

## David's Mighty Men (c. 1003 – c. 969t BC)

2 Samuel 23:8–12, 18–39

1 Chr 11:10–14, 20–47

### The Three

8 These are the names of the mighty men whom David had:

Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the captains,

he was *called* Adino the Eznite, because of eight hundred slain *by him* at one time;

9 and after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David when they defied the

Philistines who were gathered there to battle and the men of Israel had withdrawn.

10 He arose and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary and clung to the sword, and the LORD brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to strip *the slain*.

11 Now after him was Shammah the son of Agee a Hararite.

And the Philistines were gathered into a troop where there was a plot of ground full of lentils, and the people fled from the Philistines.

12 But he took his stand in the midst of the plot, defended it and struck the Philistines; and the LORD brought about a great victory.

### The Thirty—Special Mention to Abishai and Benaiah

18 Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruah, was chief of the thirty. And he swung his spear against three hundred and killed *them*, and had a name as well as the three.

19 He was most honored of the thirty, therefore he became their commander; however, he did not attain to the three.

20 Then Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, killed the two *sons of* Ariel of Moab.

He also went down and killed a lion in the middle of a pit on a snowy day.

10 Now these are the heads of the mighty men whom David had, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

11 These *constitute* the list of the mighty men whom David had:  
Jashobeam, the son of a Hachmonite, the chief of the thirty;

he lifted up his spear against three hundred whom he killed at one time.

12 After him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who *was* one of the three mighty men.

13 He was with David at Pasdammim when the Philistines were gathered together there to battle,

and there was a plot of ground full of barley; and the people fled before the Philistines.

14 They took their stand in the midst of the plot and defended it, and struck down the Philistines; and the LORD saved them by a great victory.

20 As for Abshai the brother of Joab, he was chief of the thirty, and he swung his spear against three hundred and killed them; and he had a name as well as the thirty.

21 Of the three in the second *rank* he was the most honored and became their commander; however, he did not attain to the *first* three.

22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, mighty in deeds, struck down the two *sons of* Ariel of Moab.

He also went down and killed a lion inside a pit on a snowy day.

21 He killed an Egyptian,  
an impressive man.  
Now the Egyptian *had* a spear in his hand,  
  
but he went down to him with a club and snatched  
the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him  
with his own spear.

22 These *things* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did,  
and had a name as well as the three mighty men.

23 He was honored among the thirty,  
but he did not attain to the three.  
And David appointed him over his guard.

### **The Thirty—Other Notable Warriors**

24 Asahel the brother of Joab was among the thirty;  
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 of Gibeah  
of the sons of Benjamin,

30 Benaiah a Pirathonite,

Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash,

31 Abi-albon the Arbathite,

Azmaveth the Barhumite,

32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite,

the sons of Jashen,

Jonathan,

33 Shammah the Hararite,

Ahiam the son of Sharar the Ararite,

34 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai,

the son of the Maacathite,

Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,

35 Hezro the Carmelite,

Paarai the Arbite,

36 Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,

37 Zelek the Ammonite,

23 He killed an Egyptian,  
a man of *great* stature five cubits tall.

Now in the Egyptian's hand *was* a spear  
like a weaver's beam,  
  
but he went down to him with a club and snatched  
the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him  
with his own spear.

24 These *things* Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did,  
and had a name as well as the three mighty men.

25 Behold, he was honored among the thirty,  
but he did not attain to the three;  
and David appointed him over his guard.

26 Now the mighty men of the armies *were*  
Asahel the brother of Joab,  
Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem,  
27 Shammoth the Hararite,

Helez the Pelonite,

28 Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,

Abiezer the Anathothite,

29 Sibbecai the Hushathite,

Ilai the Ahohite,

30 Maharai the Netophathite,

Heled 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,

Elijahba the Shaalbonite,

34 the sons of Hashem the Gizonite,

Jonathan

the son of Shagee the Hararite,

35 Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite,

Eliphal the son of Ur,

36 Hopher 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 Zelek the Ammonite,

<p>Naharai the Beerothite, armor bearers of Joab the son of Zeruiah, 38 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, 39 Uriah the Hittite; thirty-seven in all.</p>	<p>Naharai the Berothite, the armor bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah, 40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, 41 Uriah the Hittite,  Zabad the son of Ahlai, 42 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of the Reubenites, and thirty with him, 43 Hanan the son of Maacah and Joshaphat the Mithnite, 44 Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite, 45 Jedaiel the son of Shimri and Joha his brother, the Tizite, 46 Eliel the Mahavite and Jeribai and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite, 47 Eliel and Obed and Jaasiel the Mezobaite.</p>
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### The Philistines Immediately Try to Kill David (c. 1003/1002 BC)

2 Samuel 5:17–18	1 Chronicles 14:8–9
<p>17 When the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek out David; and when David heard <i>of it</i>, he went down to the stronghold. 18 Now the Philistines came and spread themselves out in the valley of Rephaim.</p>	<p>8 When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up in search of David; and David heard of it and went out against them. 9 Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in the valley of Rephaim.</p>

### My Rock and My Fortress (c. 1003/1002 BC)

#### Psalm 144

#### A Psalm of David.

- 1 Blessed be the LORD, my rock,  
Who trains my hands for war,  
*And* my fingers for battle;
- 2 My lovingkindness and my fortress,  
My stronghold and my deliverer,  
My shield and He in whom I take refuge,  
Who subdues my people under me.
- 3 O LORD, what is man, that You take knowledge of him?  
Or the son of man, that You think of him?
- 4 Man is like a mere breath;  
His days are like a passing shadow.
- 5 Bow Your heavens, O LORD, and come down;  
Touch the mountains, that they may smoke.
- 6 Flash forth lightning and scatter them;  
Send out Your arrows and confuse them.
- 7 Stretch forth Your hand from on high;  
Rescue me and deliver me out of great waters,

- Out of the hand of aliens
- 8 Whose mouths speak deceit,  
And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 9 I will sing a new song to You, O God;  
Upon a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to You,
- 10 Who gives salvation to kings,  
Who rescues David His servant from the evil sword.
- 11 Rescue me and deliver me out of the hand of aliens,  
Whose mouth speaks deceit  
And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 12 Let our sons in their youth be as grown-up plants,  
And our daughters as corner pillars fashioned as for a palace;
- 13 Let our garners be full, furnishing every kind of produce,  
*And* our flocks bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields;
- 14 Let our cattle bear  
Without mishap and without loss,  
*Let there be* no outcry in our streets!
- 15 How blessed are the people who are so situated;  
How blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

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