

**Ish-bosheth is Murdered (c. 1003 BC)**

2 Samuel 4:1–3, 5–12

- 1 When the son of Saul heard that Abner had died in Hebron, his courage failed and all of Israel *was* horrified.
- 2 Two of the men, commanders of the raiding bands, were *for* the son of Saul. The name of one *was* Baanah, and the name of the other *was* Recab, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite from the descendants of Benjamin; also, Beeroth *was* regarded *as belonging to* Benjamin.
- 3 The Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and they are resident aliens there until this day.
- 5 When the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Recab and Baanah, set out, they came at the heat of the day to the house of Ish-Bosheth while he *was* taking a noontime rest.
- 6 They came as far as the middle of the house *as if* takers of wheat, and they struck him in the stomach. Then Recab and Baanah his brother escaped.
- 7 When they had come *into* the house, he *was* lying on his couch in his bedchamber, and they attacked him and killed him. Then they beheaded him, and they took his head and went on the way of the Arabah all night.
- 8 They brought the head of Ish-Bosheth to David at Hebron, and they said to the king, “Here *is* the head of Ish-Bosheth, the son of Saul your enemy, who sought your life. Yahweh has given to my lord the king vengeance this day on Saul and on his offspring.”
- 9 Then David answered Recab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and he said to them, “As Yahweh lives, who redeemed my soul from all trouble,
- 10 when the *one* who told me, “Look, Saul *is* dead,” thought that he *was* bringing good news, I seized him and killed him at Ziklag, which *was* as my giving the news *back* to him.
- 11 How much more when wicked men kill a righteous man in his house, on his bed! So then, shall I not seek his lifeblood from your hand, so that I may destroy you from the earth?”
- 12 Then David commanded the young men, and they killed them, and they cut off their hands and their feet, and they hung *them* at the pool at Hebron, but the head of Ish-Bosheth they took and buried in the grave of Abner at Hebron.

**David Anointed King of Israel (c. 1003 – c. 969t BC)**

2 Samuel 5:1–5

1 Chronicles 3:4b; 11:1–3

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| <p>5:1 So all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and they said, “Here we <i>are</i>, we are your flesh and blood.</p> <p>2 For some time, when Saul was king over us, you were leading Israel in and out. Yahweh had said to you, ‘You shall be the shepherd of my people Israel, and you will be the leader over Israel.’” [<a href="#">Matt 2:6</a>; cf. <a href="#">Mic 5:2</a>]</p> <p>3 All the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron in the presence of Yahweh; then they anointed David as king over Israel.</p> <p>4 David <i>was</i> thirty years old when he began to reign; he reigned forty years.</p> <p>5 He reigned over Judah at Hebron <i>for</i> seven years and six months; and he reigned over all Israel and Judah at Jerusalem <i>for</i> thirty-three years.</p> | <p>11:1 Then all Israel gathered to David in Hebron, saying, “Look—we are your flesh and bones.</p> <p>2 For some time now, even when Saul was king, you were the one who led the army of Israel in battle. And Yahweh your God said to you, ‘You will shepherd my people Israel and will be leader over my people Israel.’”</p> <p>3 Then all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them at Hebron in the presence of Yahweh. And they anointed David as king over Israel according to the word of Yahweh by the hand of Samuel.</p> <p>3:4b And he reigned there seven years and six months. And he reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem.</p> |
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**Tribal Support for David’s Kingship (c. 1003 BC)**

1 Chronicles 12:23–40

- 23 And these are the numbers of the chiefs of those prepared for the army who came to David at Hebron to turn the kingdom of Saul over to him according to the word of Yahweh.
- 24 The sons of Judah bearing shield and spear: six thousand eight hundred armed troops.
- 25 From the men of Simeon, mighty warriors of strength for war: seven thousand one hundred.
- 26 From the Levites: four thousand six hundred.
- 27 Jehoiada the chief officer of *the house of* Aaron, and with him, three thousand seven hundred.
- 28 And Zadok, a young man, a mighty warrior of strength, and the house of his father: twenty-two commanders.
- 29 From the men of Benjamin, kinsmen of Saul, three thousand, and even still the majority of them remained loyal to the house of Saul.
- 30 And from the men of Ephraim: twenty thousand eight hundred mighty warriors of strength, famous men in the house of their fathers.
- 31 And from the half-tribe of Manasseh: eighteen thousand who were designated by name to come to make David king.

32 And from the men of Issachar: men who were skilled in understanding the times to know what Israel should do. Their chiefs *were* two hundred, and all their kinsmen *were* under their command.

33 From Zebulun, those who went out armed, equipped for battle with all the weapons of war: fifty thousand to help David with singleness of purpose.

34 From Naphtali: one thousand commanders; and *those* with them with shield and spear: thirty-seven thousand.

35 From the Danites, *those* equipped for battle: twenty-eight thousand six hundred.

36 And from Asher, those who went out armed *and* prepared for battle: forty thousand.

37 And from beyond the Jordan, from the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half-tribe of Manasseh, with all *their* weapons of war for battle: one hundred and twenty thousand.

38 All these *were* men of war arrayed in battle line with a whole heart. They came to Hebron to make David king over all Israel. Likewise, all the rest of Israel *had* one heart to make David king.

39 And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking, for their kinsmen were prepared for them.

40 And also their relatives, as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought food on donkeys, on camels, on mules, and on oxen—provisions of flour, cakes of figs, raisin cakes, wine and oil, cattle and sheep in abundance, for *there was* great joy in Israel.

### 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 warriors who *were* David's:

Josheb-Basshebeth a Tahkemonite *was* chief of three officers; first Adino, whose spear *was* against eight hundred slain on one occurrence.

9 Next to him Eleazar, the son of Dodo the son of an Ahohite, *was* among the three mighty warriors with David when they defied the Philistines and they gathered there for the battle and the men of Israel withdrew.

10 He stood up and struck down the Philistines until his hand grew tired and his hand clung to the sword, and Yahweh brought about a great victory on that day. Then the army returned back to him only for stripping *the dead*.

11 Next to him *was* Shamma, the son of Agee the Hararite. When *the* Philistines assembled at Lehi, a plot of the field was there filled with lentils, and the army fled there from the presence of *the* Philistines.

12 But he took a stand in the middle of the plot of land and defended it. He killed *the* Philistines, and Yahweh brought about a great victory.

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

18 Now Abishai the brother of Joab the son of Zeruiah *was* himself the leader of the thirty. He *was* wielding his spear against three hundred slain and gained a name among the thirty.

19 Among the thirty, is it not that he *was* honored and became a commander for them? But he did not come up to the three.

20 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of Ish-Hai, *was* a great *man* of deeds from Kabzeel. He struck down two sons of Ariel of Moab, and he went down and killed a lion in the middle of a pit on a snowy day.

21 He also killed a good-looking Egyptian man, in whose hand *was* a spear.

He went down against him with the staff

10 Now these *are* the chiefs of the mighty men who *were* for David, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel to make him king according to the word of Yahweh concerning Israel.

11 And this *is* the numbering of the mighty warriors who *were* for David: Jashobeam son of Hachmoni *was* chief of the three. He himself raised his spear against three hundred *whom he* killed on one occasion.

12 And after him *was* Eleazar son of Dodo the Ahohite. He *was* among the three mighty warriors.

13 He himself *was* with David at Pas-Dammim when the Philistines were gathered there for the battle.

And there was a plot of the field filled with barley, and the people fled before the Philistines.

14 But they took their stand in the middle of the plot and defended it. And they killed the Philistines. And Yahweh saved *them with* a great victory.

20 Now Abishai the brother of Joab *was* himself the head of the three. And he roused himself with his spear against three hundred *whom he* killed and *made* a name for himself among the three.

21 He was twice as renowned among the three and was their commander. But he did not attain to the three.

22 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada *was* a strong man from Kabzeel, *one who did* great deeds. He himself struck down two *sons of* Ariel of Moab.

And he himself went down and struck down a lion within a pit on a snowy day.

23 And he himself struck down an Egyptian man, a large man five cubits *tall*. And in the hand of the Egyptian *was* a spear like a weaver's beam. But he went down to him with a club

and snatched the spear from the hand of the Egyptian and killed him with his spear.

22 These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did and gained a name for himself among the three mighty warriors.

23 He *was* honored more than the thirty, but he did not come up to the three.

David appointed him in charge of his bodyguard.

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

24 Among the thirty *were*

Asahel the brother of Joab,

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 sons of Benjamin,

30 Benaiah *the* Pirathonite,

Hiddai from the wadis of Gaash,

31 Abi-Albon the Arbathite,

Azmaveth the Barhumite,

32 Eliahba the Shaalbonite,

the sons of Jashen, Jonathan

33 *the son* of 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 from Zobah,

Bani the Gadite,

37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, the carriers of the weapons of Joab the son of Zeruiah,

38 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite,

39 Uriah the Hittite;

in all, thirty-seven.

and seized the spear from the hand of the Egyptian and killed him with his own spear.

24 These things Benaiah son of Jehoiada did and had a name among the three mighty warriors.

25 He himself was certainly distinguished among the thirty, but he did not attain to the three.

And David appointed him over his bodyguard.

26 Now the mighty warriors of the troops *were*

Asahel the brother of Joab,

Elhanan the son of Dodo from Bethlehem,

27 Shammoth the Harorite,

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 Ittai the son of Ribai from Gibeah of the people of Benjamin,

Benaiah the Pirathonite,

32 Hurai of the valleys of Gaash,

Abiel the Arbathite,

33 Azmaveth the Baharumite,

Elijahba the Shaalbonite,

34 the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jehonathan

the son of Shagee the Hararite,

35 Ahiam the son of Sacar the Hararite,

Eliphal the son of Ur,

36 Hepher the Mekerathite, Ahijah the Pelonite,

37 Hezro the Carmelite,

Naari the son of Ezbai,

38 Joel the brother of Nathan,

Mibhar the son of Hagri,

39 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, the bearer of the weapons 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 leader of the Reubenites, and thirty with him,

43 Hanan the son of Maacah, Jehoshaphat 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.