm 106:1, 47-48 [last two verses]

1

Praise YHWH! [All Ps 106]  
Oh, give thanks to YHWH,  
For He is good!  
For His mercy endures forever.

... 47

Save us, O YHWH our God, and  
Gather us  
from among the Gentiles,  
To give thanks to Your holy name,  
To triumph in Your praise. 48  
Blessed be YHWH, God of Israel  
From everlasting to everlasting!  
And let all the people say,  
“Amen!”  
\_\_\_\_ Praise YHWH!

## 1 Chronicles 16:37-42

37 ¶ So he left Asaph and his brothers there before the ark of the covenant of YHWH to minister before the ark regularly, as every day's work required; 38 and Obed-Edom with his sixty-eight [68] brethren, including

Obed-Edom the son of Jeduthun ["praising"], and Hosah ["refuge"],

to be gatekeepers; 39 and

Zadok the priest and his brethren the priests,

before the tabernacle of YHWH at the high place that was at Gibeon, 40 to offer burnt offerings to YHWH on the altar of burnt offering regularly morning and evening, and to do according to all that is written

in the Law of YHWH that He commanded Israel; 41

and with them

Heman and Jeduthun [Obed-Edom's father: v38]

and the rest who were chosen, who were designated by name,

to give thanks to YHWH, because His mercy endures forever; 42

and with them

Heman and Jeduthun [cf. Psalms 39, 62, 77],

to sound aloud with

trumpets and

cymbals and

the musical instruments of God.

Now the sons of Jeduthun were gatekeepers.

## Notes:

← ? They just brought the ark to the City of David (2Sa 6:16 || 1Ch 15:29), but Gebeon is a few miles north?

## April 24

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Sa 7:1-17]

### 2 Samuel 7 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

7:1 ¶ Now it came to pass, when the king was dwelling in his house, and YHWH had given him rest from all his enemies all around, 2 that

the king said to Nathan the prophet,

"See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains." 3

Then Nathan said to the king,

"Go, do all that is in your heart, for YHWH is with you." 4 ¶

But it happened that night that the word of YHWH came to Nathan, saying, 5

"Go and tell My servant David,

'Thus says YHWH:

"Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? 6 For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a \_\_\_\_\_ tabernacle. 7

Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to any one from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying,

'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'" 8

Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David,

'Thus says YHWH of hosts:

### 1 Chronicles 17

David Proposes to Build a Temple

17:1 ¶ Now it came to pass, when David was dwelling in his house,

that David said to Nathan the prophet,

"See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of YHWH is under tent curtains." 2

Then Nathan said to David,

"Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you." 3

But it happened that night that the word of God came to Nathan, saying, 4

"Go and tell My servant David,

'Thus says YHWH:

"You shall not build Me a house to dwell in. 5 For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought up \_\_\_\_\_ Israel \_\_\_\_\_, even to this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another. 6

Wherever I have moved about with all \_\_\_\_\_ Israel, have I ever spoken a word to any of the judges \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people \_\_\_\_\_, saying,

'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'" 7

Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David,

'Thus says YHWH of hosts:

[This column is parallel to the next:]

"I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the lands [earth]. 10 Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, 11 since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies."

[And Nathan said,]

"Also YHWH tells you that He will make you a house." 12 "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you,

[This seems to be about Solomon:]

who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son.

If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. 15 But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."

"I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel. 8 And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a name, like the name of the great men who are on the lands [earth]. 9 Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, 10 since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. Also I will subdue all your enemies."

[And Nathan said,]

"Furthermore I tell you that YHWH will build you a house." 11 "And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you,

[This seems to be about the Messiah:]

who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. 12 He shall build Me a house forever. 13 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son;

[Quoted in 2Co 6:18; He 1:5]

and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took it from Saul [NKJ: "him"], who was before you. 14 And I will establish him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever."

[This column is parallel to the next:]

17 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

[Audio: S. Gregg 2Sa 7:18-9:13]

David's Prayer of Humility

18 ¶ Then King David went in and sat before YHWH; and he said:

"Who am I, O Lord YHWH [Adonai YHWH]? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? 19 And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Lord YHWH; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come.

Is this the manner of man,

O Lord YHWH? 20 Now what more can David say to You?

For You, Lord YHWH, know Your servant. 21 For Your word's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all

these great things, to make Your servant know them. 22 Therefore You are great, O YHWH God. For there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 23 And who is like Your people, like Israel, the one nation on the lands [earth] [Ge 1:10] whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make for Himself a name, and to do for Yourself great and awesome deeds for Your land—

before Your people whom You redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, the nations, and their gods?

15 According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

David's Prayer of Humility

16 ¶ Then King David went in and sat before YHWH; and he said:

"Who am I, O YHWH God [YHWH Elohim]? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? 17 And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O God; and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to the rank of a man of high degree, O YHWH God. 18 What more can David say to You for the honor of Your servant? For You know Your servant. 19 O YHWH, for Your servant's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness, in making known all these great things. 20

O YHWH, there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 21 And who is like Your people Israel, the one nation on the lands [earth] [Ge 1:10] whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, to make for Yourself a name by great and awesome deeds, by driving out nations from before Your people whom You redeemed from Egypt?

[This column is parallel to the next:]

24 For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, YHWH, have become their God. 25 Now, O YHWH God, the word that You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, establish it forever, and do as You have said. 26 So let Your name be magnified forever, saying, 'YHWH of hosts, the God over Israel.'

And let the house of Your servant David be established before You. 27 For You, O YHWH of hosts, God of Israel, have revealed this to Your servant, saying,

'I will build you a house.'

Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray this prayer to You.

28 And now, O Lord YHWH, You are God, and Your words are true, and You have promised this goodness to Your servant. 29 Now therefore, let it please You to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue forever before You; for You, O Lord YHWH, have spoken, and with Your blessing let the house of Your servant be blessed forever."

[NKJ: "it" followed "spoken"]

## 2 Samuel 8 ||

8:1 ¶ After this it came to pass that David attacked the Philistines and subdued them. And David took Metheg Ammah ["mother city"] from the hand of the Philistines.

22 For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, YHWH, have become their God. 23 And now, O YHWH, the word that You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, let it be established forever, and do as You have said. 24 So let it be established, that Your name may be magnified forever, saying, 'YHWH of hosts, the God of Israel, is Israel's God.'

And let the house of Your servant David be established before You. 25 For You, O my God, have revealed, this to Your servant, that You will build him a house.

Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray before You.

26 And now, O YHWH, You are God, and have promised this goodness to Your servant. 27 Now You have been pleased to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for You have blessed it, O YHWH, and let it be blessed forever."

[NKJ: "let it" was "it shall"]

## 1 Chronicles 18

*David Subdues the Philistines, Moab, and Syria, to the Euphrates*

18:1 ¶ After this it came to pass that David attacked the Philistines, subdued them, and took Gath ["winepress"] and its towns from the hand of the Philistines.

[This column is parallel to the next:]

2 Then he defeated Moab [ref. →]. Forcing them down to the ground, he measured them off with a line. With two [2] lines he measured off those to be put to death, and with one full line those to be kept alive.

So the Moabites became David's servants, and brought tribute.

3 David also defeated Hadadezer ["help is Hadad"] the son of Rehob ["broad place"], king of Zobah [see footnote],

as he went to recover his territory at the River Euphrates. 4 David took from him one thousand [1,000] chariots, seven hundred [700; oops; cf. 2Sa 10:18] horsemen, and twenty thousand [20,000] foot soldiers. Also David hamstrung all the chariot horses, except that he spared enough of them for one hundred [100] chariots. 5 When the Syrians of Damascus ["silent is the sackcloth weaver"] came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand [22,000] of the Syrians.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought tribute. YHWH preserved David wherever he went [cf. v14b]. 7 And David took the shields of gold that had belonged to the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

*Zobah: "station"; the name of a portion of Syria northeast of Damascus that formed a separate kingdom in the times of Saul, David, and Solomon.*

2 Then he defeated Moab [Nu 14:17],

[← So he killed 2/3<sup>ds</sup> of them.]

and the Moabites became David's servants, and brought tribute.

3 And David defeated Hadadezer ["help is Hadad"]

king of Zobah ["see footnote] as far as Hamath ["fortress"],

as he went to establish his power by the River Euphrates. 4 David took from him one thousand [1,000] chariots, seven thousand [7,000; oops; cf. 1Ch 19:18] horsemen, and twenty thousand [20,000] foot soldiers. And David also hamstrung all the chariot horses, except that he spared enough of them for one hundred [100] chariots. 5 When the Syrians of Damascus ["silent is the sackcloth weaver"] came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David killed twenty-two thousand [22,000] of the Syrians.

6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became David's servants, and brought tribute. So YHWH preserved David wherever he went [cf. v13b]. 7 And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

[This column is parallel to the next:]

8 Also from **Betah** ["security"; capital of Zobah at that time] and from **Berothai** ["cypress grove"], cities of Hadadezer, King David took a large amount of **bronze**.

**Additional Conquests by David**

9 ¶ **When** **Toi** ["wander"] king of **Hamath** heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer \_\_\_\_\_, 10 **then** **Toi** sent **Joram** ["exalted is **YHWH**"] his son to King David, to greet him and **ble**ss him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him (for Hadadezer had been at war with **Toi**); and **Joram** brought with him

articles of **silver**,                    ↘  
articles of **gold**, and                    ↗  
articles of **bronze**. 11

King David also dedicated these to **YHWH**, along with the silver and **gold** that he had dedicated from all the nations **that** he had subdued — 12 from **Syria**, [why different? →] [<sup>^</sup> sic: Edom] [Edom often associated with:] from **Moab**, from the people of **Ammon**, from the **Philistines**, \_\_\_\_\_ from **Amalek**, and from the spoil of Hadadezer the son of **Rehob**, king of **Zobah**.

8 Also from **Tibhath** ["extension"; aka **Betah**] and from **Chun** ["established"], cities of Hadadezer, \_\_\_\_\_ David brought a large amount of **bronze** (with which Solomon [later] made the **bronze** Sea, the pillars, and the articles of **bronze**).

**Additional Conquests by David**

9 ¶ **Now when** **Tou** ["wander"] king of **Hamath** heard that David had defeated all the army of Hadadezer king of **Zobah**, 10 \_\_\_\_\_ he sent **Hadoram** ["noble honor"] his son to King David, to greet him and **ble**ss him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him (for Hadadezer had been at war with **Tou**); and **Hadoram** brought with him all kinds of

articles of **gold**,  
\_\_\_\_\_ **silver**, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ **bronze**. 11

King David also dedicated these to **YHWH**, along with the silver and **gold** that he had brought from all these nations — [The Hebrew letters for Aram (Syria) & Edom are similar.] from **Edom**, from **Moab**, from the people of **Ammon**, from the **Philistines**, and from **Amalek**.

[This column is parallel to the next:]

13 **And David** made *himself* a name **when** he returned from **killing** eighteen thousand [18,000] **Syrians** [sic: Edomites: v12 & Ps 60:1 below] in the Valley of Salt. 14 He also put garrisons in **Edom**; throughout all **Edom** he put garrisons, and all the **Edomites** became David's servants. **And YHWH** preserved **David** wherever he went [cf. v6b]. [Fulfillment of **Ge 25:23** re Edom.]

**Psalm 60**

**O God, You Have Cast Us Off**

60:1 ¶ <To the Chief Musician. Set to "Lily of the Testimony." A Michtam of David. For teaching. **When** he fought against Mesopotamia [Aram-Naharaim] and **Syria** of **Zobah** [Aram-Zobah], and **Joab** returned and killed twelve thousand [12,000] **Edomites** in the Valley of Salt.>

[Perhaps Abishai started the attack by killing 6,000, Joab finished it by killing another 12,000, and David, as king, (and Abishai) got credit for all 18,000?]

**O God**,  
**You** have cast us off;  
**You** have broken us down;  
**You** have been displeased;  
Oh, restore us **again!** 2  
**You** have made the land [earth] tremble;  
**You** have broken it;  
Heal its breaches, for it is shaking. 3  
**You** have shown **Your people** hard things;  
**You** have made us drink the wine of confusion. 4  
**You** have given a banner to those who fear **You**,  
That it may be displayed because of the **truth**.

12 **Moreover Abishai** [under David] the son of **Zeruiah** killed eighteen thousand [18,000] **Edomites** in the Valley of Salt. 13 He also put garrisons in **Edom**, and all the **Edomites** became David's servants. **And YHWH** preserved **David** wherever he went [cf. v6b]. [Fulfillment of **Ge 25:23** re Edom.]

[Not parallel:]

**Selah** [NLT: Interlude] 5  
That **Your** beloved may be delivered,  
**Save with Your right hand**, and hear me.

6 ¶ **God** has spoken in **His holiness**:  
"I will rejoice; I will divide **Shechem**  
**And** measure out the Valley of **Succoth**. 7  
**Gilead is Mine**, and **Manasseh is Mine**;  
**Ephraim** also is the helmet for **My head**;  
**Judah is My lawgiver**. 8  
**Moab is My washpot**;  
**Over Edom** I will cast **My shoe**;  
**Philistia**, shout in triumph because of **Me**." 9  
Who will bring me to the strong city?  
Who will lead me to **Edom**? 10  
*Is it not You, O God, who cast us off?*  
And **You, O God**,  
who did not go out with our armies? 11  
Give us help from trouble,  
For the help of man is useless. 12  
Through **God** we will do valiantly,  
For it is **He**  
who shall tread down our enemies.

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## 2 Samuel 8:15-18 ||

[This box: parallel columns:]

15 ¶ So David reigned over all Israel; and David administered judgment and justice to all his people. 16

Joab [“**YHWH** is father”]  
the son of Zeruiah [David’s sister]  
was over the army;

Jehoshaphat [“**YHWH** has judged”]  
the son of Ahilud [“child’s  
brother”] was recorder; 17

Zadok [“righteous”] [Lineage]  
the son of Ahitub [“good(ness) is  
my brother”] and

Ahimelech [“the king is my brother”]  
the son of Abiathar [“great is my  
father”; grandson of Ahitub]  
were the priests;

Seraiah [“**YHWH** is ruler”]  
was the scribe; 18

Benaiah [“**YHWH** has built (up)”]  
the son of Jehoiada  
[“**YHWH** knows”] was over both  
the Cherethites [“executioners”]  
and  
the Pelethites [“couriers”]; and  
David’s sons were chief ministers.  
[Masoretic text says ↑ “priests”]

## [Genealogy of Levi:]

[See [Levi’s Descendants](#) at the end of this document. Added for reference purposes.]

## 1 Chronicles 18:14-17

### David’s Staff

14 So David reigned over all Israel, and \_\_\_\_\_ administered judgment and justice to all his people. 15

Joab [“**YHWH** is father”]  
the son of Zeruiah [David’s sister]  
was over the army;

Jehoshaphat [“**YHWH** has judged”]  
the son of Ahilud [“child’s  
brother”] was recorder; 16

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the son of Ahitub [“good(ness) is  
my brother”] and

Ahimelech [“the king is my father”]  
the son of Abiathar [“great is my  
father”; grandson of Ahitub]  
were the priests;

Shavsha [“nobility”]  
was the scribe; 17

Benaiah [“**YHWH** has built (up)”]  
the son of Jehoiada  
[“**YHWH** knows”] was over \_\_\_\_\_  
the Cherethites [“executioners”]  
and  
the Pelethites [“couriers”]; and  
David’s sons were chief ministers  
at the king’s side.

## 1 Chronicles 6:16-30

### Genealogy of Levi in Detail

16 The sons of Levi were Gershon [“foreigner”], Kohath [“assembly”], and Merari [“bitter”].

17 These are the names of the sons of Gershon:  
Libni [“white”] and  
Shimei [“renowned”].

18 The sons of Kohath were Amram [“exalted people”], Izhar [“shining oil”], Hebron [“association”], and Uzziel [“**God** is my strength”].

19 The sons of Merari were Mahli [“sick”] and Mushi [“yielding”].

**Now** these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers:

## [8 gens. from Gershon to Jeatherai:]

20 Of Gershon were Libni [“white”] his son, Jahath [“he will snatch up”] his son, Zimmah [“plotter”] his son, 21 Joah [“brother is **YHWH**”] his son, Iddo [“his witness”] his son, Zerah [“rising”] his son, and Jeatherai [“whom **YHWH** leads”] his son.

## [11 generations from Kohath to Shaul:]

22 The sons of Kohath were Amminadab [“my kinsman is noble”] [↑ aka Izhar: [Ex 6:21,24](#)] his son, Korah [“bald”] his son, Assir [“prisoner”] his son, 23 Elkanah [“possessed (or created) by **God**”] his son, Ebiasaph [“my father has gathered”] his son, Assir [“prisoner”] his son, 24 Tahath [“station”] his son, Uriel [“**God** is my light”] his son, Uziah [“**YHWH** is my strength”] his son, and Shaul [“desired”] his son.

25 The sons of Elkanah [v36] were Amasai [“burdensome”] and Ahimoth [“death is my brother” or “death’s brother”].

## [7 generations from Elkanah to Samuel:]

26 As for Elkanah, the sons of Elkanah were [was Zophai a third son of Elkanah?] Zophai [“honeycomb”] his son, [↑ aka Zuph: [1Ch 6:35a](#) & next p.] Nahath [“rest”] his son, 27 [↑ aka Toah: [1Ch 6:34d](#) & next p.] Eliab [“my father is **God**”] his son, [↑ aka Eliel: [1Ch 6:34c](#) & next p.] Jeroham [“showing pity”] his son, and Elkanah [“possessed (or created) by **God**”] his son [and Samuel [“**El** (**God**) is his name”] [[1Ch 6:33-34](#)] his son]. 28 The sons of Samuel were Joel [“**YHWH** is **God**”] the firstborn, and Abijah [“**YHWH** is (my) father”] the second.

## [8 generations from Merari to Asaiah:]

29 The sons of Merari were Mahli [“sick”], Libni [“white”] his son, Shimei [“renowned”] his son, Uzzah [“strength”] his son, 30 Shimea [“fame”] his son, Haggiah [“**YHWH**’s festival”] his son, and Asaiah [“**YHWH**-made”] his son.

## 1 Chronicles 6:50-53

**[12 generations from Aaron to Ahimaaz:]**  
50 Now these are the sons of Aaron [“light bringer”]: Eleazar [“God has helped”] his son, Phinehas [“mouth of brass”] his son, Abishua [“my father is rescue (or safety, or opulence)”] his son, 51 Bukki [“wasting”] his son, Uzzi [“strong”] his son, Zerariah [“YHWH has risen”] his son, 52 Meraioth [“rebellious”] his son, Amariah [“YHWH speaks (or has promised)”] his son, Ahitub [“my brother is good(ness)”] his son, 53 Zadok [“righteous”] his son, and Ahimaaz [“my brother is anger (wrath)”] his son.

## 1 Chronicles 6:31-49

### David's Appointed Musicians

31 ¶ Now these [three: vv33b, 39, 44] are the men whom David appointed over the service of song in the house of YHWH, after the ark came to rest. 32 They were ministering with music before the dwelling place of the tabernacle of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of YHWH in Jerusalem, and they served in their office according to their order. 33 And these [3] are the ones who ministered with their sons:

## Of Kohath: 23 Generations

Of the sons of the Kohathites was [NKJ: were ^] Heman [“faithful”] the singer, [and his sons: v33a] **[23 generations back to Israel:]** the son of Joel [“YHWH is God”], the son of Samuel [“his name is El (God)”], 34 the son of Elkanah [“possessed (or created) by God”], the son of Jeroham [“showing pity”], the son of Eliel [Eliab in v27] [“(my) God is God”], the son of Toah [“lowly”], 35 [^Nahath in v26] the son of Zuph [“honeycomb”], [^Zophai in v26] the son of Elkanah [“possessed (or created) by God”; v25], the son of Mahath [“gasping”], the son of Amasai [“burdensome”], 36 the son of Elkanah [“God has possessed (or created)”], the son of Joel [“YHWH is God”], the son of Azariah [“YHWH has helped”], the son of Zephaniah [“YHWH has treasured”], 37 the son of Tahath [“station”], the son of Assir [“prisoner”], the son of Ebiasaph [“gathered, my father has”], the son of Korah [“bald”], 38 the son of Izhar [“shining oil”], the son of Kohath [“assembly”], the son of Levi [“joined to”], the son of Israel [“God prevails”; aka Jacob].

## Of Gershon: 16 Generations

39 And his brother Asaph, who stood at his right hand, was Asaph [“gatherer”] [and his sons: v33a] **[16 generations back to Israel:]** the son of Berachiah [“YHWH blesses”], the son of Shimea [“fame”], 40 the son of Michael [“who is like God?”], the son of Baaseiah [“in the service of YHWH”], the son of Malchijah [“YHWH is my king”], 41 the son of Ethni [“my hire”], the son of Zerah [“rising”], the son of Adaiah [“YHWH has adorned Himself”], 42 the son of Ethan [“enduring”], the son of Zimmah [“plotter”], the son of Shimei [“renowned”], 43 the son of Jahath [“he will snatch up”], the son of Gershon [“foreigner”], the son of Levi [“joined to”].

[Perhaps v44, next, should read:

Their brother, of the sons of Merari, on the left hand, was ... It looks like the translators got confused by “and their sons” (v33a) being implied; but the lineages are for the individual three fathers. In any case, we have Heman and his sons in the middle, Asaph and his sons on the right, and Ethan and his sons on the left.]

## Of Merari: 15 Generations

44 Their brethren, the sons of Merari, on the left hand, were<sup>4</sup> Ethan [“enduring”] [and his sons: v33a] **[15 generations back to Israel:]** the son of Kishi [“bow of YHWH”], the son of Abdi [“servant of YHWH”], the son of Malluch [“counsellor”], 45 the son of Hashabiah [“YHWH has considered”], the son of Amaziah [“YHWH is mighty”], the son of Hilkiah [“my portion is YHWH”], 46 the son of Amzi [“my strength”], the son of Bani [“built”], the son of Shamer [“preserved”], 47 the son of Mahli [“sick”], the son of Mushi [“yielding”], the son of Merari [“bitter”], the son of Levi [“joined to”].

## Duties of the Levites and Aaronites

48 And their brethren, the Levites, were appointed to every kind of service of the tabernacle of the house of God. 49 But Aaron and his sons [descendants] offered upon the altar of the burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, and were appointed for all the work of the place most holy, and to make an atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

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<sup>4</sup> Their brother, of the sons of ... was? [Highlighting Legend & Latest Notes](#)

[Audio: S. Gregg 2Sa 7:18-9:13]

## 2 Samuel 9

### David Shows Kindness to Mephibosheth

9:1 ¶ **Now** David said, “Is there still anyone who is left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan’s sake?” 2

And *there was* a servant of the house of Saul whose name *was* Ziba [“*statue*”]. So **when** they had called him to David, the king said to him,

“Are you Ziba?”

And he said,

“At your service!” 3

**Then** the king said,

“Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, to whom I may show the kindness of **God**?”

And Ziba said to the king,

“There is still a son of Jonathan *who is lame in his feet.*” 4

So the king said to him,

“Where *is* he?”

And Ziba said to the king,

“Indeed he *is* in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in **Lo Debar**.” 5

**Then** King David sent and brought him out of the house of Machir [“*sold*”] the son of Ammiel [“**God** is my kinsman”], from **Lo Debar** [“*not a pasture*”]. 6

**Now when** Mephibosheth [“*exterminating the idol*”] the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself.

**Then** David said,

“Mephibosheth?”

And he answered,

“**Here** is your servant!” 7

So David said to him,

“Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father’s sake, and will restore to you **all the land** of Saul your grandfather; and you shall eat bread at my table **continually**.” 8

**Then** he bowed himself, and said,

“What *is* your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?”

9 ¶ And the king called to Ziba, Saul’s servant, and said to him,

“I have given to your master’s son **all** that belonged to Saul and to all his house. 10 You therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work **the land** for him, and you shall bring in *the harvest*, that **your master’s [Saul’s grand] son** may have **food** to eat. But Mephibosheth your master’s son shall eat **bread** at my table **always**.”

**Now** Ziba had fifteen [15] sons and twenty [20] servants. 11 **Then** Ziba said to the king,

“According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so will your servant do.”

“As for Mephibosheth”, *said the king*, “he shall eat at my table like one of the king’s sons.” [David is “adopting” Mephibosheth.] 12

Mephibosheth had a young son whose name *was* Micha [“*who is like (God)?*”]. And all who dwelt in the house of Ziba *were* servants of Mephibosheth. 13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in **Jerusalem**, for he ate **continually** at the king’s table. And he was lame in both his feet.

[Audio: S. Gregg 2Sa 10-12]

## 2 Samuel 10 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

10:1 ¶ It happened **after** this that \_\_\_\_\_ the king of the people of **Ammon** died, and Hanun [“*gracious*”] his son reigned in his place. 2 **Then** David said, “I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me.”

[No record when that happened.]

So David sent **by the hand** of his **servants** to comfort him concerning his father. And David’s servants came \_\_\_\_\_ into **the land** of the people of **Ammon** \_\_\_\_\_. 3 And the princes of the people of **Ammon** said to Hanun **their lord**,

“Do you think that David really honors your father because he has sent comforters to you? **Has David not rather sent his servants** to you to search **the city** \_\_\_\_\_, to spy **it** out, and to overthrow **it**?” 4

Therefore Hanun took David’s servants, shaved **off half of their beards**, cut off their garments in the middle, at their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 **When** they \_\_\_\_\_ told David \_\_\_\_\_, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said,

“**Wait** at **Jericho** **until** your beards have grown, and **then** return.”

## 1 Chronicles 19

### Nahash’s Son Hanun Insults David

19:1 ¶ It happened **after** this that **Nahash** [“*serpent*”] the king of the people of **Ammon** died, and \_\_\_\_\_ his son reigned in his place. 2 **Then** David said, “I will show kindness to Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me.”

So David sent **messengers**

to comfort him concerning his father. And David’s servants came to Hanun in **the land** of the people of **Ammon** to comfort him. 3 And the princes of the people of **Ammon** said to Hanun \_\_\_\_\_,

“Do you think that David really honors your father because he has sent comforters to you? **Did** \_\_\_\_\_ **his servants** **not** come to you to search **and** to overthrow **and** to spy **\_** out **the land**?” 4

Therefore Hanun took David’s servants, shaved **them**, \_\_\_\_\_ **and** cut off their garments in the middle, at their buttocks, and sent them away.

5 **Then** **some** went **and** told David about the men; and he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said,

“**Wait** at **Jericho** **until** your beards have grown, and **then** return.”



[This column is parallel to the next:]

6 ¶ **When** the people of **Ammon** saw that they had made themselves repulsive to David, \_\_\_\_\_ the people of **Ammon** sent

and hired

[for ~\$10,368,000 in 2008 dollars ↗]

the **Syrians** of **Beth Rehob**

["house of the street"] and

the **Syrians** of **Zoba** ["station"],

twenty thousand [20,000] foot soldiers;

and from the king of **Maac ah**

one thousand [1,000] men,

and from **Ish-Tob** ["man of Tob"]

twelve thousand [12,000] men. 7

**Now when** David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men. 8 **Then** the people of **Ammon** came out and put themselves in battle array at the entrance of the gate. And the **Syrians** of **Zoba**, **Beth Rehob**, **Ish-Tob**, and **Maacah** were by themselves in the field. 9 **When** Joab saw that the battle line was against him before and behind, he chose some of Israel's best and put them in battle array against the **Syrians**. 10 And the rest of the people he put under the command of Abishai his brother, that he might set them \_\_\_\_\_ in battle array against the people of **Ammon**.

### A Battle Ensues

6 ¶ **When** the people of **Ammon** saw that they had made themselves repulsive to David, **Hanun** and the people of **Ammon** sent a thousand [1,000] talents of silver to hire

for themselves chariots and horsemen from **Mesopotamia**,

from **Syrian Maacah**

["oppression"], and

\_\_\_\_\_ from **Zobah**. 7

So they hired for themselves thirty-two thousand [32,000] chariots, with \_\_\_\_\_ the king of **Maacah** and his people,

who came and encamped before **Medeba** ["water of rest"].

Also the people of **Ammon** ["tribal"] gathered together from their cities, and came to battle. 8

**Now when** David heard of it, he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men. 9 **Then** the people of **Ammon** came out and put themselves in battle array before the gate of the city, and the kings who had come

\_\_\_\_\_ were by themselves in the field. 10 **When** Joab saw that the battle line was against him before and behind, he chose some of Israel's best and put them in battle array against the **Syrians**. 11 And the rest of the people he put under the command of Abishai his brother, and they \_\_\_\_\_ set themselves in battle array against the people of **Ammon**.

[This column is parallel to the next:]

11 **Then** he said,

"If the **Syrians** are too strong for me, then you shall help me; but if the people of **Ammon** are too strong for you, then I will come and help you. 12 Be of good courage, and let us be strong for our people and for the cities of our God. And may **YHWH** do what is good in His sight." 13

So **Joab** and the people who were with him drew near for the battle against the **Syrians**, and they fled before him. 14 **When** the people of **Ammon** saw that the **Syrians** were fleeing, they also fled before **Abishai** \_\_\_\_\_, and entered the city [Medeba: 1Ch 19:7b].

So **Joab** returned from the people of **Ammon** and went to **Jerusalem**.

15 ¶ \_\_\_\_\_ **When** the **Syrians** saw that they had been defeated by Israel, they gathered together. 16 **Then** **Hadadezer**

["help is Hadad"]

sent \_\_\_\_\_ and brought out the **Syrians** who were beyond the River, and they came to **Helam** ["stronghold"]. And **Shobach** ["expansion"] the commander of **Hadadezer's** army went before them. 17 **When** it was told David, he gathered all Israel, crossed over the **Jordan**, and came to **Helam**. And the **Syrians** set themselves \_\_\_\_\_ in battle array against **David** and

fought with him.

### Israel Wins, Led by Joab & Abishai

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So **Joab**

went to **Jerusalem**.

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sent messengers and brought \_\_\_\_\_ the **Syrians** who were beyond the River,

and **Shobach** ["expansion"] the commander of **Hadadezer's** army went before them. 17 **When** it was told David, he gathered all Israel, crossed over the **Jordan**, and came upon them, and \_\_\_\_\_ set \_\_\_\_\_ up in battle array against them. So **when** **David** had set up in battle array against the **Syrians**, they fought with him.

[This column is parallel to the next:]

18 Then the Syrians fled before Israel; and David killed seven hundred [700; oops; cf. 2Sa 8:4] charioteers and forty thousand [40,000] horsemen of the Syrians, and struck Shobach the commander of their army, who died there. 19 And when all the kings who were servants to Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with Israel and served them. So the Syrians were afraid to help the people of Ammon anymore.

## April 26

[Audio: S. Gregg 2Sa 10-12]

2 Samuel 11:1 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

11:1 ¶ It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David [instead] sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah ["great"]. But David remained [idle] at Jerusalem.

18 Then the Syrians fled before Israel; and David killed seven thousand [7,000; oops; cf. 1Ch 18:4] charioteers and forty thousand [40,000] foot soldiers of the Syrians, and killed Shophach the commander of the army. 19 And when the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were defeated by Israel, they made peace with David and became his servants. So the Syrians were not willing to help the people of Ammon anymore.

1 Chronicles 20:1a

David Violates Bathsheba, Kills Uriah

20:1a ¶ It happened in the spring of the year, at the time kings go out to battle, that [not David, but] Joab led out the armed forces and ravaged the country of the people of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah ["great"]. But David stayed [idle] at Jerusalem.

[Not parallel for 2 1/2 pages:]

2 Samuel 11:2ff

2 Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to behold. 3 So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba ["daughter of an oath"; aka Bathshua: 1Ch 3:5], the daughter of Eliam

["of (the) people is God"], the wife of Uriah ["YHWH is my light (flame)"] the Hittite?" 4

Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. 5 And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child."

6 ¶ Then David sent to Joab, saying,

"Send me Uriah the Hittite."

And Joab sent Uriah to David. 7 When Uriah had come to him, David asked how Joab was doing, and how the people were doing, and how the war prospered. 8

And David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet."

So Uriah departed from the king's house, and a gift of food from the king followed him. 9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. 10 So when they told David, saying,

"Uriah did not go down to his house",

David said to Uriah,

"Did you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?" 11

And Uriah said to David,

"The ark and Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open fields. Shall I then go to my house to eat and drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing." 12

Then David said to Uriah,

"Wait here today also, and

tomorrow I will let you depart."

So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. 13 Now when David called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

14 ¶ In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 And he wrote in the letter, saying,

"Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die." 16

So it was, while Joab besieged the city, that he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew there were valiant men. 17 Then the men of the city came out and fought with Joab. And some of the people of the servants of David fell; and Uriah the Hittite died also. 18 Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war, 19 and charged the messenger, saying,

“When you have finished telling the matters of the war to the king, 20 if it happens that the king’s wrath rises, and he says to you:

‘Why did you approach so near to the city when you fought?’

Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall? 21

Who struck Abimelech [“(the) king is my father”] the son of Jerubesheth [“shame will contend”; aka Jerubbaal, i.e., Gideon]?

Was it not a woman who cast a piece of a millstone on him from the wall, so that he died in Thebez [“conspicuous”; *Judg 9:53*]?

Why did you go near the wall?’

— then you shall say,

‘Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.’” 22

So the messenger went, and came and told David all that Joab had sent by him.

23 And the messenger said to David, “Surely the men prevailed against us and came out to us in the field; then we drove them back as far as the entrance of the gate. 24 The archers shot from the wall at your servants; and some of the king’s servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.” 25

Then David said to the messenger,

“Thus you shall say to Joab:

‘Do not let this thing displease you [lit., be evil in your sight], for the sword devours one as well as another. Strengthen your attack against the city, and overthrow it.’

So encourage him.” 26

When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. 27 And when her mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased [lit., was evil in the sight of] YHWH.

[cf. *Ps 32* pain before confession]

## 2 Samuel 12:1-15

### YHWH Exposes David’s Sin

12:1 ¶ Then YHWH sent Nathan to David.

And he came to him, and said to him:

“There were two men in one city,

one rich and

the other poor. 2

The rich man had exceedingly many flocks and herds. 3 But the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb that he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him. 4 And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.” 5

So David’s anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan,

“As YHWH lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! [Beyond the Law.]

6 And he shall restore fourfold [4-fold, per the Law: *Ex 22:1*] for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity.” 7

Then Nathan said to David,

“You are the man!

Thus says YHWH God of Israel:

‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. 8

I gave you your master’s house and your master’s wives

into your keeping, and

gave you the house of Israel and Judah.

And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more! 9

Why have you despised the commandment of YHWH, to do evil in His sight?

You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; you have taken his wife to

be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. 10

Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you

have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.’ 11

Thus says YHWH:

‘Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will

take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he

shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 12 For you did it secretly,

but I will do this thing

before all Israel,

before the sun.” 13

So David said to Nathan,

“I have sinned against YHWH.” [Ps 51]

And Nathan said to David,

“YHWH also has put away your sin; you shall not die [per the Law]. 14

However, because by this deed:

you have given great occasion to the enemies of YHWH to blaspheme;

the child also who is born to you

shall surely die.”

## Psalm 51

### Have Mercy on Me, O God

51:1 ¶ <To the Chief Musician.

A Psalm of David when

Nathan the prophet went to him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. >

Have mercy upon me, O God,

According to Your lovingkindness;

According to

the multitude of Your tender mercies,

Blot out my transgressions. 2

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

And cleanse me from my sin. 3

For I acknowledge my transgressions,

And my sin is always before me. 4

Against You, You only, have I sinned,

And done this evil in Your sight —

[Quoted by Paul in *Ro 3:4b*]

That You may be found just when You speak,

And blameless when You judge. 5

Behold,

[cf. *1Sa 17:29*]

I was brought forth

in iniquity, And

in sin

my mother conceived me. 6

Behold,

You desire truth

in the inward parts, And

in the hidden part

You will make me to know wisdom. 7 ¶

Purge Me, Wash Me, ...Blot Out...

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. 8

Make me hear joy and gladness, that

The bones You have broken may rejoice. 9

Hide Your face from my sins, and

Blot out all my iniquities. 10

Create in Me ..., Renew...

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and

Renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11

Do not cast me away from Your presence, and

Do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. 12

Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and

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Uphold me, **generous Spirit**. 13  
**Then** I will teach transgressors **Your ways**,  
 And sinners shall be converted to **You**.  
 14 ¶  
**Deliver Me, O God**  
**Deliver** me from the guilt of bloodshed,  
**O God, the God of my salvation**,  
 And my tongue shall sing aloud  
 of **Your righteousness**. 15  
**O YHWH**, open  
 my lips, and  
 My mouth  
 shall show forth **Your praise**. 16  
 For **You** do not desire sacrifice,  
 or else I would give it;  
**You** do not delight in burnt offering. 17  
**The sacrifices of God are**  
 a broken spirit,  
 a broken and a contrite heart —  
**These, O God, You will not despise**. 18  
 Do good in **Your good pleasure to Zion**;  
 Build the walls of **Jerusalem**. 19  
**Then You shall be pleased**  
 with **the sacrifices of righteousness**,  
 With burnt offering and  
 whole burnt offering;  
**Then** they shall offer bulls on **Your altar**.

## 2 Samuel 12:16-25

### **YHWH Takes the Resulting Child**

15 ¶ **Then** Nathan departed to his house.  
 And **YHWH** struck the child that Uriah's  
 wife bore to David, and it became ill. 16  
 David therefore pleaded with **God** for  
 the child, and David fasted and went  
 in and lay **all night** on the ground. 17  
 So the elders of his house arose *and*  
*went* to him, to raise him up from **the**  
**ground**. But he would not, nor did he  
 eat food with them. 18 **Then on the**  
**seventh [7<sup>th</sup>] day** it came to pass that  
 the child died. And the servants of  
 David were afraid to tell him that the  
 child was **dead**. For they said,

“Indeed, **while** the child was **alive**, we  
 spoke to him, and he would not heed  
 our voice. How can we tell him that  
 the child is **dead**? He may do some  
 harm!” 19

**When** David saw that his servants were  
 whispering, David perceived that the  
 child was **dead**. Therefore David said  
 to his servants,  
 “Is the child **dead**?”  
 And they said,  
 “He is **dead**.” 20  
 So David arose from **the ground**, washed  
 and anointed himself, and changed his  
 clothes; and he went into **the house of**  
**YHWH** and worshiped. **Then** he went to  
 his own house; and **when** he requested,  
 they set food before him, and he ate. 21  
**Then** his servants said to him,  
 “What is this that you have done?  
 You fasted and wept for the child  
**while he was alive**, but **when** the  
 child **died**, you arose and ate food.” 22  
 And he said,  
 “**While** the child was **alive**,  
 I fasted and wept; for I said,  
 ‘Who can tell *whether* **YHWH** will  
 be **gracious** to me, that the child  
 may **live**?’ 23  
 But **now** he is **dead**; why should I fast?  
 Can I bring him back **again**?  
 I shall go to him [*die too*], but  
 he shall not return to me.” 24  
**Then** David comforted Bathsheba his  
 wife, and went in to her and lay with  
 her. So she bore a son, and he called  
 his name **Solomon** [*“peace”*].  
**Now** **YHWH** loved him, 25 and **He** sent  
 word by the hand of Nathan the prophet:  
 So he [*also*] called his name **Jedidiah**  
 [*“YHWH-loved”*], because of **YHWH**.

## Review of David's Family

### 1 Chronicles 2:13-15

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Eliab [*“my father is **God**”*]  
 his firstborn [1<sup>st</sup>],  
 Abinadab [*“willing is my father”*]  
 the second [2<sup>nd</sup>],  
 Shimea [*“fame”; aka Shammah*]  
 [two of whose sons were:  
 Jonadab: 2Sa 13:3  
 Jonathan: 2Sa 21:21 ]  
 the third [3<sup>rd</sup>], 14  
 Nethanel [*“**God** has given”*]  
 the fourth [4<sup>th</sup>],  
 Raddai [*“trampling”*]  
 the fifth [5<sup>th</sup>], 15  
 Ozem [*“I shall hasten them”*]  
 the sixth [6<sup>th</sup>], and  
 David [*“beloved”*]  
 the seventh [7<sup>th</sup>].

### 1Ch 2:16-17 @ 1Sa 26

**Now** their sisters were  
 Zeruiah [*“balsam”*] [*her sons*:  
 Abishai [*“a gift is my father”*]  
 Joab [*“father (is) **YHWH**”*], and  
 Asahel [*“**God**-made”*] ]  
 Abigail [*“joy is my father”*]  
 [*her son, by Ishmaelite Jether*:  
 Amasa ]

### 2 Sa 3:2-5 || 1Ch 3:1-4

[*copied from April 20*]

3:1 **Now** these were the sons of David  
 who were born to him in **Hebron**:  
 His firstborn [1<sup>st</sup>] was  
 Amnon [*“faithful”*],  
 by Ahinoam the **Jezreelitess**; 3  
 his second [2<sup>nd</sup>],  
**Chileab** [*“father like”*],  
 [aka] **Daniel** [*“**God** is my judge”*],<sup>7</sup>

by Abigail the widow of Nabal  
 the **Carmelite**;  
 the third [3<sup>rd</sup>],  
 Absalom [*“peace is my father”*],  
 the son of Maacah the daughter of  
 Talmai, king of **Geshur**; 4  
 the fourth [4<sup>th</sup>],  
 Adonijah [*“**YHWH** is my lord”*],  
 the son of Haggith;  
 the fifth [5<sup>th</sup>],  
 Shephatiah [*“**YHWH** has judged”*],  
 the son of Abital; 5 and  
 the sixth [6<sup>th</sup>],  
 Ithream [*“profit of the people”*]  
 by **David's** wife Eglah.  
*These six [6] were born to him in*  
**Hebron**.

### 2Sa 5:14-16 || 1Ch 3:5-9 || 1Ch 14:3-7

[*copied from April 22*]

**Now** these are the names of those  
 who were born to him in **Jerusalem**:  
 [*four (4) sons by Bathsheba*:]  
 Shammua [*“renowned”*],  
 Shobab [*“rebellious”*],  
 Nathan [*“giver”*],  
**Solomon** [*“peace”; 1<sup>st</sup> of the 4,*  
*after the child who died*], 15  
 [*nine (9) sons by others*:]  
 Ibhaz [*“**YHWH** chooses”*],  
 Elishua [*“wealth is my **God**”*],  
 Elpelet [*“deliverance is by **God**”*],  
 Nogah [*“brightness”*],  
 Nepheg [*“sprout”*],  
 Japhia [*“shining”*], 16  
 Elishama [*“heard by my **God**”*],  
 Eliada [*“known by my **God**”*], and  
 Eliphelet [*“deliverance is by **God**”*].  
 [*one (1) daughter mentoned*:]  
**Tamar** [*“palm-tree”*] their sister.  
 [*There were others: 2Sa 13:18-19*]

# April 27

[Audio: S. Gregg 2Sa 10-12]

## 2 Samuel 12:26-31 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

26 ¶ **Now** Joab fought against **Rabbah** of the people of **Ammon**, and took the royal city. 27 And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, “I have fought against **Rabbah**, and I have taken the city’s water supply. 28 **Now** therefore, gather the rest of the people together and encamp against the city and take it, lest I take the city and it be called after my name.” 29

So David gathered all the people together and went to **Rabbah**, fought against it, and took it. 30 **Then** he took their king’s crown from his head. Its weight was a talent<sup>5</sup> of **gold**, with precious stones \_\_\_\_\_. And it was set on David’s head. Also he brought out the spoil of the city in great abundance. 31 And he brought out the people who were in it, and put them to work with saws and iron picks and iron axes, and made them cross over to the brick works [NLT: work in the brick kilns]. So he did to all the cities of the people of **Ammon**. **Then** David and all the people returned to **Jerusalem**.

## 1 Chronicles 20:1b-3

David Finishes Taking Rabbah

1b And Joab defeated **Rabbah** and overthrew it \_\_\_\_\_.

2 **Then** David took their king’s crown from his head, and found it to weigh a talent<sup>5</sup> of **gold**, and there were precious stones in it. And it was set on David’s head. Also he brought out the spoil of the city in great abundance. 3 And he brought out the people who were in it, and put them to work with saws, with iron picks, and with axes.

So David did to all the cities of the people of **Ammon**. **Then** David and all the people returned to **Jerusalem**.

[Not parallel until May 1:]

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Sa 13-14]

## 2 Samuel 13

Amnon Rapes His Half-Sister Tamar

13:1 ¶ After this Absalom the [thirdborn] son of David had a lovely sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the [firstborn] son of David loved her. 2 Amnon was so distressed over his sister Tamar that he became sick; for she was a virgin. And it was improper for Amnon to do anything to her. 3 But Amnon had a friend whose name was Jonadab [“willing is YHWH”] the son of Shimeah [“fame”], David’s [third oldest] brother [so Jonadab is David’s nephew, Amnon’s cousin]. **Now** Jonadab was a very crafty man. 4 And he said to him,

“Why are you, the king’s son, becoming thinner day after day? Will you not tell me?” Amnon said to him, “I love Tamar, my brother Absalom’s sister.” 5 So Jonadab said to him, “Lie down on your bed and pretend to be ill. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, ‘Please let my sister Tamar come and give me food, and prepare the food in my sight, that I may see it and eat it from her hand.’” 6 **Then** Amnon lay down and pretended to be ill; and when the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, “Please let Tamar my sister come and make a couple of cakes for me in my sight, that I may eat from her hand.” 7 And David sent home to Tamar, saying, “**Now** go to your brother Amnon’s house, and prepare food for him.” 8

So Tamar went to her brother Amnon’s house; and he was lying down. **Then** she took flour and kneaded it, made cakes in his sight, and baked the cakes. 9 And she took the pan and placed them out before him, but he refused to eat. **Then** Amnon said, “Have everyone go out from me.” And they all went out from him. 10 **Then** Amnon said to Tamar, “Bring the food into the bedroom, that I may eat from your hand.”

And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them to Amnon her [half] brother in the bedroom. 11 **Now when** she had brought them to him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, “Come, lie with me, my sister.” 12 And she answered him, “No, my brother, do not force me, for no such thing should be done in Israel. Do not do this disgraceful thing! 13 And I, where could I take my shame? And as for you, you would be like one of the fools in Israel. **Now** therefore, please speak to the king; for he will not withhold me from you.” 14

However, he would not heed her voice; and being stronger than she, he forced her and lay with her. 15 **Then** Amnon hated her exceedingly, so that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love [lust] with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, “Arise, be gone!” 16 So she said to him, “No, indeed! This evil of sending me away is worse than the other that you did to me.”

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<sup>5</sup> About 60 pounds!

But he would not listen to her. <sup>17</sup> Then he called his servant who attended him, and said,

“Here! Put this woman out, away from me, and bolt the door behind her.” <sup>18</sup> Now she had on a robe of many colors, for the king’s virgin daughters wore such apparel. And his servant put her out and bolted the door behind her. <sup>19</sup> Then Tamar put ashes on her head, and tore her robe of many colors that was on her, and laid her hand on her head and went away crying bitterly. <sup>20</sup> And Absalom her [full] brother said to her, “Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now hold your peace, my sister. He is your [half] brother; do not take this thing to heart.”

So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom’s house.

### **Absalom Murders Amnon [cf. 12:11]**

<sup>21</sup> ¶ But when King David heard of all these things, he was very angry [but apparently did nothing about it]. <sup>22</sup> And Absalom spoke to his brother Amnon neither good nor bad. For Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar. <sup>23</sup> And it came to pass, after two [2] full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal Hazor [“lord of the village”], which is near Ephraim; so Absalom invited all the king’s sons. <sup>24</sup> Then Absalom came to the king and said,

“Kindly note, your servant has sheepshearers; please, let the king and his servants go with your servant.” <sup>25</sup>

But the king said to Absalom, “No, my son, let us not all go now, lest we be a burden to you.”

Then he urged him, but he would not go; and he blessed him. <sup>26</sup>

Then Absalom said,

“If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us.”

And the king said to him,

“Why should he go with you?” <sup>27</sup>

But Absalom urged him; so he let Amnon and all the king’s sons go with him.

<sup>28</sup> Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying,

“Watch now, when Amnon’s heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you,

‘Strike Amnon!’,

then kill him.

Do not be afraid.

Have I not commanded you?

Be courageous and valiant.” <sup>29</sup>

So the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded.

Then all the king’s sons arose, and each one got on his mule and fled.

<sup>30</sup> ¶ And it came to pass, while they were on the way, that news came to David, saying,

“Absalom has killed all the king’s sons, and not one of them is left!” <sup>31</sup>

So the king arose and tore his garments and lay on the ground, and all his servants stood by with their clothes torn.

<sup>32</sup> Then Jonadab the son of Shimeah, David’s brother [who instigated this sorry affair: 13:5], answered and said,

“Let not my lord suppose they have killed all the young men, the king’s sons, for only Amnon is dead. For by the command of Absalom this has been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. <sup>33</sup> Now therefore, let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king’s sons are dead. For only [your firstborn] Amnon is dead.” <sup>34</sup>

Then Absalom fled. And the young man who was keeping watch lifted his eyes and looked, and there, many people were coming from the road on the hillside behind him. <sup>35</sup> And Jonadab said to the king,

“Look, the king’s sons are coming; as your servant said, so it is.” <sup>36</sup>

So it was, as soon as he had finished speaking, that the king’s sons indeed came, and they lifted up their voice and wept. Also the king and all his servants wept very bitterly. <sup>37</sup>

But Absalom fled and went to Talmai [“furrowed”; his mother Maachah’s father, his maternal grandfather: 2Sa 3:3] the son of Ammihud [“people of majesty”], king of Geshur [“proud beholder”; in Syria]. And David mourned for his son [Absalom] every day. <sup>38</sup> So Absalom fled and went to Geshur, and was there three [3] years. <sup>39</sup> And King David longed to go to Absalom. For he had been comforted concerning Amnon, because he was dead.

## **2 Samuel 14**

### **Joab Urges David to Bring Absalom Home**

<sup>14:1</sup> ¶ So Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king’s heart was concerned about Absalom. <sup>2</sup> And Joab sent to Tekoa [“trumpet blast”] and brought from there a wise woman, and said to her,

“Please pretend to be a mourner, and put on mourning apparel; do not anoint yourself with oil, but act like a woman who has been mourning a long time for the dead. <sup>3</sup> Go to the king and speak to him in this manner.”

So Joab put the words in her mouth. <sup>4</sup> And when the woman of Tekoa spoke to the king, she fell on her face to the ground and prostrated herself, and said, “Help, O king!” <sup>5</sup>

Then the king said to her,

“What troubles you?”

And she answered,

“Indeed I am a widow, my husband is dead. <sup>6</sup> Now your maidservant had two [2] sons; and the two fought with each other in the field, and there was no one to part them, but the one struck the other and killed him. <sup>7</sup> And now the whole family has risen up against your maidservant, and they said,

‘Deliver him who struck his brother, that we may execute him for the life of his brother whom he killed; and we will destroy the heir also.’ So they would extinguish my ember that is left, and leave to my husband neither name nor remnant on the land [earth].” <sup>8</sup>

Then the king said to the woman, "Go to your house, and I will give orders concerning you." 9 And the woman of Tekoa said to the king, "My lord, O king, let the iniquity be on me and on my father's house, and the king and his throne be guiltless." 10 So the king said, "Whoever says anything to you, bring him to me, and he shall not touch you anymore." 11 Then she said, "Please let the king remember YHWH your God, and do not permit the avenger of blood to destroy anymore, lest they destroy my son." And he said, "As YHWH lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the ground." 12 Therefore the woman said, "Please, let your maidservant speak another word to my lord the king." And he said, "Say on." 13 So the woman said: "Why then have you schemed such a thing against the people of God? For the king speaks this thing as one who is guilty, in that the king does not bring his banished one home again. 14 For we will surely die and become like water spilled on the ground, which can not be gathered up again. Yet God does not take away a life; but He devises means, so that His banished ones are not expelled from Him. 15

Now therefore, I have come to speak of this thing to my lord the king because the people have made me afraid. And your maidservant said, 'I will now speak to the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his maidservant. 16 For the king will hear and deliver his maidservant from the hand of the man who would destroy me and my son together from the inheritance of God.' 17 Your maidservant said, 'The word of my lord the king will now be comforting; for as the angel of God, so is my lord the king in discerning good and evil.' And may YHWH your God be with you." 18 Then the king answered and said to the woman, "Please do not hide from me anything that I ask you." And the woman said, "Please, let my lord the king speak." 19 So the king said, "Is the hand of Joab with you in all this?" And the woman answered and said, "As you live, my lord the king, no one can turn to the right hand or to the left from anything that my lord the king has spoken. For your servant Joab commanded me, and he put all these words in the mouth of your maidservant. 20 To bring about this change of affairs, your servant Joab has done this thing; but my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of the angel of God, to know everything that is in the land [earth]."

21 ¶ And the king said to Joab, "All right, I have granted this thing. Go therefore, bring back the young man Absalom." 22 Then Joab fell to the ground on his face and bowed himself, and thanked the king. And Joab said, "Today your servant knows that I have found favor in your sight, my lord, O king, in that the king has fulfilled the request of his servant." 23 So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. 24 And the king said, "Let him return to his own house, but do not let him see my face." So Absalom returned to his own house, but did not see the king's face.

#### David Ignores Good-Looking Absalom

25 Now in all Israel there was no one who was praised as much as Absalom for his good looks. From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. 26 And when he cut the hair of his head — at the end of every year he cut it because it was heavy on him — when he cut it, he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred [200] shekels<sup>6</sup> according to the king's standard. 27 To Absalom were born three [3] sons [unnamed: died early? cf. 18:18], and one [1] daughter whose name was Tamar [same as his sister]. She was a woman of beautiful appearance.

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<sup>6</sup> A shekel may have been ~1/60<sup>th</sup> of a pound, so 200/60 = 3 1/3 pounds!

28 ¶ And Absalom dwelt two [2] full years in Jerusalem, [seven years now since the rape] but did not see the king's face. 29 Therefore Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king, but he would not come to him. And when he sent again the second time, he would not come. 30 So he said to his servants, "See, Joab's field is near mine, and he has barley there; go and set it on fire." And Absalom's servants set the field on fire. 31 Then Joab arose and came to Absalom's house, and said to him, "Why have your servants set my field on fire?" 32 And Absalom answered Joab, "Look, I sent to you, saying, 'Come here, so that I may send you to the king, to say, 'Why have I come from Geshur? It would be better for me to be there still.'" Now therefore, let me see the king's face; but if there is iniquity in me, let him execute me." 33 So Joab went to the king and told him. And when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king. Then the king kissed Absalom.

# April 28

[Audio: [Steve Gregg 2Sa 15-16](#)]

## 2 Samuel 15

### Absalom Steals the Hearts of Israel

15:1 ¶ **After** this it happened that Absalom provided himself with chariots and horses, and fifty [50] men to run before him. 2

**Now** Absalom would rise **early** and stand beside the way to the gate. So it was, **whenever** anyone who had a lawsuit came to the king for a decision, that Absalom would call to him and say,

“What **city** are you from?”

And he would say,

“Your servant *is* from such and such a tribe of Israel.” 3

**Then** Absalom would say to him,

“Look, your case *is* **good and right**; but *there is* no deputy of the king to hear you.” 4

More over Absalom would say,

“Oh, that I were made judge in **the land**, and everyone who has any suit or cause would come to me; **then** I would give him **justice**.” 5

And *so* it was, **whenever** anyone came near to bow down to him, that he would put out his hand and take him and kiss him. 6 In this manner Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So [In this way] **Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel** [from David, who had had them since he killed Goliath: [1Sa 17, 18:6-7](#)].

### Absalom Usurps Power (Temporarily)

7 ¶ **Now** it came to pass **after forty [40] years** [NKJV, AV, NAS, YLT: thus 40 years of David having their hearts after slaying Goliath (so David would now be **about 58 years old**); (N)RSV, NLT, NIV, MSG: four [4] years (of being back in Jerusalem) — but there is no text to support that estimate; so this is in ~1055-40+12 = **1027 BC** = 2978 AB: [2:11](#)]

that Absalom said to the king,

“Please, let me go to **Hebron** and pay the vow **that I** made to **YHWH**. 8 For your servant took a vow **while** I dwelt at **Geshur** in **Syria**, saying, ‘If **YHWH** indeed brings me back to **Jerusalem**, **then** I will serve **YHWH**.’” 9

And the king said to him,

“Go in **peace**.”

So he arose and went to **Hebron** [his birthplace: [2Sa 3:3](#) // [1Ch 3:2](#)]. 10

**Then** Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying,

“**As soon as** you hear the sound of the trumpet, **then** you shall say,

‘Absalom reigns in **Hebron!**’” 11

And with Absalom went

two hundred [200] men invited from **Jerusalem**, and they went along innocently and did not know anything. 12 **Then** Absalom sent for Ahithophel [“foolishness is my brother”] the **Gilonite**, David’s counselor, from his city — from **Giloh** [“exile”] — while he offered sacrifices. And **the conspiracy** grew strong, for the people with Absalom **continually** increased in number.

### David Hears of the Conspiracy, Flees

13 ¶ **Now** a messenger came to David, saying,

“**The hearts of the men of Israel are with Absalom**.” 14

So David said to all his servants who were with him at **Jerusalem**,

“Arise, and let us **flee**; or we shall not escape from Absalom. Make haste to depart, lest he overtake us **suddenly** and bring **disaster** upon us, and strike **the city with the edge of the sword**.” 15

And the king’s servants said to the king, “**We are your servants, ready to do whatever my lord the king commands**.” 16

**Then** the king went out with all his household **after** him. But the king left ten [10] women, concubines,

to keep the house. 17 And the king went out with all the people **after** him, and stopped at **the outskirts**. 18 **Then**

all his servants passed before him; and all the Cherethites [“executioners”], all the Pelethites [“couriers”], and all the **Gittites** [“belong to Gath”],

six hundred [600] men who had followed him from **Gath**,

passed before the king. 19

**Then** the king said to **Ittai** [“with me”]; *not 2Sa 23:29b*) the **Gittite**,

“Why are you also going with us?

Return and remain with the king.

For you *are* a **foreigner** and also

an exile from **your own place**. 20

In fact, you came *only* **yesterday**.

Should I make you wander

up and down with us **today**,

since I go I know not where?

Return, and take your brethren back.

**Mercy and truth** be with you.” 21

And Ittai answered the king and said, “As **YHWH** lives, and *as* my lord the king lives, surely in whatever **place** my lord the king shall be, whether in **death or life**, even **there** also your servant will be.” 22

So David said to Ittai,

“Go, and cross over.”

**Then** Ittai the **Gittite** and **all** his men and **all** the little ones who were with him crossed over. 23 And **all** the country wept with a loud voice, and **all** the people crossed over. The king himself also crossed over **the Brook Kidron** [“dark”], and **all** the people crossed over toward the way of the wilderness.

24 ¶ There was **Zadok** [“righteous”] also, and all the Levites with him, bearing **the ark of the covenant of God**. And they set down **the ark of God**, and

Abiathar [“great is my father”] went up **until** all the people had finished crossing over from **the city**. 25 **Then**

the king said to **Zadok** [his lineage],

“Carry **the ark of God** back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of **YHWH**,

**He** will bring me back and show me **both it and His dwelling place**. 26

But if **He** says thus:

‘**I have no delight in you**, here I am, let **Him** do to me as seems **good to Him**.’” 27

The king also said to **Zadok** the priest, “Are you *not* a **seer**? Return to the city

in **peace**, and your two sons with you,

**Ahimaaz** [“anger (wrath) is my brother”] your son, and

**Jonathan** [“given by **YHWH**”] the son of Abiathar. 28



See, I will wait in the plains of the wilderness until word comes from you to inform me.” 29

Therefore Zadok and Abiathar carried the ark of God back to Jerusalem. And they remained there. 30 So David went up by the Ascent of the Mount of Olives, and wept as he went up; and he had his head covered and went barefoot. And all the people who were with him covered their heads and went up, weeping as they went up.

31 ¶ Then someone told David, saying, “Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom.”

And David said,

“O YHWH, I pray, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness!” 32

Now it happened when David had come to the top of the mountain, where he worshiped God — there was Hushai [“hasty”] the Archite [“lengthy”] coming to meet him with his robe torn and dust on his head. 33 David said to him, “If you go on with me, then you will become a burden to me. 34 But if you return to the city, and say to Absalom,

‘I will be your servant, O king; as I was your father’s servant previously, so I will now also be your servant’,

then you may defeat the counsel of Ahithophel for me. 35 And do you not have Zadok and Abiathar the priests with you there? Therefore it will be that whatever you hear from the king’s house, you shall tell to Zadok and Abiathar the priests. 36 Indeed, they have there with them their two sons,

Ahimaaz, Zadok’s son, and Jonathan, Abiathar’s son; and by them you shall send me everything you hear.” 37

So Hushai, David’s friend, went into the city. And Absalom came into Jerusalem.

## 2 Samuel 16

### Ziba Plays Up To David

16:1 ¶ When David was a little past the top of the mountain, there was Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth, who met him with a couple of saddled donkeys, and on them: two hundred [200] loaves of bread, one hundred [100] clusters of raisins, one hundred [100] summer fruits, and a skin of wine. 2

And the king said to Ziba,

“What do you mean to do with these?”

So Ziba said,

“The donkeys are for the king’s household to ride on, the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat, and the wine for those who are faint in the wilderness to drink.” 3

Then the king said,

“And where is your master’s son?”

And Ziba said to the king,

“Indeed he is staying in Jerusalem, for he said,

‘Today the house of Israel will restore the kingdom of my father to me.’” 4

So the king [rashly] said to Ziba,

“Here, all that belongs to Mephibosheth is yours.”

And Ziba said,

“I humbly bow before you, that I may find favor in your sight, my lord, O king!”

### Shimei Curses David

5 ¶ Now when King David came to Bahurim [“village of young men”], there was a man from the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei [“renowned”]

the son of Gera [“a grain”], coming from there. He came out, cursing continuously as he came. 6 And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David. And all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. 7 Also Shimei said thus when he cursed: “Come out! Come out!

You bloodthirsty man, you rogue! 8 YHWH has brought upon you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and YHWH has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son. So now you are caught in your own evil, because you are a bloodthirsty man!” 9

Then Abishai the son of Zeruah said to the king,

“Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Please, let me go over and take off his head!” 10

But the king said,

“What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruah? So let him curse, because YHWH has said to him, ‘Curse David.’

Who then shall say,

‘Why have you done so?’” 11

And David said to Abishai and all his servants,

“See how my son who came from my own body seeks my life. How much more now may this Benjamite? Let him alone, and let him curse; for so

YHWH has ordered him. 12 It may be that YHWH will look on my affliction, and that YHWH will repay me with good for his cursing this day.” 13

And as David and his men went along the road, Shimei went along the hillside opposite him and cursed as he went, threw stones at him and kicked up dust. 14 Now the king and all the people who were with him became weary; so they refreshed themselves there.

### Ahithophel Advises Adultery

15 ¶ Meanwhile Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem; and Ahithophel was with him. 16 And so it was, when Hushai the Archite, David’s friend, came to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, “Long live the king!

Long live the king!” 17

So Absalom said to Hushai,

“Is this your loyalty to your friend? Why did you not go with your friend?” 18

And Hushai said to Absalom,

“No, but whom YHWH and this people and all the men of Israel choose, his I will be, and with him I will remain.

19 Furthermore, whom should I serve? Should I not serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father’s presence, so will I be in your presence.” 20

Then Absalom said to Ahithophel,

“Give counsel as to what we should do.”

21 And Ahithophel said to Absalom, “Go in to your father’s concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; and all Israel will hear that you are abhorred by your father. Then the hands of all who are with you will be strong.” 22

So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the top of the house, and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. <sup>23</sup> **Now** the advice of Ahithophel, which he gave **in those days**, was as if one had inquired at **the oracle of God**. So was all the advice of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

[Audio: Steve Gregg [2Sa 17-19](#)]

## 2 Samuel 17

### Hushai Contradicts Ahithophel

<sup>17:1</sup> ¶ Moreover Ahithophel said to Absalom, “**Now** let me choose twelve thousand [12,000] men, and I will arise and pursue David **tonight**. <sup>2</sup> I will come upon him **while** he is weary and weak, and make him afraid. And all the people who are with him will flee, and I will strike only the king. <sup>3</sup> **Then** I will bring back all the people to you. **When** all return except the man whom you seek, all the people will be at peace.” <sup>4</sup> And the saying pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel. <sup>5</sup> **Then** Absalom said, “**Now** call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear what he says too.” <sup>6</sup> And **when** Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom spoke to him, saying, “Ahithophel has spoken in this manner: ... Shall we do as he says? If not, speak up.” <sup>7</sup> So Hushai said to Absalom: “The advice that Ahithophel has given is not good **at this time**. <sup>8</sup> For,” said Hushai, “you know your father and his men, that they are mighty men, and they are

enraged in their minds, like a bear robbed of her cubs **in the field**; and your father is a man of war, and will not camp with the people. <sup>9</sup> Surely by **now** he is hidden in some **pit**, or in some **other place**. And it will be, **when** some of them are overthrown **at the first**, that whoever hears it will say,

“There is a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.” <sup>10</sup> And even he *who is* valiant, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will melt completely. For all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and those who are with him are valiant men. <sup>11</sup> Therefore I advise that all Israel be fully gathered **to you**, from **Dan** [north] to **Beersheba** [south], like the sand that is by the sea for multitude, and that **you** go to battle **in person** [appealing to Absalom's pride]. <sup>12</sup> So we will come upon him in some **place where** he may be found, and we will fall on him as the dew falls on the ground. And of him and all the men who are with him there shall not be left so much as one. <sup>13</sup> Moreover, if he has withdrawn into a city, **then** all Israel shall bring ropes to that city; and we will pull it into the river, **until there is not one small stone found there.** <sup>14</sup> So Absalom and all the men of Israel said, “The advice of Hushai the Archite is better than the advice of Ahithophel.” For **YHWH** had purposed to defeat the good advice of Ahithophel [David's prayer ~answered], to the intent that **YHWH** might bring disaster on Absalom.

# April 29

## Psalm 63

### O God, You Are My God

<sup>63:1</sup> ¶ <A Psalm of David when he was in the wilderness of Judah.> [cf. 2Sa 17:16] ↓

O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. <sup>2</sup> So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.

<sup>3</sup> ¶ Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You. <sup>4</sup> Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name. <sup>5</sup> My soul shall be satisfied

as with marrow and fatness, and My mouth shall praise You with joyful lips. <sup>6</sup> When I remember You on my bed, I meditate on You in the night watches.

<sup>7</sup> ¶ Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice. <sup>8</sup>

My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me. <sup>9</sup> But those who seek my life, to destroy it, Shall go into the lower parts of the land [i.e., six feet under] [earth]. <sup>10</sup>

They shall fall by the sword; They shall be a portion for foxes [jackals]. <sup>11</sup> But the king shall rejoice in God; Everyone who swears by Him shall glory; But the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

## 2 Samuel 17:15-26

### David is Informed of the Results

<sup>15</sup> ¶ **Then** Hushai said to Zadok and Abiathar the priests,

“Thus and so Ahithophel advised Absalom and the elders of Israel, and thus and so I have advised. <sup>16</sup> **Now** therefore, send **quickly** and tell David, saying,

“Do not spend **this night** in the plains of the wilderness, but **speedily** cross over [the Jordan: v22], lest the king and all the people who are with him be swallowed up.” <sup>17</sup>

**Now** Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed at **En Rogel**, for they dared not be seen coming into the city; so a female servant would come and tell them, and they would go and tell King David. <sup>18</sup>

Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom. But both of them went away **quickly** and came to a man's house in **Bahurim**, who had a well in his court; and they went down into it. <sup>19</sup> **Then** the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground grain on it; and the thing was not known. <sup>20</sup> And **when** Absalom's servants came to the woman at the house, they said,

“Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?” So the woman said to them, “They have gone over the water brook.” And **when** they had searched and could not find them, they returned to **Jerusalem**.

<sup>21</sup> **Now** it came to pass, **after** they had departed, that they came up out of the well and went and told King David, and said to David,

“Arise and cross over the water quickly.  
For thus has Ahithophel advised  
against you.”

### David Crosses Over the Jordan

22 ¶ So David and all the people who were with him arose and crossed over the Jordan. By morning light not one of them was left who had not gone over the Jordan. 23

Now when Ahithophel saw that his advice was not followed, he saddled a donkey, and arose and went home to his house, to his city. Then he put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died; and he was buried in his father's tomb. 24

Then David went to Mahanaim [“two camps”]. And Absalom crossed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. 25 And Absalom made Amasa captain of the army instead of Joab. This Amasa [David's nephew Amasa: 1Ch 2:16-17] was the son of a man whose name was Jithra [“abundance”], an Israelite, who had gone in to Abigail [“joy is my father”] the daughter of Nahash [“serpent”], sister of Zeruah [“balsom”], Joab's mother.

#### From 1Ch 2:16-17 @ 1Sa 26

Now [David's] sisters were Zeruah [“balsam”] [her sons: Abishai [“my father is a gift”] Joab [“father (is) YHWH”], and Asahel [“God-made”] ] Abigail [“joy is my father”] [her son, by Ishmaelite Jether: Amasa ]

[Commentaries: v25 is difficult to understand. “Nahash” could be another name for Jesse, father of David and his sisters, Zeruah and Abigail. If so, this Amasa is David's nephew, as indicated, and “Jether” is another spelling of “Jether”, who was in some sense both an Israelite (perhaps by converting) and an Ishmaelite (perhaps by where he grew up). Or “Nahash” could be the name of Jesse's wife/concubine who bore Abigail and perhaps also Zeruah. Confirmation: see 2Sa 19:13.]

26 So Israel and Absalom encamped in the land of Gilead.

### Psalm 3

#### How they have increased...

1 ¶ <A Psalm of David  
when he fled from Absalom his son>

YHWH,  
How they have increased who trouble me!  
Many are they who rise up against me. 2  
Many are they who say of me,  
“There is no help for him in God.”

Selah 3

But You, O YHWH, are a shield for me,  
My glory and the One  
who lifts up my head.

4 ¶  
I cried to YHWH with my voice,  
And He heard me from His holy hill.  
Selah 5

I lay down and slept;  
I awoke, for YHWH sustained me. 6  
I will not be afraid of ten thousands  
[10,000s] of people  
Who have set themselves  
against me all around. 7

Arise, O YHWH;  
Save me, O my God!  
For You have struck  
all my enemies on the cheekbone;  
You have broken the teeth of the ungodly. 8  
Salvation belongs to YHWH.  
Your blessing is upon Your people.  
Selah

### 2 Samuel 17:27-29

#### YHWH Provides Through His People

27 Now it happened, when David had come to Mahanaim, that

Shobi [“glorious”]  
the son of Nahash from Rabbah  
of the people of Ammon,

Machir [“sold”]  
the son of Ammiel  
[“God is my kinsman”]  
from Lo Debar

[“not a pasture”], and  
Barzillai [“my iron”]  
the Gileadite

from Rogelim  
[“place of fullers”], 28

brought

beds and basins,  
earthen vessels and wheat,  
barley and flour,  
parched grain and beans,  
lentils and parched seeds, 29  
honey and curds,

sheep and cheese of the herd,  
for David and the people who were  
with him to eat. For they said,  
“The people are hungry and weary  
and thirsty in the wilderness.”

### 2 Samuel 18

#### David's Troops Prevail Over Absalom's

18:1 ¶ And David numbered the people who were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. 2 Then David sent out one third [1/3] of the people under the hand of Joab,

one third [1/3]  
under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruah, Joab's brother, and one third [1/3]

under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said to the people, “I also will surely go out with you myself.” 3

But the people answered, “You shall not go out! For if we flee away, they will not care about us; nor if half of us die, will they care about us. But you are worth ten thousand [10,000] of us now. For you are now more help to us in the city.” 4

Then the king said to them, “Whatever seems best to you I will do.” So the king stood beside the gate, and all the people went out by hundreds [100s] and by thousands [1,000s]. 5 Now the king had commanded

Joab,  
Abishai, and  
Ittai,  
saying,  
“Deal gently for my sake  
with the young man Absalom.”

And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains orders concerning Absalom. 6 So the people went out into the field of battle against Israel. And

the battle was in the woods of Ephraim [back across the Jordan]. 7 The people of Israel were overthrown there before the servants of David, and a great slaughter of twenty thousand [20,000] took place there that day. 8 For the battle there was scattered over the face of the whole countryside, and the woods devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

### Joab Murders Absalom

9 ¶ Then Absalom met the servants of David. Absalom rode on a mule. The mule went under the thick boughs of a great terebinth [oak] tree, and his head caught in the terebinth; so he was left hanging between heaven and ground [earth]. And the mule that was under him went on. 10 Now a certain man saw it and told Joab, and said, "I just saw Absalom hanging in a terebinth tree!" 11 So Joab said to the man who told him, "You just saw him! And why did you not strike him there to the ground? I would have given you ten [10] shekels of silver<sup>7</sup> and a belt." 12 But the man said to Joab, "Though I were to receive a thousand [1,000] shekels of silver in my hand, I would not raise my hand against the king's son. For in our hearing the king commanded you and Abishai and Ittai, saying, 'Beware lest anyone touch the young man Absalom!'" 13

Otherwise I would have dealt falsely against my own life. For there is nothing hidden from the king, and you yourself would have set yourself against me." 14

Then Joab said,

"I cannot linger with you."

And he took three [3] spears in his hand and thrust them through Absalom's heart, while he was still alive in the midst of the terebinth tree. 15 And ten [10] young men who bore Joab's armor surrounded Absalom, and struck and killed him. 16 So Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing Israel. For Joab held back the people. 17 And they took Absalom and cast him into a large pit in the woods, and laid a very large heap of stones over him. Then all Israel fled, everyone to his tent. 18

Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and set up a pillar for himself, which is in the King's Valley. For he said, "I have no son to keep my name in remembrance." [cf. 14:27] He called the pillar after his own name. And to this day it is called Absalom's Monument.

### Ahimaaz and a Cushite Inform David

19 ¶ Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, "Let me run now and take the news to the king, how YHWH has avenged him of his enemies." 20 And Joab said to him, "You shall not take the news this day, for you shall take the news another day.

But today you shall take no news, because the king's son is dead." 21

Then Joab said to the Cushite,

[^ Ethiopian]

"Go, tell the king what you have seen."

So the Cushite bowed himself to Joab and ran. 22 And Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said again to Joab, "But whatever happens, please let me also run after the Cushite."

So Joab said,

"Why will you run, my son, since you have no news ready?" 23

"But whatever happens," he said,

"let me run."

So he said to him,

"Run."

Then Ahimaaz ran by way of the plain, and outran the Cushite. 24

Now David was sitting between the two gates [of Mahanaim: 17:24]. And the watchman went up to the roof over the gate, to the wall, lifted his eyes and looked, and there was a man, running alone. 25 Then the watchman cried out and told the king. And the king said,

"If he is alone, there is news in his mouth."

And he came rapidly and drew near. 26

Then the watchman saw another man running, and the watchman called to the gatekeeper and said,

"There is another man, running alone!"

And the king said,

"He also brings news." 27

So the watchman said,

"I think the running of the first is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok."

And the king said,

"He is a good man, and comes with good news." 28

And Ahimaaz called out and said to the king,

"All is well!"

Then he bowed down with his face to the ground [earth] before the king, and said, "Blessed be YHWH your God, who has delivered up the men who raised their hand against my lord the king!" 29

The king said,

"Is the young man Absalom safe?"

Ahimaaz answered,

"When Joab sent the king's servant and me your servant, I saw a great tumult, but I did not know what it was about."

30 And the king said,

"Turn aside and stand here."

So he turned aside and stood still. 31

Just then the Cushite came,

and the Cushite said,

"There is good news, my lord the king! For YHWH has avenged you this day of all those who rose against you." 32

And the king said to the Cushite,

"Is the young man Absalom safe?"

So the Cushite answered,

"May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise against you to do harm, be like that young man!" 33

Then the king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept. And as he went, he said thus:

"O my son Absalom —

my son,

my son Absalom —

if only I had died in your place!

O Absalom,

my son,

my son!"

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<sup>7</sup> A silver shekel may have been ~1/60<sup>th</sup> of a pound, so 16/60 x ~\$10.80 = \$2.88, so 10 shekels = ~\$28.80, in 2008 dollars.

## 2 Samuel 19

### David Mourns Absalom; Joab Objects

19:1 ¶ And Joab was told,  
“Behold, the king is weeping and mourning for Absalom.”<sup>2</sup>  
So the **victory that day** was turned into mourning for all the people. For the people heard it said **that day**,  
“The king is grieved for his son.”<sup>3</sup>  
And the people stole back into the city **that day**, as people who are ashamed steal away **when** they flee in battle.<sup>4</sup> But the king covered his face, and the king cried out with a loud voice,  
“O my son Absalom!  
O Absalom,  
my son,  
my son!”<sup>5</sup>  
**Then** Joab came into the house to the king, and said,  
“**Today** you have **disgraced** all your servants who **today** have **saved** your life,  
the lives of your sons and daughters,  
the lives of your wives and the lives of your concubines,<sup>6</sup>  
in that you **love** your enemies and **hate** your friends. For you have declared **today** that you regard neither princes nor servants; for **today** I perceive that if Absalom had **lived** and all of us had **died today**, then it would have pleased you well.<sup>7</sup> **Now** therefore, arise, go out and speak **comfort** to your servants. For I swear by **YHWH**, if you do not go out, not one will stay with you **this night**. And that will be worse for you than all the evil that has befallen you from your youth **until now**.”<sup>8</sup>  
**Then** the king arose and sat in the gate. And they told all the people, saying,

“There is the king, sitting in the gate.”  
So all the people came before the king. For everyone of Israel had fled to his tent.

### Israel Divided re Bringing David Back

9 ¶ **Now** all the people were in a dispute throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying,  
“The king saved us from the hand of our enemies, he delivered us from the hand of the **Philistines**, and **now** he has fled from the land because of Absalom.  
<sup>10</sup> But Absalom, whom we anointed over us, has **died** in battle. **Now** therefore, why do you say nothing about bringing back the king?”<sup>11</sup>  
So King David sent to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, saying,  
“Speak to the elders of Judah, saying,  
“Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house, since the words of all Israel have come to the king, to his *very* house?<sup>12</sup>  
You *are* my brethren.  
**You are my bone and my flesh.**  
Why then are you the last to bring back the king?”<sup>13</sup>  
And say to **Amasa**,  
“**Are you not my bone and my flesh?**  
**God** do so [*gesture*] to me, and more also, if you are not commander of the army before me **continually** in place of Joab.”<sup>14</sup>  
So he **swayed** the hearts of all the men of Judah, just as *the heart* of one man, so that they sent *this word* to the king:  
“Return, you and all your servants!”<sup>15</sup>  
**Then** the king returned and came to the Jordan. And Judah came to **Gilgal**,  
to go to meet the king,  
to escort the king across the Jordan.

### Shimei Asks Forgiveness of David

16 ¶ And Shimei the son of Gera, a Benjamite, who was from **Bahurim**, hastened and came down with the men of Judah to meet King David.<sup>17</sup> *There were* a thousand [*1,000*] men of Benjamin with him, and Ziba the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen [*15*] sons and his twenty [*20*] servants with him; and they went over the Jordan before the king.<sup>18</sup> **Then** a ferryboat went across to carry over the king’s household, and to do what he thought good. **Now** Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king **when** he had crossed the Jordan.<sup>19</sup> **Then** he said to the king,  
“Do not let my lord impute iniquity to me, or remember what **wrong** your servant did on **the day** that my lord the king left **Jerusalem**, that the king should take *it* to heart.<sup>20</sup> For I, your servant, know that I have **sinned**. Therefore **here** I am, the first to come **today** of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.”<sup>21</sup>  
But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said,  
“Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed **YHWH’s anointed?**”<sup>22</sup>  
And David said,  
“What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah, that you should be **adversaries** to me **today**? Shall any man be put to **death today** in Israel? For do I not know that **today** I am king over Israel?”<sup>23</sup>  
Therefore the king said to Shimei,  
“You shall not die.” [*But cf. 1Ki 2:8-9*]  
And the king swore to him.  
[*vv24-30 delayed for chronology*]

## April 30

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Sa 17-19]

### 2 Samuel 19:31-43

#### Barzillai Declines Jerusalem

[Advanced: it appears to be out of order.]  
31 ¶ And Barzillai [*“my iron”*] the **Gileadite** came down from **Rogelim** [*“place of fullers”*] and went across the Jordan with the king, to escort him across the Jordan.<sup>32</sup> **Now** Barzillai was a very aged man, eighty [*80*] years old [*~22 years older than David, who will live for 12 more years*]. And he had provided the king with supplies **while** he stayed at **Mahanaim** [*“two camps”*], for he was a very rich man.<sup>33</sup> And the king said to Barzillai,  
“Come across with me,  
and I will provide for you **while** you are with me in **Jerusalem**.”<sup>34</sup>  
But Barzillai said to the king,  
“**How long** have I to live, that I should go up with the king to **Jerusalem**?<sup>35</sup> I am **today** eighty [*80*] years old. Can I discern between the **good** and **bad**? Can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I hear any longer the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be a further burden to my lord the king?  
<sup>36</sup> Your servant will go a little way across the Jordan with the king. And why should the king repay me *with* such a reward?<sup>37</sup> Please let your servant turn back **again**, that I may **die** in my own city, near the grave of my father and mother. But here is your servant Chimham [*“their longing”*]; let him **cross over** with my lord the king, and do for him what seems **good** to you.”<sup>38</sup>

And the king answered,  
“Chimham shall cross over with me,  
and I will do for him what seems good  
to you. Now whatever you request of  
me, I will do for you.”<sup>39</sup>  
Then all the people went over the Jordan.  
And when the king had crossed over,  
the king kissed Barzillai and blessed  
him, and he returned to his own place.

### Dispute Between Israel and Judah

<sup>40</sup>¶ Now the king went on to Gilgal, and  
Chimham went on with him. And all  
the people of Judah escorted the king,  
and also half the people of Israel.<sup>41</sup>  
Just then all the men of Israel came to  
the king, and said to the king,  
“Why have our brethren, the men of  
Judah, stolen you away and brought  
the king, his household, and all David’s  
men with him across the Jordan?”<sup>42</sup>  
So all the men of Judah answered the  
men of Israel,  
“Because the king is a close relative of  
ours. Why then are you angry over  
this matter? Have we ever eaten at the  
king’s expense? Or has he given us  
any gift?”<sup>43</sup>  
And the men of Israel answered the men  
of Judah, and said,  
“We have ten [10] shares in the king  
[due to 10 tribes versus 2 tribes];  
therefore we also have more right to  
David than you. Why then do you  
despise us — were we not the first to  
advise bringing back our king?”  
Yet the words of the men of Judah were  
fiercer than the words of the men of  
Israel. [NIV: “But the men of Judah  
responded even more harshly than the  
men of Israel.”]

## 2 Samuel 19:24-30

### Mephibosheth Sets Things Straight

[Delayed: it appears to be out of order.]

<sup>24</sup>¶ Now Mephibosheth the son of Saul  
came down to meet the king. And he  
had not cared for his feet, nor trimmed  
his mustache, nor washed his clothes,  
from the day the king departed until the  
day he returned in peace.<sup>25</sup> So it was,  
when he had come to Jerusalem [apparently  
after crossing the Jordan: v31] to  
meet the king, that the king said to him,  
“Why did you not go with me,  
Mephibosheth?”<sup>26</sup>  
And he answered, [↓ v29]  
“My lord, O king, my servant [Ziba]  
deceived me. For your servant said,  
‘I will saddle a donkey for myself,  
that I may ride on it and go to the  
king’,  
because your servant is lame.<sup>27</sup> And  
he has slandered your servant to my  
lord the king, but my lord the king is  
like the Angel of God. Therefore do  
what is good in your eyes.<sup>28</sup> For all  
my father’s house were but dead men  
before my lord the king. Yet you set  
your servant among those who eat at  
your own table. Therefore what right  
have I still to cry out anymore to the  
king?”<sup>29</sup>

So the king said to him,  
“Why do you speak anymore of your  
matters? I have said,  
‘You and Ziba divide the land.’”<sup>30</sup>  
Then Mephibosheth said to the king,  
“Rather, let him take it all, inasmuch  
as my lord the king has come back in  
peace to his own house.”

[Audio: Steve Gregg 2Sa 20-22]

## 2 Samuel 20:1-2

### Some Israelite Rebels Desert David

<sup>20:1</sup>¶ And there happened to be there a  
rebel, whose name was Sheba [“seven”]  
the son of Bichri [“youthful”], a Ben-  
jamite. And he blew a trumpet, and said:  
“We have no share in David,  
Nor do we have inheritance  
in the son of Jesse;  
Every man to his tents, O Israel!”<sup>2</sup>  
So every man of Israel deserted David,  
and followed Sheba the son of Bichri.  
But the men of Judah, from the Jordan  
as far as Jerusalem, remained loyal to  
their king.

## Psalms 7

### O YHWH My God, in You I Put My Trust

<sup>7:1</sup>¶ ◀ A Meditation of David,  
which he sang to YHWH concerning  
the words of Cush, a Benjamite. ▶<sup>8</sup>

O YHWH my God, in You I put my trust;  
Save me from all those who persecute me;  
And deliver me,<sup>2</sup>  
Lest they tear me like a lion,  
Rending me in pieces,  
while there is none to deliver.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>55</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>8</sup>  
Psalm 7 “concern[s] the words of Cush”.  
Who is Cush? Commentators do not know.  
One suggestion is Shemei (16:5ff), being  
called “Cush” [“black”] referring to his  
character. That is pure speculation. On the  
same grounds, Saul has been suggested,  
and perhaps Sheba [2Sa 20:1,6] would  
likewise qualify (so I have placed the psalm  
here for lack of anything definitive).  
Cush may well just be someone not men-  
tioned elsewhere in Scripture; if so, then  
we do not know when it was penned.

O YHWH my God, if I have done this:  
If there is iniquity in my hands,<sup>4</sup>  
If I have repaid evil to him  
who was at peace with me,  
Or have plundered my enemy  
without cause,<sup>5</sup>  
Let the enemy pursue me and overtake me;  
Yes, let him trample my life to the ground  
[earth],  
And lay my honor in the dust.  
Selah<sup>6</sup>  
Arise, O YHWH, in Your anger;  
Lift Yourself up  
because of the rage of my enemies;  
Rise up for me to  
the judgment You have commanded!<sup>7</sup>  
So the congregation of the peoples  
shall surround You;  
For their sakes, therefore, return on high.<sup>8</sup>  
YHWH shall judge the peoples;  
Judge me, O YHWH,  
according to my righteousness,  
And according to my integrity within me.<sup>9</sup>  
Oh, let the wickedness of the wicked  
come to an end,  
But establish the just;  
For the righteous  
God tests the hearts and minds.  
<sup>10</sup>¶  
My defense is of God,  
Who saves the upright in heart.<sup>11</sup>  
God is a just judge,  
And God is angry  
with the wicked every day.<sup>12</sup>  
If he does not turn back,  
He will sharpen His sword;  
He bends His bow and makes it ready.<sup>13</sup>  
He also prepares for Himself  
instruments of death;  
He makes His arrows into fiery shafts.<sup>14</sup>

Behold, *the wicked* brings forth iniquity;  
Yes, he conceives trouble and  
brings forth falsehood. 15  
He made a pit and dug it out,  
And has fallen into the ditch *that* he made. 16  
His trouble shall return upon his own head,  
And his violent dealing shall  
come down on his own crown.  
17  
I will praise YHWH  
according to His righteousness,  
And will sing praise to  
the name of YHWH Most High.

## 2 Samuel 20:3-26

### David Secludes His Ten Concubines

3 Now David came to his house at  
Jerusalem. And the king took the ten  
[10] women, his concubines whom he  
had left to keep the house, and put  
them in seclusion and supported them,  
but did not go in to them. So they  
were shut up to the day of their death,  
living in widowhood.

### Joab Murders Amasa

4 And the king said to Amasa [*“burden”*;  
son of Abigail, David’s sister, by  
Jithra (Jether), an Ishmaelite: 17:25b],  
“Assemble the men of Judah  
for me within three [3] days,  
and be present here yourself.” 5  
So Amasa went to assemble the men of  
Judah. But he delayed longer than the  
set time that David had appointed him.  
6 And David [had] said to Abishai  
[*“a gift is my father”*],  
“Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do  
us more harm than Absalom. Take  
your lord’s servants and pursue him,  
lest he find for himself fortified cities,  
and escape us.” 7

So Joab’s men, with  
the Cherethites [*“executioners”*],  
the Pelethites [*“couriers”*], and  
all the mighty men,  
went out after him. And they went out  
of Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of  
Bichri. 8 When they were at the large  
stone that is in Gibeon, Amasa came  
before them. Now Joab was dressed  
in battle armor; on it was a belt with a  
sword fastened in its sheath at his hips;  
and as he was going forward, it fell out.  
9 Then Joab said to [his cousin] Amasa,  
“Are you in health, my brother?”  
And Joab took Amasa by the beard with  
his right hand to kiss him. 10 But Amasa  
did not notice the sword that was in  
Joab’s [left] hand. And he struck him  
with it in the stomach, and his entrails  
poured out on the ground; and he did  
not strike him again. In this way [Thus]  
he died. Then Joab and Abishai his  
brother pursued Sheba the son of Bichri.  
11 Meanwhile one of Joab’s men stood  
near Amasa, and said,  
“Whoever favors Joab and  
whoever is for David —  
follow Joab!” 12  
But Amasa wallowed in his blood in  
the middle of the highway. And when  
the man saw that all the people stood  
still, he moved Amasa from the high-  
way to the field and threw a garment  
over him, when he saw that everyone  
who came upon him halted. 13 When  
he was removed from the highway, all  
the people went on after Joab to pursue  
Sheba the son of Bichri.

### Joab Pursues Sheba

14 And he went through all the tribes  
of Israel to Abel [*“God, father”*] and  
Beth Maachah [*“house of pressure”*]  
and all the Berites [*“my well: of the  
well”*]. So they were gathered together  
and also went after Sheba. 15 Then  
they came and besieged him in Abel  
of Beth Maachah; and they cast up a  
siege mound against the city, and it  
stood by the rampart. And all the  
people who were with Joab battered  
the wall to throw it down. 16 Then a  
wise woman cried out from the city,  
“Hear, Hear!  
Please say to Joab,  
“Come nearby,  
that I may speak with you.”” 17  
When he had come near to her, the  
woman said,  
“Are you Joab?”  
He answered,  
“I am.”  
Then she said to him,  
“Hear the words of your maidservant.”  
And he answered,  
“I am listening.” 18  
So she spoke, saying,  
“They used to talk in former times,  
saying,  
“They shall surely  
seek guidance at Abel”,  
and so they would end disputes. 19 I  
am among the peaceable and faithful  
in Israel. You seek to destroy a city  
and a mother in Israel. Why would  
you swallow up the inheritance of  
YHWH?” 20  
And Joab answered and said,

“Far be it, far be it from me, that I  
should swallow up or destroy! 21  
That is not so. But a man from the  
mountains of Ephraim,  
Sheba the son of Bichri by name,  
has raised his hand against the king,  
against David. Deliver him only, and  
I will depart from the city.”  
So the woman said to Joab,  
“Watch, his head will be thrown to you  
over the wall.” 22  
Then the woman in her wisdom went  
to all the people. And they cut off the  
head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and  
threw it out to Joab. Then he blew a  
trumpet, and they withdrew from the  
city, every man to his tent. So Joab  
returned to the king at Jerusalem.

### David’s New Staff

23 And  
Joab [*“(my) father is YHWH”*]  
was over all the army of Israel;  
Benaiah [*“YHWH has built (up)”*] the  
son of Jehoiada [*“YHWH knows”*]  
was over  
the Cherethites [*“executioners”*] and  
the Pelethites [*“couriers”*]; 24  
Adoram [*“exalted is my lord”*]  
was in charge of revenue;  
Jehoshaphat [*“YHWH has judged”*] the  
son of Ahilud [*“child’s brother”*]  
was recorder; 25  
Sheva [*“YHWH contends”*]  
was scribe;  
Zadok [*“righteous”*] and  
Abiathar [*“great is my father”*]  
were the priests; 26 and  
Ira [*“watchful of a city”*] the Jairite  
was a chief minister under David.

[Appendix of unknown chronology  
(likely simultaneous with [2Sa :8-11](#)):]

## 2 Samuel 21

### Vengeance for the Gibeonites on Saul

21:1 ¶ **Now** there was a famine  
in the days of David  
for three [3] years,  
year after year;

and David inquired of **YHWH**.

And **YHWH** answered,

“It is because of Saul and his blood-  
thirsty house, because he killed the  
[Gibeonites](#).” 2

So the king called the [Gibeonites](#) and  
spoke to them. **Now** the [Gibeonites](#)  
were not of the children of Israel, but  
of the remnant of the Amorites; the  
children of Israel had sworn protection  
to them [[Jos 9](#)], but Saul had sought to  
kill them in his zeal for the children of  
Israel and Judah [[ref?](#)]. 3 Therefore  
David said to the [Gibeonites](#),

“What shall I do for you? And with what  
shall I make atonement, that you may  
**bles**s the inheritance of **YHWH**?” 4

And the [Gibeonites](#) said to him,

“We will have no silver or gold from  
Saul or from his house, nor shall you  
kill any man in [Israel](#) for us.”

So he said,

“Whatever you say, I will do for you.” 5

**Then** they answered the king,

“As for the man who consumed us and  
plotted against us, that we should be  
destroyed from remaining in any of the  
territories of [Israel](#), 6 let seven [7] men  
of his descendants be delivered to us,  
and we will hang them before **YHWH** in  
[Gibeah](#) of Saul, whom **YHWH** chose.”

And the king said,

“I will give them.” 7

But the king spared Mephibosheth  
the son of Jonathan,

the son of Saul,

because of **YHWH**'s oath that was  
between them, between David and  
Jonathan the son of Saul. 8 So the  
king took

[1] Armoni [“one of the palace”] and  
[2] Mephibosheth

[“exterminating the idol”],  
the two sons of Rizpah [“pavement”]  
the daughter of Aiah [“falcon”],

whom she bore to Saul; and

[3-7 unnamed]

the five [5] sons of Merab

[“increase”] [BBE, ESV, RSV,  
HCSB, Msg; (N)KJV, LXX, YLT:  
**Michal** but she was married to  
Palti(el) not Adriel, the husband  
of Merab: [1Sa 18:19](#) — a man-  
uscript corruption here?]  
the daughter of Saul,

whom she bore [brought up]

[same word as 6 lines above]

to [for] Adriel [“flock of **God**”]

the son of Barzillai

[“my iron”; not “the Gileadite  
from Rogelim” in [19:31-39](#)]

the Meholahite

[Mehola: “of dancing”]; 9

and he delivered them into the hands  
of the [Gibeonites](#), and they hanged  
them on the hill before **YHWH**.

So they fell, all seven [7] together,

and were put to death

in the days of harvest,

in the first days, [~April-May]

in the beginning of barley harvest.

10 ¶ **Now** Rizpah the daughter of Aiah  
took sackcloth and spread it for herself  
on the rock,

from the beginning of harvest  
until the late rains

poured on them from heaven.

And she did not allow

the birds of the air to rest on them by day  
nor the beasts of the field by night. 11

And David was told what Rizpah the  
daughter of Aiah, the concubine of  
Saul, had done. 12

**Then** David went and took

the bones of Saul, and

the bones of Jonathan his son,

from the men of [Jabesh Gilead](#)  
who had stolen them from the street of  
[Beth Shan](#) [“house of ease”], where  
the [Philistines](#) had hung them up, after  
the [Philistines](#) had struck down Saul  
in [Gilboa](#) [“swollen heap”]. 13

So he brought up

the bones of Saul and

the bones of Jonathan his son

from there; and they gathered

the bones of those

who had been hanged. 14

They buried

the bones of Saul and

Jonathan his son

in the country of Benjamin

in [Zelah](#) [“a rib”],

in the tomb of Kish [“bent”]

his [Saul's] father.

So they performed all that the king  
commanded. And after that **God**  
heeded the prayer for the land  
[for relief from the famine: [v1](#)].

# May 1

[Appendix of unknown chronology:]

[Audio: Steve Gregg [2Sa 20-22](#)]

## 2 Samuel 21:15-17

### Abishai Kills One of Goliath's Sons

15 ¶ When the [Philistines](#) were at war  
again with [Israel](#), David and his serv-  
ants with him went down and fought  
against the [Philistines](#); and David grew  
faint [too old for war?]. 16 **Then**  
[Ishbi-Benob](#) [“his dwelling is in Nob”],  
who was one of the sons [descendants]  
of the giant [presumably Goliath: [v22](#)],  
the weight of whose bronze spear was  
three hundred [300] shekels<sup>9</sup>, who was  
bearing a new sword, thought he could  
kill David. 17

But Abishai the son of Zeruiah

came to his aid, and  
struck the Philistine and  
killed him.

**Then** the men of David swore to him,  
saying,

“You shall go out no more with us to  
battle, lest you quench the lamp of  
[Israel](#).”

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<sup>9</sup> A shekel may have been ~1/60<sup>th</sup> of a  
pound, so 300/60 = 5 pounds.

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## 2 Samuel 21:18-22 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

18 Now it happened afterward that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob ["cistern"]. Then Sibbechai ["weaver"] the Hushathite ["inhabitant of Hushah"] killed Saph ["tall"], who was one of the sons of the giant [again, presumably Goliath].

19 Again there was war at Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan ["gracious has been God"] the son of Jaare-Oregim ["forests of weaver"] the Bethlehemite killed the brother of Goliath ["splendor"] the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 20 Yet again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six [6] fingers on each hand and six [6] toes on each foot, twenty-four [24] in number; and he also was born to the giant. 21 So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's [third oldest] brother, killed him. 22 These four were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

## 1 Chronicles 20:4-8

Sibbechai Kills Another Son, Elhanan Kills a Brother, and Jonathan Kills, Yet Another Son, of Goliath

4 ¶ Now it happened afterward that war broke out at Gezer with the Philistines, at which time Sibbechai ["weaver"] the Hushathite ["inhabitant of Hushah"] killed Sippai ["threshold"], who was one of the sons of the giant [again, presumably Goliath]. And they were subdued. 5 Again there was war with the Philistines, and Elhanan ["gracious has been God"] the son of Jair ["forested"] killed Lahmi ["my bread"] the brother of Goliath ["splendor"] the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 6 Yet again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, with twenty-four [24] fingers and toes, six [6] on each hand and six [6] on each foot; and he also was born to the giant. 7 So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David's [third oldest] brother, killed him. 8 These were born to the giant in Gath, and they fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.

Summary: David killed Goliath and David's men killed his brother and three other giants, five giants in all. David had gone up against Goliath initially with five stones: [1Sa 17](#). Perhaps he, at ~18 years old, anticipated that he might have to kill them all then? Perhaps, Goliath and these four were all descendants of Anak? (Anak: [Nu 13:33](#), [De 9:2](#); or a descendant giant in Gath?)

[Appendix of unknown chronology:]

[This column is parallel to the next:]

## 2 Samuel 22 || David's Triumphal Psalm

22:1 ¶ Then

David spoke to YHWH the words of this song, on the day when YHWH had delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.

2 ¶ And he said:

“

YHWH is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer; 3 The God of my Strength, in whom I will trust; my Shield and the horn of my Salvation, my Stronghold and my Refuge; my Savior,

You save me from violence. 4

I will call upon YHWH,

Who is worthy to be praised;

So shall I be saved from my enemies. 5

When the waves of death surrounded me,

The floods of ungodliness made me afraid. 6

The sorrows of Sheol [the grave, the pit, the place of the dead] surrounded me;

The snares of death confronted me. 7

In my distress I called upon YHWH,

And cried out to my God;

He heard my voice from His temple, and

My cry entered His ears. 8

[Perhaps about the time of 2Sa 7?]

[Here & there "all his enemies".]

## Psalm 18 I Will Love You, O YHWH

18:1 ¶ <To the Chief Musician.

A Psalm of David the servant of YHWH, who spoke to YHWH

the words of this song, on the day that YHWH delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul.

And he said: ➤

I will love You, O YHWH, my Strength. 2

YHWH is my Rock and my Fortress and my Deliverer;

my God, my Strength, in whom I will trust; my Shield and the horn of my Salvation, my Stronghold. 3

I will call upon YHWH,

Who is worthy to be praised;

So shall I be saved from my enemies. 4

The pangs of death surrounded me, and

The floods of ungodliness made me afraid. 5

The sorrows of Sheol [the grave, the pit, the place of the dead] surrounded me;

The snares of death confronted me. 6

In my distress I called upon YHWH,

And cried out to my God;

He heard my voice from His temple, and

My cry came before Him, even to His ears. 7

[This column is parallel to the next:]

Then the land [earth] shook and trembled;  
The foundations of heaven \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ quaked and were shaken,

Because He was angry. 9

Smoke went up from His nostrils, and

Devouring fire from His mouth;

Coals were kindled by it. 10

He stretched out [bowed] [NLT: opened]  
\_\_\_\_\_ the heavens also, and came down

With darkness under His feet. 11 \_\_\_\_\_

He rode upon a cherub, and flew; and

He was seen upon the wings of the wind. 12

He made darkness

\_\_\_\_\_ canopies around Him \_\_\_\_\_,

dark waters [droplets, vapor],

thick clouds of the skies. 13

From the brightness before Him

Coals of fire were kindled. 14

YHWH thundered from heaven, and

The Most High uttered His voice. 15

He sent out \_\_\_\_\_ arrows and scattered them;

Lightning bolts \_\_\_\_\_, and

\_\_\_\_\_ He vanquished them. 16

Then the channels of the sea were seen,

The foundations of the world were uncovered,

At the \_\_\_\_\_ rebuke of YHWH,

At the blast of the breath of His nostrils. 17

He sent from above,

He took me,

He drew me out of many waters. 18

He delivered me from my strong enemy,

From those who hated me;

For they were too strong for me. 19

They confronted me

\_\_\_\_\_ in the day of my calamity,

But YHWH was my support; 20 also

He \_\_\_\_\_ brought me out into a broad place;

He delivered me because

He delighted in me. 21

Then the land [earth] shook and trembled;  
The foundations of the hills also

\_\_\_\_\_ quaked and were shaken,

Because He was angry. 8

Smoke went up from His nostrils, and

Devouring fire from His mouth;

Coals were kindled by it. 9

He stretched out [bowed] [NLT: opened]  
\_\_\_\_\_ the heavens also, and came down

With darkness under His feet. 10 And

He rode upon a cherub, and flew; \_\_\_\_\_

He flew upon the wings of the wind. 11

He made darkness

\_\_\_\_\_ His secret place;

His canopy around Him was

dark waters [droplets, vapor],

thick clouds of the skies. 12

From the brightness before Him,

His thick clouds passed with

\_\_\_\_\_ hailstones and

\_\_\_\_\_ coals of fire. 13

YHWH thundered from heaven, and

The Most High uttered His voice,

\_\_\_\_\_ Hailstones and

\_\_\_\_\_ coals of fire. 14

He sent out His arrows and scattered the foe,

Lightnings in abundance, and

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From those who hated me,

For they were too strong for me. 18

They confronted me

\_\_\_\_\_ in the day of my calamity,

But YHWH was my support. 19 \_\_\_\_\_

He also brought me out into a broad place;

He delivered me because

He delighted in me.

[This column is parallel to the next:]

YHWH rewarded me

According to my righteousness;

According to the cleanness of my hands

He has recompensed me. 22

For I have kept the ways of YHWH,

And have not wickedly departed

\_\_\_\_\_ from my God. 23

For all His judgments were before me;

And as for \_\_\_\_\_ His statutes,

\_\_\_\_\_ I did not depart from them. 24

I was also blameless before Him, and

I kept myself from my iniquity. 25

Therefore YHWH has recompensed me

According to my righteousness,

According to my cleanness

\_\_\_\_\_ in His eyes. 26

With the merciful

You will show Yourself merciful;

With a blameless man

You will show Yourself blameless; 27

With the pure

You will show Yourself pure; and

With the devious

You will show Yourself shrewd. 28

\_\_\_\_\_ You will save the humble people; but

Your eyes are on the haughty, that

You may bring them down. 29

For You are \_\_\_\_\_ my lamp, O YHWH;

YHWH \_\_\_\_\_ shall enlighten my darkness.

30

For by You I can run against a troop;

By my God I can leap over a wall. 31

As for God, His way is perfect;

The word of YHWH is proven;

He is a Shield to all who trust in Him. 32

For who is God, except YHWH?

And who is a Rock, except our God? 33

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According to my righteousness;

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For I have kept the ways of YHWH,

And have not wickedly departed

\_\_\_\_\_ from my God. 22

For all His judgments were before me,

And I did not put away His statutes

\_\_\_\_\_ from me. 23

I was also blameless before Him, and

I kept myself from my iniquity. 24

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You will show Yourself pure; and

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You will show Yourself shrewd. 27

For

You will save the humble people, but

You will bring down haughty looks. 28

For You will light my lamp \_\_\_\_\_;

YHWH my God will enlighten my darkness.

29 ¶

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By my God I can leap over a wall. 30

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He is a Shield to all who trust in Him. 31

For who is God, except YHWH?

And who is a Rock, except our God? 32

[This column is parallel to the next:]

God is my Strength and my Power, and He makes my way perfect. 34 He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places. 35 He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. 36

You have also given me the shield of Your salvation;

Your gentleness has made me great. 37 You enlarged my path under me; so my feet did not slip. 38

I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them;

Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed, 39 and

I have destroyed them and wounded them,

So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet. 40

For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose against me. 41

You have also given me the necks of my enemies,

So that I destroyed those who hated me. 42 They looked, but there was none to save;

Even to YHWH, but He did not answer them. 43

Then I beat them as fine as the dust of the ground [earth];

I trod them like dirt in the streets, and I spread them out. 44

God is He<sup>10</sup> who arms me with strength, And makes my way perfect. 33 He makes my feet like the feet of deer, And sets me on my high places. 34 He teaches my hands to make war, So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. 35

You have also given me the shield of Your salvation;

Your right hand has held me up, Your gentleness has made me great. 36 You enlarged my path under me, so my feet did not slip. 37

I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them;

Neither did I turn back again till they were destroyed. 38

I have wounded them,

So that they could not rise; They have fallen under my feet. 39

For You have armed me with strength for the battle; You have subdued under me those who rose up against me. 40

You have also given me the necks of my enemies,

So that I destroyed those who hated me. 42 They cried out, but there was none to save;

Even to YHWH, but He did not answer them. 43

Then I beat them as fine as the dust before the wind;

I cast them out like dirt in the streets. 43

[This column is parallel to the next:]

You have also delivered me from the strivings of my people; You have kept me as the head of the nations.

A people I have not known shall serve me.45 The foreigners submit to me; As soon as they hear they obey me. 46 The foreigners fade away, and Come frightened from their hideouts. 47

YHWH lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let God be exalted, The Rock of my salvation! 48

It is God who avenges me, and Subdues the peoples under me; 49 He delivers me from my enemies.

You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent man. 50

[Quoted by Paul: Ro 15:9] Therefore I will give thanks to You, O YHWH, among the Gentiles, and Sing praises to Your name. 51

He is the tower of salvation to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed, To David and his descendants forevermore.

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You have delivered me from the strivings of the people; You have made me the head of the nations.

A people I have not known shall serve me.44 As soon as they hear of me they obey me; The foreigners submit to me. 45 The foreigners fade away, and Come frightened from their hideouts. 46

YHWH lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted.47

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You also lift me up above those who rise against me; You have delivered me from the violent man. 49

[Quoted by Paul: Ro 15:9] Therefore I will give thanks to You, O YHWH, among the Gentiles, and Sing praises to Your name. 50

Great deliverance He gives to His king, And shows mercy to His anointed, To David and his descendants forevermore.

[23:1-7 moved to follow 1Ki 2:9]

[23:8-39 moved to precede 2Sa 3:6]

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<sup>10</sup> NKJ: “It is God”

# May 2

[Audio: Steve Gregg [2Sa 23-24](#)]

## 2 Samuel 24 ||

[This column is parallel to the next:]

[Apparently, in His anger, YHWH allowed Satan to move David, hence, it was YHWH who moved him:]

24:1 ¶ **Again** the anger of YHWH was aroused against Israel, and **He moved** David against them to say, “Go, number Israel and Judah.”<sup>2</sup> So the king said to Joab the commander of the army who was with him,

“**Now** go throughout all the tribes of Israel, from Dan [north] to Beersheba [south], and count the people, that I may know the number of the people.”<sup>3</sup>

And Joab said to the king,

“**Now** may YHWH your God add to the people a hundred [100] times more than there are, and may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But

why \_\_\_\_\_ does my lord the king desire this thing?”<sup>4</sup>

Nevertheless the king’s word prevailed against Joab and against the captains of the army.

Therefore Joab and the captains of the army went out from the presence of the king to count the people of Israel.

[Compare [1 Chronicles 27:23-24](#).] [The story is rather different there.]

## 1 Chronicles 21

David Numbers Israel and Judah

[← See also [2Sa 2:18](#) || [1Ch 21:18](#)]

[This is the first reference<sup>11</sup> to Satan since Job, chronologically.]

21:1 ¶ **Now Satan stood up** against Israel, and **he moved** David to number Israel. <sup>2</sup> So David said to Joab

and to the leaders of the people,

“Go, number Israel from Beersheba [south] to Dan [north], and bring the number of them to me that I may know it \_\_\_\_\_.”<sup>3</sup>

And Joab answered \_\_\_\_\_,

“\_\_\_\_\_ May YHWH \_\_\_\_\_ make His people a hundred [100] times more than they are.

But, my lord the king, are they not all my lord’s servants? Why then does my lord \_\_\_\_\_ require this thing? Why should he be a cause of guilt in Israel?”<sup>4</sup>

Nevertheless the king’s word prevailed against Joab.

Therefore Joab

departed

55 \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>11</sup> It is also the first reference in canonical order. There are 11 references in Job 1 and 2, then one in Ps 109:6, two in Zec 3, and finally, 34 in the New Testament.

[This column is parallel to the next:]

5 And they crossed over the Jordan and camped in Aroer, on the right side of the town that is in the midst of the ravine of Gad, and toward Jazer [“helped”].<sup>6</sup> Then they came to Gilead and to the land of Tahtim Hodshi [“lowest-moon”]; they came to Dan Jaan [“purposeful judgment”] and around Sidon [“hunting”];<sup>7</sup> and they came to the stronghold of Tyre [“a rock”] and to all the cities of the Hivites and the Canaanites.

Then they went out to South Judah as far as Beersheba [“well of the sevenfold oath”].<sup>8</sup>

So when they had gone through \_\_\_\_\_ all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days [9mo 20da].

<sup>9</sup> Then Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to the king. And there were in Israel eight hundred thousand [800,000] valiant men who drew the sword, and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand [500,000] men.

[cf. [2Sa 6:1](#) for 30,000 more? ↗]

[Total of 1,300,000.] [This suggests a population about double that that entered the Promised Land, when there were 601,730 men: [Nu 26:51](#).]

[Why the numerical discrepancies?]

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and went throughout all Israel and came to Jerusalem.

<sup>5</sup> Then Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to David. All Israel had one million one hundred thousand [1,100,000] \_\_\_\_\_ men who drew the sword, and Judah had four hundred and seventy thousand [470,000] men who drew the sword.<sup>6</sup> But he did not count Levi and Benjamin among them, for the king’s word was abominable to Joab.

[Total of 1,570,000 or 1,100,000?] [This suggests a population more than double that that entered the Promised Land, when there were 601,730 men: [Nu 26:51](#).]

[Were there two separate countings?]

[This column is parallel to the next:]

10 ¶ And David's heart condemned him after he had numbered the people.

So David said to YHWH, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done \_\_\_\_; but now, I pray, O YHWH, take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly." 11

Now when David arose in the morning, the word of YHWH came to the prophet Gad ["good fortune"; first mention], David's seer, saying, 12

"Go and tell David \_\_\_\_,"  
'Thus says YHWH:  
'I offer you three things;  
choose one of them for yourself,  
that I may do it to you.'"  
13

So Gad came to David and told him; and he said to him,

"Shall  
[A] seven [7] years of famine  
come to you in your land?  
Or shall you flee  
[B] three [3] months  
before  
\_\_\_\_ your enemies,  
while they pursue you?  
Or shall there be  
[C] three [3] days  
\_\_\_\_ plague in your land?"

Now consider and see what answer I should take back to Him who sent me."

### 1 Chronicles 21 David's Heart Condemns Him

7 ¶ And God was displeased with this thing; therefore He struck Israel. 8  
So David said to God,  
"I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing; but now, I pray, \_\_\_\_ take away the iniquity of Your servant, for I have done very foolishly." 9

And YHWH spoke to \_\_\_\_  
Gad ["good fortune"; first mention],  
David's seer, saying, 10

"Go and tell David, saying,  
'Thus says YHWH:  
'I offer you three things;  
choose one of them for yourself,  
that I may do it to you.'"  
11

So Gad came to David \_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_ said to him,

"Thus says YHWH:  
'Choose for yourself, 12 either  
[A] three [3] years of famine,  
[Why the numerical discrepancy?]  
or  
[B] three [3] months  
to be defeated by your foes  
with the sword of your enemies  
overtaking \_\_\_\_ you,  
or else for  
[C] three [3] days  
the sword of YHWH —  
the plague in the \_\_\_\_ land,  
with the angel of YHWH  
destroying throughout  
all the territory of Israel.'

Now consider \_\_\_\_ what answer I should take back to Him who sent me."

[This column is parallel to the next:]

14 And David said to Gad,  
"I am in great distress. Please let us fall into the hand of YHWH, for His mercies are \_\_\_\_ great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man." 15  
So YHWH sent a plague upon Israel from the morning till the appointed time. From Dan [north] to Beersheba [south] seventy thousand [70,000] men of the people died. 16

And when the angel stretched out his hand over Jerusalem to destroy it, YHWH relented from the destruction<sup>12</sup>, and said to the angel who was destroying the people,

"It is enough; now restrain your hand."  
And the angel of YHWH was \_\_\_\_  
by the threshing floor of  
Araunah ["make ye to shine"] \_\_\_\_  
the Jebusite [descendant of Jebus]. 17  
Then David spoke to YHWH when he saw the angel

who was striking  
\_\_\_\_  
the people,

and \_\_\_\_ said \_\_\_\_,  
"Surely

I have sinned, and I have done wickedly \_\_\_\_; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, \_\_\_\_ be against me and against my father's house."

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<sup>12</sup> Translator difference: both, "the evil".

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13 And David said to Gad,  
"I am in great distress. Please let me fall into the hand of YHWH, for His mercies are very great; but do not let me fall into the hand of man." 14  
So YHWH sent a plague upon Israel, and

\_\_\_\_ seventy thousand [70,000]  
men of Israel \_\_\_\_ fell. 15  
And God sent an angel

to \_\_\_\_ Jerusalem to destroy it. As he was destroying, YHWH looked and relented of the disaster<sup>12</sup> \_\_\_\_ , and said to the angel who was destroying

\_\_\_\_,  
"It is enough; now restrain your hand."  
And the angel of YHWH stood  
by the threshing floor of  
Ornan ["light was perpetuated"]  
the Jebusite ["descendant of Jebus"]. 16  
Then David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of YHWH standing

between land [earth] and heaven, having in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem.  
So David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell on their faces. 17

And David said to God,  
"Was it not I who commanded the people to be numbered? I am the one who has sinned and \_\_\_\_ done evil indeed; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, O YHWH my God, be against me and \_\_\_\_ my father's house, but not against Your people that they should be plagued."

[This column is parallel to the next:]

18 ¶ And Gad came **that day** to David and said to him,

“Go up, erect an altar to **YHWH** on the threshing floor of **Araunah** the **Jebusite**.” 19

So David, according to the word of Gad, went up **as YHWH commanded**. 20

**Now Araunah**

looked, and saw **the king and his servants coming toward him**. So **Araunah** went out \_\_\_\_\_ and bowed before **the king** with his face to the ground. 21 **Then Araunah said**, “Why has my lord the king come to his servant?”

And David said \_\_\_\_\_,

“\_\_\_\_\_ **To buy the threshing floor from you, to build an altar** \_\_\_\_\_ to **YHWH**,

\_\_\_\_\_ that the plague may be withdrawn from the people.” 22

**Now Araunah** said to David,

“Let my lord the king **take and offer up whatever seems good to him**.

Look, **here are** \_\_\_\_\_ oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing implements and the yokes of the oxen for wood. 23

**All these, O king, Araunah has given to the king.**”

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18 ¶ Therefore, **the angel of YHWH** commanded Gad to say \_\_\_\_\_ to David that David should

go \_\_\_\_\_ and erect an altar to **YHWH** on the threshing floor of **Ornan** \_\_\_\_\_ the **Jebusite**. 19

So David **went up at the word of Gad, which he had spoken in the name of**

**YHWH**. 20 **Now Ornan** turned and saw **the angel**; and his four [4] sons *who were* with him hid themselves, but **Ornan continued** threshing wheat. 21 **Then David** came to **Ornan**, and **Ornan** looked and saw **David**.

\_\_\_\_\_ **And he** went out **from the threshing floor**, and bowed before **David** with *his* face to the ground. 22 **Then**

\_\_\_\_\_ **David said to Ornan**,

“Grant me the place of **this** threshing floor, that I may build an altar on it to **YHWH**. **You** shall grant it to me at the full price, that the plague may be withdrawn from the people.” 23

**And Ornan** said to David,

“Take it to yourself, and let my lord the king do *what is good* in his eyes.

Look, **I also give you** \_\_\_\_\_ the oxen for burnt offerings, \_\_\_\_\_ the threshing implements

\_\_\_\_\_ for wood, and \_\_\_\_\_ the wheat for the grain offering; **I give it all.**”

[This column is parallel to the next:]

And Araunah said to the king, “May **YHWH your God** accept you.” 24 **Then the king** \_\_\_\_\_ said to **Araunah**, “No, but I will surely buy *it* from you for a \_\_\_\_\_ price; **nor** will I

offer burnt offerings to **YHWH my God** with that **that** costs me nothing.”

So David **bought**

\_\_\_\_\_ the threshing floor [cf. **2Ch 3:1**] (and the oxen for fifty [50] shekels of silver<sup>13</sup>). 25

And David built **there** an altar to **YHWH**, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

So **YHWH** heeded the prayers for the land,

and the plague was withdrawn from Israel.

[End of **2Samuel** and the parallel text... but **1 Chronicles** adds more:]

28 **At that time**, when David saw that **YHWH** had answered him on the threshing floor of **Ornan** the **Jebusite**, he sacrificed there. 29 For the tabernacle of **YHWH** and the altar of the burnt offering **that** Moses had made in the wilderness were **at that time** at the high place in **Gibeon**. 30 But David could not go before it to inquire of **God**, for he was afraid of the sword of **the angel of YHWH**.

[2Sa 6:17 // 1Ch 16:1: Not David's → First reference since before the ark was captured by the Philistines: **1Sa 4:11**]

55 \_\_\_\_\_  
<sup>13</sup> A silver shekel may have been ~1/60<sup>th</sup> of a pound, so 16/60 x ~\$10.80 = \$2.88, so 50 shekels = ~\$144, in 2008 dollars.

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24 **Then King David** said to **Ornan** \_\_\_\_\_, “No, but I will surely buy *it* \_\_\_\_\_ for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for **YHWH**, nor offer burnt offerings \_\_\_\_\_ with *that that* costs me nothing.” 25

So David **gave Ornan six hundred [600] shekels of gold<sup>14</sup> by weight for the place**. 26 [No pricing discrepancy if the the silver is understood to be for the oxen only, the gold for the place.]

And David built **there** an altar to **YHWH**, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and **called on YHWH**; and **He** answered him from heaven by **fire** on the altar of burnt offering. 27

So **YHWH** commanded **the angel**, and he returned his sword to its sheath.

28 **At that time**, when David saw that **YHWH** had answered him on the threshing floor of **Ornan** the **Jebusite**, he sacrificed there. 29 For the tabernacle of **YHWH** and the altar of the burnt offering **that** Moses had made in the wilderness were **at that time** at the high place in **Gibeon**. 30 But David could not go before it to inquire of **God**, for he was afraid of the sword of **the angel of YHWH**.

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<sup>14</sup> A gold shekel may have been ~1/60<sup>th</sup> of a pound, so 16/60 x ~\$800 = \$213.33, so 600 shekels = ~\$128,000, in 2008 dollars.

## 1 Chronicles 22

[Compare 1 Ch 28, May 18]

### David Gathers Material for a Temple

22:1 ¶ Then David said, “This is the house of YHWH God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel.”<sup>2</sup>

So David commanded to gather the aliens who were in the land of Israel; and he appointed masons to cut hewn stones to build the house of God.<sup>3</sup> And David prepared

iron in abundance  
for the nails of the doors  
of the gates and  
for the joints, and  
bronze in abundance  
beyond measure,<sup>4</sup> and

cedar trees in abundance;  
for the Sidonians and those from Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.<sup>5</sup>

Now David said, “Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for YHWH must be exceedingly magnificent, famous, and glorious, throughout all countries. I will now make preparation for it.” So David made abundant preparations before his death.

### Solomon to Build a House for God

6 ¶ Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for YHWH God of Israel.<sup>7</sup> And David said to Solomon:

“My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of YHWH my God;<sup>8</sup> but the word of YHWH

came to me, saying, [cf. 2Sa 7:12-16 // 1Ch 17:11-14]

“You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the land [earth] in My sight.<sup>9</sup> Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon [“peace”], for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days.<sup>10</sup> He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.”<sup>11</sup>

Now, my son, may YHWH be with you; and may you prosper, and build the house of YHWH your God, as He has said to you.<sup>12</sup> Only may YHWH give you wisdom and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep the law of YHWH your God.<sup>13</sup> Then you will prosper, if you take care to fulfill the statutes and judgments with which YHWH charged Moses concerning Israel. Be strong and of good courage. Do not fear nor be dismayed.<sup>14</sup> Indeed I have taken much trouble to prepare for the house of YHWH one hundred thousand [100,000] talents of gold<sup>15</sup> and one million [1,000,000] talents of silver<sup>16</sup>, and

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<sup>15</sup> 100,000 x 60 pounds x 16 oz/lb x ~\$800 = ~\$76,800,000,000 in 2008 dollars.

<sup>16</sup> 1,000,000 x 60 lb x 16/oz/lb x ~\$10.80 = ~\$10,368,000,000 in 2008 dollars.

bronze and iron beyond measure, for it is so abundant. I have prepared timber and stone also, and you may add to them.<sup>15</sup>

Moreover there are workmen with you in abundance: woodsmen and stonemasons, and all types of skillful men for every kind of work.<sup>16</sup>

Of gold and silver and bronze and iron there is no limit.

Arise and begin working, and YHWH be with you.”

### David Asks Leaders to Help Solomon

17 ¶ David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying,<sup>18</sup>

“Is not YHWH your God with you? And has He not given you rest on every side? For He has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before YHWH and before His people.”<sup>19</sup>

Now set your heart and your soul to seek YHWH your God. Therefore arise and build the sanctuary of YHWH God, to bring the ark of the covenant of YHWH and the holy articles of God into the house that is to be built for the name of YHWH.”

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### 1 Chronicles 23

#### Review of Levite Families

23:1 ¶ So when David was old and full of days, he made his son Solomon king over Israel.<sup>2</sup> And he gathered together all the leaders of Israel, with the priests and the Levites.<sup>3</sup> Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty [30] years and above; and the number of individual males was thirty-eight thousand [38,000].<sup>4</sup> Of these, twenty-four thousand [24,000] were to look after the work of the house of YHWH, six thousand [6,000] were officers and judges,<sup>5</sup> four thousand [4,000] were gatekeepers, and four thousand [4,000] praised YHWH with musical instruments, “which I made,” said David, “for giving praise.”<sup>6</sup>

Also David separated them into divisions among the sons of Levi: Gershon [“exile”], Kohath [“assembly”], and Merari [“bitter”].

#### Families From Gershon

7 Of the Gershonites: Laadan [“put in order”]; aka Libni: 1Ch 6:17, Ex 6:17] and Shimei [“renowned”].<sup>8</sup>

The sons of Laadan: [Cf. 26:21-22] the first [i.e., his actual son] Jehiel [“God lives”; aka Jehieli], then [his grandsons:] Zetham [“olive”] and Joel [“God (is) YHWH”] — three [3] in all.<sup>9</sup>

The sons of **Shimei**:  
Shelomith [*“peaceful”*],  
[no futher references to:]  
Haziël [*“God’s vision”*], and  
Haran [*“mountaineer”*]  
— three [3] in all.

These [six?] were the heads of the fathers’ houses of **Laadan** [ & **Shimei**?]. 10

And the sons of **Shimei** [which?]:  
Jahath [*“he will snatch up”*],  
Zinā\_ [*“well-fed”*],  
Jeush [*“he hurries to help”*], and  
Beriah [*“with a freind”*].  
These were the four [4] sons of Shimei. 11

Jahath was the **first** and  
Zizah [*“abundance”; presumeably the same as Zinā\_ above*]  
the second. But  
Jeush and  
Beriah  
did not have many sons;  
therefore they were assigned  
as one father’s house. 12

### Families From Kohath

The sons of Kohath:  
**Amram** [*“exalted people”*],  
**Izhar** [*“shining oil”*],  
**Hebron** [*“association”*], and  
**Uzziel** [*“God is my strength”*]  
— four in all. 13

The sons of **Amram**:  
Aaron [*“light bringer”*] and  
**Moses** [*“drawn”*]; and  
Aaron was set apart, he and his sons  
**forever**, that he should sanctify  
the most holy things:  
to burn incense before **YHWH**,  
to minister to **Him**, and  
to give the blessing in **His name**  
**forever**. 14

**Now** the sons of **Moses** the man of **God** were reckoned to the tribe of Levi. 15 The sons of Moses were  
**Gershon** [*“foreigner”*] and  
Eliezer [*“help is (my) God”*]. 16  
Of the sons of **Gershon**,  
Shebuel [*“God’s captive”*]  
was the **first**. 17  
Of the **sons** [descendants] of **Eliezer**,  
Rehabiah [*“YHWH has enlarged”*]  
was the **first**.

And Eliezer had no other **sons**, but the sons of Rehabiah were very many. 18

Of the sons of **Izhar**,  
Shelomith [*“peaceful”*]  
[aka *Nepheg or Zichri? Ex 6:21*]  
was the **first**. 19

Of the sons of **Hebron** [= 24:23],  
Jeriah [*“YHWH-taught”*]  
was the **first**,  
Amariah [*“YHWH speaks”*]  
the **second**,  
Jahaziël [*“God-beheld”*]  
the **third**, and  
Jekameam [*“let the people rise”*]  
the **fourth**. 20

Of the sons of **Uzziel**,  
**Michah** [*“who is like (God)?”*]  
[aka *Mishaël of Ex 6:22a?*]  
was the **first** and  
**Jesshiah** [*“YHWH will lend”*]  
[aka *Elzaphan/Zithri of Ex 6:22?*]  
the **second**. 21

### Families From Merari

The sons of Merari were  
**Mahli** [*“sick”*] and  
**Mushi** [*“yielding”*].

The sons of **Mahli** were [cf. 24:28-29]  
Eleazar [*“helped by God”*] and  
Kish [*“bent”*]. 22

And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but only daughters; and their brethren [cousins], the sons of Kish, took them as wives [cf. Nu 27:1-11, 36:1-12]. 23

The sons of **Mushi** were [cp. 24:30]  
Mahli [*“sick”*],  
Eder [*“a flock”*], and  
Jeremoth [*“He is Most High”*]  
— three [3] in all.

### Levite Duties

24 ¶ These were the sons of Levi by their fathers’ houses — the heads of the fathers’ houses as they were counted individually by the number of their names [meaning?], who did the work for the service of the house of **YHWH**, from the age of twenty [20] years and above. 25 For David said, “**YHWH** God of Israel has given rest to His people, that they may dwell in **Jerusalem** forever”; 26 and also to the Levites,

“They shall no longer carry the tabernacle, or any of the articles for its service.” 27 For by the last words of David the Levites were numbered from twenty [20] years old and above; 28 [not 30? cf. v24d & v3] because their duty was to help the sons of Aaron in the service of the house of **YHWH**, in the courts and in the chambers, in the purifying of all holy things and the work of the service of the house of **God**, 29 both with the showbread and the fine flour for the grain offering, with the unleavened cakes and what is baked in the pan, with what is mixed and with all kinds of measures and sizes; 30 to stand every morning to thank and praise **YHWH**, and likewise at evening; 31 and at every presentation of a burnt offering to **YHWH** on the Sabbaths and on the New Moons and on the set feasts, by number according to the ordinance governing them, regularly before **YHWH**; 32 and that they should attend to the needs of the tabernacle of meeting, the needs of the holy place, and the needs of the sons of Aaron their brethren in the work of the house of **YHWH**.



## 1 Chronicles 24

### Organization of the Aaronic Priests

24:1 ¶ **Now** these are the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron were

Nadab [“generous”],  
Abihu [“he is (my) father”],  
Eleazar [“God has helped”], and  
Ithamar [“coast of palms”]. 2

And

Nadab and  
Abihu  
died before their father, and  
had no children; therefore  
Eleazar and  
Ithamar  
ministered as priests. 3

**Then**

David with  
Zadok [“righteous”]  
of the sons of Eleazar, and  
Ahimelech [“king is my brother”]  
of the sons of Ithamar,

divided them according to  
the schedule of their service. 4

There were more leaders found  
of the sons of Eleazar than  
of the sons of Ithamar, and thus  
they were divided.

Among the sons of Eleazar were  
sixteen [16] heads  
of their fathers’ houses, and  
eight [8] heads  
of their fathers’ houses  
among the sons of Ithamar. 5

Thus they were divided by lot,  
one group as another,  
for there were  
officials of the sanctuary and  
officials of the house of God,  
from the sons of Eleazar and  
from the sons of Ithamar. 6

And the scribe,

Shemaiah [“YHWH has heard”]  
the son of Nethanel [“God given”],  
one of the Levites,  
wrote them down [copy: vv7-18] before  
the king,  
the leaders,  
Zadok the priest,  
Ahimelech the son of Abiathar  
[“great is my father”], and  
the heads of the fathers’ houses  
of the priests and Levites,  
one father’s house taken  
for Eleazar and one  
for Ithamar.

[See the short version after this list:]

7 **Now**

the first lot fell to  
Jehoiarib [“YHWH contends”],  
the second to  
Jedaiah [“YHWH has known”], 8  
the third to  
Harim [“dedicated”],  
the fourth to  
Seorim [“barley”], 9  
the fifth to  
Malchijah [“YHWH is my king”],  
the sixth to  
Mijamin [“from the right hand”], 10

the seventh to

Hakkoz [“thorn”],

the eighth to

Abijah [“YHWH is (my) father”], 11

the ninth to

Jeshua [“he is saved”],

the tenth to

Shecaniah [“YHWH dwells with”], 12

the eleventh to

Eliashib [“restored by God”],

the twelfth to

Jakim [“He will raise”], 13

the thirteenth to

Huppah [“canopy”],

the fourteenth to

Jeshebeab  
[“dwelling of the father”], 14

the fifteenth to

Bilgah [“cheerfulness”],

the sixteenth to

Immer [“he hath said”], 15

the seventeenth to

Hezir [“swine”],

the eighteenth to

Happizzez [“to break”], 16

the nineteenth to

Pethahiah [“YHWH has freed”],

the twentieth to

Jehezkel [“God strengthens”], 17

the twenty-first to

Jachin [“He will establish”],

the twenty-second to

Gamul [“weaned”], 18

the twenty-third to

Delaiah [“YHWH has drawn”],

the twenty-fourth to

Maaziah [“YHWH’s consolation”].

For the 2<sup>nd</sup>–24<sup>th</sup> lots below, read the  
number *n* to the left as “the *n*<sup>th</sup> to”:

7 **Now** the first lot fell to [v# ↓]

- 1 Jehoiarib [“YHWH contends”],
- 2 Jedaiah [“YHWH has known”], 8
- 3 Harim [“dedicated”],
- 4 Seorim [“barley”], 9
- 5 Malchijah [“YHWH is my king”],
- 6 Mijamin [“from the right hand”], 10
- 7 Hakkoz [“thorn”],
- 8 Abijah [“YHWH is (my) father”], 11
- 9 Jeshua [“he is saved”],
- 10 Shecaniah [“YHWH dwells with”], 12
- 11 Eliashib [“God restores”],
- 12 Jakim [“He will raise”], 13
- 13 Huppah [“canopy”], 14
- 14 Jeshebeab  
[“dwelling of the father”], 14
- 15 Bilgah [“cheerfulness”],
- 16 Immer [“he has said”], 15
- 17 Hezir [“swine”],
- 18 Happizzez [“to break”], 16
- 19 Pethahiah [“YHWH has freed”],
- 20 Jehezkel [“God strengthens”], 17
- 21 Jachin [“He will establish”],
- 22 Gamul [“weaned”], 18
- 23 Delaiah [“YHWH has drawn”],
- 24 Maaziah [“YHWH’s consolation”].

19 This was the schedule of their service  
for coming into the house of YHWH  
according to their ordinance by the  
hand of Aaron their father, as YHWH  
God of Israel had commanded him.

### Additional Levites

20 ¶ And the rest of the sons [descendants] of Levi: of the sons [descendants] of Amram, Shubael [“captive of God”]; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah [“YHWH is unity”]. 21

Concerning Rehabiah, of the sons of Rehabiah, the first was Isshiah [“YHWH will lead”]. 22

Of the Izharites [= 23:18], Shelomoth [“peaceful”]; of the sons of Shelomoth, Jahath [“He will snatch up”]. 23

Of the sons of Hebron [= 23:19], Jeriah [“taught by YHWH”] was the first, Amariah [“YHWH speaks”] the second, Jahaziel [“God-beheld”] the third, and Jekameam [“let the people rise”] the fourth. 24

Of the sons of Uzziel [= 23:20], Michah [“who is like (God)?”]; of the sons of Michah, Shamir [“guardian”]. 25 The brother of Michah, Isshiah [“YHWH will lead”]; of the sons of Isshiah, Zechariah [“YHWH remembers”]. 26

The sons of Merari were [= 23:21] Mahli [“sick”] and Mushi [“yielding”]; the son of [Merari by his wife (v27)] Jaaziah [“YHWH made bold”], Beno. 27

The sons of Merari by Jaaziah were Beno [“son”], Shoham [“onyx”], Zaccur [“mindful”], and Ibrî [“Hebrew”]. 28

Of Mahli [sons: E. & Kish: 23:21]: Eleazar [“God has helped”], who had no sons. 29

Of Kish: the son of Kish, Jerahmeel [“may God have pity”]. 30

Also the sons of Mushi were [cf. 23:23] Mahli [“sick”], Eder [“a flock”], and Jerimoth [“He is Most High”].

These were the sons of the Levites according to their fathers’ houses. 31 These also cast lots just as their brothers the sons of Aaron did, in the presence of King David, Zadok, Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers’ houses of the priests and Levites. The chief fathers did just as their younger brethren.

### 1 Chronicles 25 Musicians Under King David

25:1 ¶ Moreover David and the captains of the army separated for the service some of the sons of Asaph [“gatherer”], of Heman [“faithful”], and of Jeduthun [“praising”], who should prophesy with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals. And the number of the skilled men performing their service was: 2

[Labels in vv2-4 are referenced in vv9-31] Of the sons of Asaph: [A1] Zaccur [“mindful”], [A2] Joseph [“YHWH has added”], [A3] Nethaniah [“YHWH-given”], and [A4] Asharelah [“God holds”] [= Jesharelah: v14]; the sons of Asaph were under the direction of Asaph, who prophesied according to the order of the king. 3

Of Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: [J1] Gedaliah [“YHWH is great”], [J2] Zeri [“built”; = Jizri: v11], [J3] Jeshaiiah [“YHWH has saved”], [J4] Shimei [“renowned”; appears in some manuscripts; cf. v17], [J5] Hashabiah [“YHWH has considered”], and [J6] Mattithiah [“YHWH’s gift”], six, under the direction of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp to give thanks and to praise YHWH. 4

Of Heman, the sons of Heman: [H1] Bukkiah [“YHWH has emptied”], [H2] Mattaniah [“YHWH’s gift”], [H3] Uzziel [“God is my strength”] [= Azarel: v18], [H4] Shebuel [“God’s captive”] [= Shubael: v20], [H5] Jerimoth [“He is Most High”], [H6] Hananiah [“YHWH has favored”], [H7] Hanani [“gracious”], [H8] Eliathah [“God has come”], [H9] Giddalti [“I make great”], [H10] Romamti-Ezer [“the Helper I have exalted”], [H11] Joshbekashah [“seated in hardness”],

[H12] Mallothi [“I have uttered”], [H13] Hothir [“abundance”], and [H14] Mahazioth [“visions”]. 5 All these [14] were the sons of Heman the king’s seer in the words of God, to exalt his horn. For God gave Heman fourteen [14] sons and three [3] daughters. 6 All these were under the direction of their father for the music in the house of YHWH, with cymbals, stringed instruments, and harps, for the service of the house of God.

Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman were under the authority of the king. 7 So the number of them, with their brethren who were instructed in the songs of YHWH, all who were skillful, was two hundred and eighty-eight. [288 = 24 groups x 12 persons/group]

[Cf. labels on sons in vv2-4, and see the abbreviated form after the list.] 8 ¶ And they cast lots for their duty, the small as well as the great, the teacher with the student. 9 Now the first lot for Asaph came out for Joseph [A2; him with his brethren and sons, twelve [12]]; the second for Gedaliah [J1], him with his brethren and sons, twelve [12]; 10 the third for Zaccur [A1], his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 11 the fourth for Jizri [“my fashioner”] [J2], his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 12 the fifth for Nethaniah [A3], his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 13 the sixth for Bukkiah [H1],

his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 14  
the seventh for Jesharelah [A4],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 15  
the eighth for Jeshaiiah [J3],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 16  
the ninth for Mattaniah [J6],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 17  
the tenth for Shimei [J4],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 18  
the eleventh for Azarel

["God has helped"] [H3],

his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 19  
the twelfth for Hashabiah [J5],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 20  
the thirteenth for Shubael [H4],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 21  
the fourteenth for Mattithiah [H2],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 22  
the fifteenth for Jeremoth [H5],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 23  
the sixteenth for Hananiah [H6],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 24  
the seventeenth for Joshbekashah [H11],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 25  
the eighteenth for Hanani [H7],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 26  
the nineteenth for Mallothi [H12],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 27  
the twentieth for Eliathah [H8],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 28  
the twenty-first for Hothir [H13],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 29  
the twenty-second for Giddalti [H9],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 30  
the twenty-third for Mahazioth [H14],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; 31  
the twenty-fourth

for Romamti-Ezer [H10],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12].

### Summary:

Each of the 2<sup>nd</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> reads:

the *n*<sup>th</sup> for NAME [LABEL],  
his sons and his brethren, twelve [12]; *v*  
where *n* is the lot number and the  
verse number *v* is *n*+8, for *n* > 2;  
and the LABEL tells which son it  
is of Asaph, Heman, or Jeduthun.  
Here is the summary, including lots  
1 & 2 for completeness:

Lot

<i>n</i>	<u>NAME</u>	[ <u>LABEL</u> ] <i>v</i>
1	Joseph	[A2] 11
2	Gedaliah	[J1] 11
3	Zaccur	[A1] 11
4	Jizri ["my fashioner"]	[J2] 12
5	Nethaniah	[A3] 13
6	Bukkiah	[H1] 14
7	Jesharelah	[A4] 15
8	Jeshaiiah	[J3] 16
9	Mattaniah	[J6] 17
10	Shimei	[J4] 18
11	Azarel ["God has helped"]	[H3] 19
12	Hashabiah	[J5] 20
13	Shubael	[H4] 21
14	Mattithiah	[H2] 22
15	Jeremoth	[H5] 23
16	Hananiah	[H6] 24
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24	Romamti-Ezer	[H10] .

## May 4

### 1 Chronicles 26

#### Gatekeepers

26:1 ¶ Concerning the divisions of the  
gatekeepers:

of the Korahites,

Meshelemiah ["whom YHWH repays"]  
the son of Kore ["crier"],  
of the sons of Asaph. 2 And  
the sons of Meshelemiah were  
Zechariah ["YHWH remembers"]  
the firstborn,  
Jediael ["God makes known"]  
the second,  
Zebadiah ["YHWH's endowment"]  
the third,  
Jathniel ["God hires me"]  
the fourth, 3  
Elam ["eternity"]  
the fifth,  
Jehohanan ["graced by YHWH"]  
the sixth,  
Eliehoenai ["unto YHWH are my eyes"]  
the seventh. 4

Moreover the sons of Obed-Edom were  
Shemaiah ["YHWH has heard"]  
the firstborn,  
Jehozabad ["endowed by YHWH"]  
the second,  
Joah ["YHWH is brother"]  
the third,  
Sacar ["wages"]  
the fourth,  
Nethanel ["God-given"]  
the fifth, 5  
Ammiel ["God is my kinsman"]  
the sixth,

Issachar ["there is recompense"]  
the seventh,  
Peulthai ["work"]  
the eighth;  
for God blessed him. 6

Also to Shemaiah his son were sons  
born who governed their fathers' houses,  
because they were men of great ability. 7  
The sons of Shemaiah were  
Othni ["lion (of YHWH)"],  
Rephael ["God has healed"],  
Obad ["serving"], and  
Elzabad ["given by God"],  
whose brothers  
Elihu ["He is my God"] and  
Semachiah ["YHWH has sustained"],  
able men. 8

All these were of the sons of Obed-Edom,  
they and their sons and their brethren,  
able men with strength for the work:  
sixty-two [62] of Obed-Edom. 9

And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren,  
eighteen [18] able men. 10

Also Hosah ["refuge"],  
of the children of Merari, had sons:  
Shimri ["vigilant"]  
the first (for though  
he was not the firstborn,  
his father made him the first), 11  
Hilkiah ["YHWH is my portion"]  
the second,  
Tebaliah ["YHWH has dipped"]  
the third,  
Zechariah ["YHWH remembers"]  
the fourth;  
all the sons and brethren of Hosah were  
thirteen [13]. 12

Among these *were* the divisions of the gatekeepers, among the chief men, *having* duties just like their brethren, to serve in **the house of YHWH**. 13 And they cast lots for each gate, the small as well as the great, according to their father's house. 14 The lot for **the East Gate** fell to Shelemiah.

**Then** they cast lots *for* his son Zechariah, a wise counselor, and his lot came out for **the North Gate**; 15 to **Obed-Edom** **the South Gate**, and to his sons **the storehouse**. 16 To

Shuppim [*“serpents”; only mention in this generation*] and Hosah *the lot came out for* **the West Gate**, with **the Shallecheth** [*“overthrown”*] Gate on the ascending highway — watchman opposite watchman; 17 on the east *were* six [6] Levites, on the north four [4] **each day**, on the south four [4] **each day**, and for the **storehouse** two by two [2x2]. 18 As for the **Parbar** [*“open apartment”*] on the west, *there were* four [4] on the highway and two [2] at the Parbar. 19

These were the divisions of the **gatekeepers** among the sons of Korah and among the sons of Merari.

### **Treasurers for the House of God**

20 ¶ Of the Levites, Ahijah [*“YHWH's brother”*] was **over the treasuries** of **the house of God** and over the treasuries of the dedicated things. 21

The sons of Laadan, the descendants of the **Gershonites** of Laadan, heads of their fathers' houses, of Laadan the Gershonite: [Cf. 23:8] Jehieli [*“God shall save alive”* or *“swept away of God”*]. 22 The sons of Jehieli, Zetham [*“olive”*] and Joel [*“God is YHWH”*] his brother, *were* over the treasuries of **the house of YHWH**. 23

Of the Amramites, the Izharites, the Hebronites, and the Uzzielites: 24 Shebuel [*“God's captive”*] the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, *was* overseer of the treasuries. 25 And his brethren by Eliezer [*“help is (my) God”*] *were* [**5 generations**]: Rehabiah [*“YHWH has enlarged”*] his son, Jeshaiah [*“YHWH has saved”*] his son, Joram [*“exalted is YHWH”*] his son, Zichri [*“memorable”*] his son, and **Shelomith** [*“peaceful”*] his son. 26

This **Shelomith** and his brethren *were* over all the treasuries of the dedicated things **that** King David and the heads of fathers' houses, the captains over thousands [1000s] and hundreds [100s], and the captains of the army, had dedicated. 27 Some of the spoils won in battles they dedicated to maintain **the house of YHWH**. 28 And all that Samuel [*“his name is God”*] the **seer**, Saul [*“desired”*] the son of Kish [*“bent”*], Abner [*“a lamp is my father”*] the son of Ner [*“lamp”*], and Joab [*“father is YHWH”*] the son of Zeruiah [*“balsam”*] had dedicated, every dedicated thing, *was* under the hand of **Shelomith** and his brethren.

### **Officials and Judges**

29 ¶ Of the Izharites, **Chenaniah** [*“YHWH establishes”*] and his sons *performed* duties as **officials and judges** over Israel **outside Jerusalem**. 30

Of the Hebronites, **Hashabiah** [*“YHWH has considered”*] and his brethren, one thousand seven hundred [1,700] **able men**, had the oversight of Israel on the west side of **the Jordan** for all the business of **YHWH**, and in the service of the king. 31

Among the Hebronites, **Jerijah** [*“taught by YHWH”*] *was* head of the Hebronites according to **his genealogy** of the fathers.

In the fortieth [40<sup>th</sup>] year of the reign of **David** they were sought, and there were found among them capable men at **Jazer of Gilead**. 32 And his brethren *were* two thousand seven hundred [2,700] able men,

heads of fathers' houses, whom King David made **officials** over the **Reubenites**, the **Gadites**, and the half-tribe of **Manasseh** [*thus, the east side of the Jordan*], for every matter pertaining to **God** and the affairs of the king.

### **1 Chronicles 27**

#### **The Army**

27:1 ¶ And the children of Israel, according to their number, the heads of fathers' houses, **the captains of thousands [1000s]** and hundreds [100s] and their officers, served the king in every matter of the *military* divisions. *These divisions* came in and went out **month by month** throughout **all the months of the year**, each division *having* twenty-four thousand [24,000]. 2

Over the first division for **the first month** *was* **Jashobeam** [*“the people will return”; aka Josheb-Basshebeth: 2Sa 23:8 // 1Ch 11:11*] the son of Zabdiel [*“God is my endowment”*], and in his division *were* twenty-four thousand [24,000]. 3 *He was* of the children of Perez [*“breach”*], and the chief of all the captains of the army for **the first month**.

4 Over the division of the second month was Dodai ["loving/amorous"; aka Dodo: 2Sa 23:9 || 1Ch 11:12] an Ahohite ["brother of rest"], and of his division Mikloth ["staves"] also was the leader; in his division were twenty-four thousand [24,000].

5 The third captain of the army for the third month was Benaiah, ["YHWH has built (up)"] the son of Jehoiada ["known by YHWH"] the priest, who was chief; in his division were twenty-four thousand [24,000]. 6

This was the Benaiah who was mighty among the thirty [30], and was over the thirty [30] [cf. 2Sa 23:20 || 1Ch 11:22]; in his division was Ammizabad ["bestowed by my kinsmen"] his son.

7 The fourth captain for the fourth month was Asahel ["God-made"] the brother of Joab ["father is YHWH"], [cf. 2Sa 23:24 || 1Ch 11:26] and Zebadiah ["YHWH's endowment"] his son after him; in his division were twenty-four thousand [24,000].

8 The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shammuth ["desolation"; aka Shammah and Shammoth: 2Sa 23:11 || 1Ch 11:27] the Izrahite [a descendant of Zerach of Judah]; in his division were twenty-four thousand [24,000].

9 The sixth captain for the sixth month was Ira ["watchful of a city"] the son of Ikkesht ["twisted"] the Tekoite [Tekoa: "trumpet blast"]; [cf. 2Sa 23:26b || 1Ch 11:28a] in his division were twenty-four thousand [24,000].

10 The seventh captain for the seventh month was Helez ["he has saved"] the Pelonite ["a certain one"], of the children of Ephraim ["double ash-heap: I shall be double fruitful"]; [cf. 2Sa 23:26a || 1Ch 11:27b] in his division were twenty-four thousand [24,000].

11 The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sibbechai ["weaver"] the Hushathite ["inhabitant of Hushah"], of the Zarhites [descendants of Zerach]; [aka Mebunnai: 2Sa 23:27b || 1Ch 11:29a] in his division were twenty-four thousand [24,000].

12 The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer ["help is my father"] the Anathothite ["affliction"], of the Benjamites ["a son of the right hand"]; [cf. 2Sa 23:27a || 1Ch 11:28b] in his division were twenty-four thousand [24,000].

13 The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai ["impetuous"] the Netophathite ["dropping"], of the Zarhites [descendants of Zerach]; [cf. 2Sa 23:28b || 1Ch 11:30a] in his division were twenty-four thousand [24,000].

14 The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah ["YHWH has built (up)"] the Pirathonite ["princely"], of the children of Ephraim ["double ash-heap: I shall be doubly fruitful"]; [cf. 2Sa 23:30a || 1Ch 11:31b] in his division were twenty-four thousand [24,000].

15 The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was Heldai ["worldly"; aka Heleb & Heled: 2Sa 23:29 || 1Ch 11:30] the Netophathite ["dropping"], of Othniel ["lion of God"]; in his division were twenty-four thousand [24,000].

### Leaders of Tribes

Israel's Sons in Birth Order:	
Reuben	1-L1
Simeon	2-L2
Levi	3-L3
Judah	4-L4
Dan	5-B1
Naphtali	6-B2
Gad	7-Z1
Asher	8-Z2
Issachar	9-L5
Zebulun	10-L6
(Dinah	D-L7)
Joseph	11-R1
(His two sons adopted by Jacob:	
Manasseh	11-R1-1
Ephraim	11-R1-2
)	
Benjamin	12-R2
End of List	Ge 35:23-26

16¶ Furthermore, over the tribes of Israel, the officer: over the Reubenites [1-L1] was Eliezer ["help is (my) God"] the son of Zichri ["memorable"]; over the Simeonites [2-L2], Shephathiah ["YHWH has judged"] the son of Maachah ["oppression"]; 17 over the Levites [3-L3], Hashabiah ["YHWH has considered"] the son of Kemuel ["raised of God"]; over the Aaronites, Zadok ["righteous"]; 18 over Judah [4-L4], Elihu ["He is my God"], one of David's brothers; [hence, Eliab? (1Ch 2:13-15) or a nephew?] [ Dan [5-B1]: out of order below] [ Naphtali [6-B2]: " order below] [ Gad [7-Z1] is missing; why?] [ Asher [8-Z2] is missing; why?] [Both from Zilpah] over Issachar [9-L5], Omri ["pupil of YHWH"] the son of Michael ["who is like God?"]; 19 over Zebulun [10-L6], Ishmaiah ["YHWH will hear"] the son of Obadiah ["YHWH's servant"]; over Naphtali [6-B2], Jerimoth ["He is Most High"] the son of Azriel ["God is my help"]; 20 over the children of Ephraim [11-R1-2], Hoshea ["salvation"] the son of Azariah ["YHWH is mighty"]; [ 11-R1-1]

over the half-tribe of **Manasseh**,  
**Joel** [*“God is YHWH”*]  
the son of Pedaiah  
[*“YHWH has ransomed”*]; <sup>21</sup>  
over the half-tribe of **Manasseh**  
[*11-R1-1*] in **Gilead**,  
**Iddo** [*“timely” or “lovely”*]  
the son of Zechariah  
[*“YHWH remembers”*];  
over **Benjamin** [12-R2],  
**Jaasiel** [*“God is Maker”*]  
the son of Abner  
[*“a lamp is my father”*]; <sup>22</sup>  
over **Dan** [5-B1],  
**AzareI** [*“God has helped”*]  
the son of Jeroham [*“showing pity”*].

These were the leaders of the tribes of Israel. <sup>23</sup> But David did not take the number of those **twenty [20] years old and under**, because **YHWH** had said **He** would multiply Israel like **the stars** of the heavens. <sup>24</sup>

Joab the son of Zeruiah **began** a census, but he did not finish, for **wrath** came upon Israel because of **this census**; nor was the number recorded in the account of the chronicles of King David [*presumably meaning a book contemporary with David*]. [*Is this a variation of the story recorded in 2 Sa 24 // 1 Chr 21, or were there multiple occasions for censuses?*]

### Officials Over David's Property

<sup>25</sup> And **Azmaveth** [*“strong unto death”*] the son of Adiel [*“God's ornament”*] was over **the king's treasuries**; and **Jehonathan** [*“given by YHWH”*] the son of Uziah [*“YHWH is my strength”*] was over the **storehouses** in the field, in the cities, in the villages, and in the fortresses. <sup>26</sup>  
**Ezri** [*“help of YHWH”*] the son of Chelub [*“caged”*] was over those who did the **work of the field** for tilling the ground. <sup>27</sup> And **Shimei** [*“renowned”*] the Ramathite [*Ramah: “the height”*] was over the **vineyards**, and **Zabdi** [*“endowment”*] the Shiphmite [*Siphmoth: “fruitful”*] was over the produce of the **vineyards** for the supply of wine. <sup>28</sup>  
**Baal-Hanan** [*“gracious is (my) lord”*] the **Gederite** [*Geder: “a wall”*] was over the olive trees and the **sycamore trees** that were in the lowlands, and **Joash** [*“YHWH hastens”*] [*↓ olive*] was over the store of oil. <sup>29</sup> And **Shitrai** [*“my officers”*] the **Sharonite** was over the **herds** that fed in **Sharon** [*“a plain”*], and **Shaphat** [*“he has judged”*] the son of Adla [*“justive of YHWH”*] was over the **herds** that were in the valleys. <sup>30</sup>

**Obil** [*“camel driver”*] the Ishmaelite [*Ishmael: “God will hear”*] was over the **camels**, **Jehdeiah** [*“YHWH is unity”*] the **Meronothite** [*“joyful shouter”*] was over the **donkeys**, <sup>31</sup> and **Jaziz** [*“He makes prominent”*] the Hagrite [*Haggeri: “wanderer”*] was over the **flocks**.  
All these were **the officials** over King David's property.

### Officials Close to David Himself

<sup>32</sup> Also **Jehonathan** [*“YHWH has given”*], David's uncle [*so a brother of Jesse*], was a counselor, a wise man, and a **scribe**; and **Jehiel** [*“God lives”*] the son of Hachmoni [*“wise”*] was with the king's sons. <sup>33</sup>  
**Ahithophel** [*“foolish (folly) is my brother”*] was the king's counselor, and **Hushai** [*“hasting”*] the Archite [*Archi: “lengthy”*] was the king's companion. <sup>34</sup>

**After** Ahithophel was **Jehoiada** [*“YHWH knows”*] the son of Benaiah [*“YHWH has built (up)”*], **then** **Abiathar** [*“great is my father”*] [*he later betrayed David re Adonijah: 1Ki 1:7*].  
And the general of the king's army was **Joab**.

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<b>Levi's Descendants</b> [ <a href="#">Ex 6:16-25</a> ]
<i>Sons indicated by indentation:</i>
Levi [ <i>died at 137 yrs old</i> ]
[ <i>in 2327 AB: <a href="#">Ge 30:24-25</a></i> ]
Gershon
Libni
Shimi
Kohath [ <i>died at 133</i> ]
Amram [ <i>died at 137</i> ]
Miriam (dau.) [ <a href="#">Nu 33:39</a> ]
Aaron [ <i>died at 123</i> ]
Nadab [ <i>no children</i> ]
Abihu [ <i>no children</i> ]
Eleazar
( <i>by a dau. of Putiel</i> )
Phinehas
Ithamar [ <a href="#">De 34:7</a> ]
Moses [ <i>died at 120</i> ]
+wife: Zipporah [ <a href="#">Ex 2:21</a> ]
Gershom [ <a href="#">Ex 2:22</a> ]
Eliezer [ <a href="#">Ex 18:4</a> ]
Izhar
Korah [ <a href="#">Cf. Nu 16</a> ]
Assir [ <i>did not die</i> ]
Elkanah [ <i>with Korah:</i> ]
Abiasaph [ <a href="#">Nu 26:11</a> ]
Nepheg
Zichri
Hebron [ <a href="#">cf. 1Ch 23:19</a> ]
Uzziel
Mishael
El(i)zaphan [ <a href="#">Cf. Nu 3:30</a> ]
Zithri
Merari
Mahli
Mushi

[Detailed version: next page.]  
[Primary source: [1Ch 6:16-30](#)]



**Levi's Descendants [Ex 6:16-25]**

Sons indicated by indentation:

Levi [died at 137 yrs old]  
[in 2327 AB: [Ge 30:24-25](#)]

Gershon  
 | Libni [6:20-21]  
 | | Jahath  
 | | Zimmah  
 | | Joah  
 | | Iddo  
 | | Zerah  
 | | Jeatherai  
 [ Gershon: adopted Libni's son?: ]  
 | | Jahath [6:39-43]  
 | | Shimei  
 | | Zimmah  
 | | Ethan  
 | | Adaiah  
 | | Zerah  
 | | Ethni  
 | | Malchijah  
 | | Baaseiah  
 | | Michael  
 | | Shimea  
 [B...=Berachiah] B...  
 | Shimi  
 ...unknown generations  
 ? Laadan [cf. 26:21-22]  
 | Jehiel aka Jehieli  
 | Zetham  
 | Joel  
 ? Shemei????  
 | Shelomith  
 | Haziel  
 | Haran  
 ? Shemei????  
 | Jahath  
 | Zina aka Zizah  
 | Jeush  
 | Beriah

[blue additions: [1Ch 23:6-23](#)][green additions: [1Ch 24:3-29](#)][pink additions: [1Ch 6:20-53](#)]

Kohath [died at 133]  
 | Amram [died at 137]  
 | | Miriam (daughter)  
 | | Aaron [died at 123]  
 | | Nadab [no children]  
 | | Abihu [no children]  
 | | Eleazar aka Eliezer  
 | | (by a dau. of Putiel)  
 | | Phinehas [6:50-53]  
 | | Abishua  
 | | Bukki  
 | | Uzzi  
 | | Zerachiah  
 | | Meraioth  
 | | Amariah  
 | | Ahitub  
 | | [24:3] Zadok  
 | | [A...=Ahimaaz] A...  
 | Ithamar  
 ...unknown generations  
 | | Abiathar [24:6]  
 | | Ahimelech [24:3]  
 | Moses [died at 120; [De 34:7](#)]  
 | +wife: Zipporah [[Ex 2:21](#)]  
 | Gershom [[Ex 2:22](#)]  
 | | ↑ aka Gershon  
 | | Shebuel aka Shubael  
 | | ? Jehdeiah [24:20]?  
 | | Eliezer [[Ex 18:4](#)]  
 | | Rehabiah  
 | | Isshiah [24:21]  
 | | +many des'nts  
 | | Jeshaiyah [26:25]  
 | | Joram  
 | | Zicri  
 | | Shelomith

[“?”, “????” below: uncertainties]

| Izehar aka Izhar  
 | ? Shelomith first??? [23:18]  
 | ? Jahath [24:22]  
 | | Korah [Cf. [Nu 16](#)]  
 | | Assir [did not die]  
 | | Elkanah [with Korah:]  
 | | Abiasaph [[Nu 26:11](#)]  
 | | ↑ aka Ebiasaph? [6:33-38]  
 | | ↑ see red list on next page  
 | | Nepheg  
 | | Zichri  
 | Hebron [23:19=24:23]  
 | | Jeriah  
 | | Amariah  
 | | Jahaziel  
 | | Jekameam  
 | Uzziel  
 | Mishael aka Michah ????  
 | ? Shamir [24:24]  
 | El(i)zaphan [ ↓ ???? ↓ ]  
 | Zithri aka Jesshiah, Isshiah  
 | Zechariah [24:25]

| Amminadab aka Izehar???  
 | | Korah [6:22-24]  
 | | Assir  
 | | Elkanah  
 | | Ebiasaph  
 | | Assir  
 | | Tahath  
 | | Uriel  
 | | Uziah  
 | | Shaul  
 | | [27:25] Jehonathan

Merari  
 Mahli  
 | Eleazar [died, no sons]  
 | Kish  
 | | Jerahmeel [24:29]  
 | ? Libni???? [6:29-30]  
 | Shimei  
 | Uzzah  
 | Shimea  
 | Haggiah  
 | Asaiah  
 Mushi  
 | Mahli [6:44-47]  
 | Shamer  
 | Bani  
 | Amzi  
 | Hilkiyah  
 | Amaziah  
 | Hashabiah  
 | Malluch  
 | Abdi  
 | Kishi  
 | Eder  
 | Jeremoth  
 [+ by wife Jaaziah: 24:27]  
 Beno  
 Shoham  
 Zaccur  
 Ibr

**1 Ch 15:5-10**

of the sons of Kohath, Uriel ...  
 of the sons of Merari, Asaiah ...  
 of the sons of Gershon, Joel ...  
 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah ...  
 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel ...  
 of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab ...

**An attempt to understand these families (from 1Ch 6):**

**Gershon**

Libni (and Shimei)  
 Jahath  
 Zimmah  
 Joah  
 Iddo  
 Zerah  
 Jeatherai

[18 gens. from Gers. to Jear.: 6:20-21]

Levi

**Gershon**

[Did Gershon adopt Libni's son?:]

Jahath  
 Shimei  
 Zimmah  
 Ethan  
 Adaiah  
 Zerah  
 Ethni  
 Malchijah  
 Baaseiah  
 Michael  
 Shimea  
 Berachiah

[16 generations back to Israel: 6:39-43]

Israel  
 Levi

**Kohath**

Izhar (bros: Amram, Hebron, Uzziel)  
 Korah [Nu 16:1]  
 Ebiasaph [aka Abiasaph?]  
 Assir  
 Tahath  
 Zephaniah  
 Azariah

Joel

**Elkanah**

Amasai (and Ahimoth: 6:25)

Mahath

**Elkanah** [also 6:26]

Zuph [aka Zophai: 6:26]

Toah [aka Nahath: 6:26]

Eliel [aka Eliab: 6:27]

Jeroham [also 6:27]

**Elkanah** [also 6:27]

Samuel [also 6:28]

Joel (and Abijah: 6:28)

Heman [the singer]

[23 generations back to Israel: 6:33-38]

Aaron  
 Eleazar  
 Phinehas  
 Abishua  
 Bukki  
 Uzzi  
 Zerahiah  
 Meraioth  
 Amariah  
 Ahitub  
 Zadok  
 Ahimaaz

[12 gens: Aaron to Ahimaaz: 6:50-53]

**Merari**

Mahli (and Mushi)  
 Libni  
 Shimei  
 Uzzah  
 Shimea  
 Haggiah  
 Asaiah

[18 gens. from Merari to Asaiah: 6:29-30]

Levi

**Merari**

Mushi  
 Mahli  
 Shamer  
 Bani  
 Amzi  
 Hilkiah  
 Amaziah  
 Hashabiah  
 Malluch  
 Abdi  
 Kishi

[14 generations back to Israel: 6:44-47]

← 6:16

← 6:17, 6:18 (& 38), 6:19

**Kohath**

[???? If so, another gen. or 2.]

Amminadab  
 Korah  
 Assir  
**Elkanah**  
 Ebiasaph  
 Assir  
 Tahath  
 Uriel  
 Uzziah  
 Shaul

[11 gens from Kohath to Shaul: 6:22-24]

**1 Ch 15:5-10**

of the sons of Kohath,  
**Uriel** ...  
 of the sons of Merari,  
**Asaiah** ...  
 of the sons of Gershom,  
**Joel** ...  
 of the sons of **Elizaphan**,  
**Shemaiah** ...  
 of the sons of Hebron,  
**Eliel** ...  
 of the sons of **Uzziel**,  
**Amminadab** ...

*Notes from 2011 Steve Gregg Lectures:*

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<sup>i</sup> 2:8, 3:14 Ishbosheth was king of Israel at the end of David's 7 ½ years in Hebron. It seems Ishbosheth was so weak that he was only titular head — he is mentioned only a little. Abner seems to be the real man in charge of Israel.

<sup>ii</sup> 3:14-15 Michal had no children by Paltiel? (Then who were the five sons of Michal executed in [2Sa 21:8c](#)?)