

Ish-bosheth is Murdered (c. 1003 BC)

2 Samuel 4:1–3, 5–12

1 Now when Ish-bosheth, Saul's son, heard that Abner had died in Hebron, he lost courage, and all Israel was disturbed.

2 Saul's son *had* two men who were commanders of bands: the name of the one was Baanah and the name of the other Rechab, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the sons of Benjamin (for Beeroth is also considered *part* of Benjamin,

3 and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim and have been aliens there until this day).

5 So the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, departed and came to the house of Ish-bosheth in the heat of the day while he was taking his midday rest.

6 They came to the middle of the house as if to get wheat, and they struck him in the belly; and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped.

7 Now when they came into the house, as he was lying on his bed in his bedroom, they struck him and killed him and beheaded him. And they took his head and traveled by way of the Arabah all night.

8 Then they brought the head of Ish-bosheth to David at Hebron and said to the king, "Behold, the head of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, your enemy, who sought your life; thus the LORD has given my lord the king vengeance this day on Saul and his descendants."

9 David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said to them, "As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my life from all distress,

10 when one told me, saying, 'Behold, Saul is dead,' and thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and killed him in Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for *his* news.

11 How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous man in his own house on his bed, shall I not now require his blood from your hand and destroy you from the earth?"

12 Then David commanded the young men, and they killed them and cut off their hands and feet and hung them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bosheth and buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

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

2 Samuel 5:1–5

1 Chronicles 3:4b; 11:1–3

1 Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.

2 Previously, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and in. And the LORD said to you, 'You will shepherd My people Israel, and you will be a ruler over Israel.'" [\[Matt 2:6; cf. Mic 5:2\]](#)

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them before the LORD at Hebron; then they anointed David king over Israel.

4 David was thirty years old when he became king, *and* he reigned forty years.

5 At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

11:1 Then all Israel gathered to David at Hebron and said, "Behold, we are your bone and your flesh.

2 In times past, even when Saul was king, you *were* the one who led out and brought in Israel; and the LORD your God said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and you shall be prince over My people Israel.'"

3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD through Samuel.

3:4b and there he reigned seven years and six months. And in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years.

Tribal Support for David's Kingship (c. 1003 BC)

1 Chronicles 12:23–40

23 Now these are the numbers of the divisions equipped for war, who came to David at Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the LORD.

24 The sons of Judah who bore shield and spear *were* 6,800, equipped for war.

25 Of the sons of Simeon, mighty men of valor for war, 7,100.

26 Of the sons of Levi 4,600.

27 Now Jehoiada was the leader of *the house of Aaron*, and with him were 3,700,

28 also Zadok, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father's house twenty-two captains.

29 Of the sons of Benjamin, Saul's kinsmen, 3,000; for until now the greatest part of them had kept their allegiance to the house of Saul.

30 Of the sons of Ephraim 20,800, mighty men of valor, famous men in their fathers' households.

31 Of the half-tribe of Manasseh 18,000, who were designated by name to come and make David king.

32 Of the sons of Issachar, men who understood the times, with knowledge of what Israel should do, their chiefs *were* two hundred;

and all their kinsmen *were* at their command.

33 Of Zebulun, there were 50,000 who went out in the army, who could draw up in battle formation with all kinds of weapons of war and helped *David* with an undivided heart.

34 Of Naphtali *there were* 1,000 captains, and with them 37,000 with shield and spear.

35 Of the Danites who could draw up in battle formation, *there were* 28,600.

36 Of Asher *there were* 40,000 who went out in the army to draw up in battle formation.

37 From the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites and the Gadites and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, *there were* 120,000 with all *kinds* of weapons of war for the battle.

38 All these, being men of war who could draw up in battle formation, came to Hebron with a perfect heart to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest also of Israel were of one mind to make David king.

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

40 Moreover those who were near to them, *even* as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought food on donkeys, camels, mules and on oxen, great quantities of flour cakes, fig cakes and bunches of raisins, wine, oil, oxen and sheep. There was joy indeed 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 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 Zeruiah, 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.

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

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 Pasmammim 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.

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.
 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,
 Elikah 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,
 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.

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 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 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,
 Eliahba 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,
 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 Uzziah the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite,
 45 Jediahel 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.