

# 1 & 2 Samuel Series

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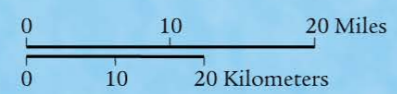


**THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S**  
**FOOLISH VS. WISDOM:**

**THE WISDOM AND HUMILITY OF DAVID**  
**2 SAMUEL 15:13–37**

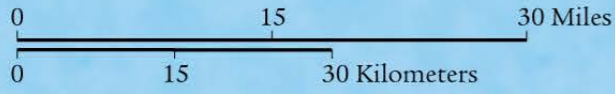
- I. Absalom flees**
- II. Absalom returns**
- III. David flees**
- IV. David returns**

-  David repels Philistine attacks (2 Sam. 5:25)
-  David attacks Hadadezer, king of Zobah (2 Sam. 8:3ff)
-  Edomites threaten David at Valley of Salt (2 Sam. 8:13)
-  David decisively defeats the Edomites (2 Sam. 8:14)
-  Ammonites, aided by the Aramean mercenary forces of Zobah, Beth-rehob, Maacah and Tob, challenge David near Rabbah (Amman) (2 Sam. 10:1ff)
-  David's forces defeat the Ammonite-Aramean confederation (2 Sam. 10:7ff)
-  Hadadezer, king of Zobah, leads an Aramean army against David at Helam (2 Sam. 10:15ff)
-  David defeats Hadadezer's Aramean confederation at Helam (2 Sam. 10:17ff)
-  David is expelled from Jerusalem by his son Absalom (2 Sam. 17:21ff)
-  David dispatches a census team throughout his realm (2 Sam. 24:1ff)
-  Battle scene



# REDISTRICTING OF THE TRIBES UNDER SOLOMON

- Ⓝ Numbered administrative districts
- City
- Boundary



MEDITERRANEAN SEA

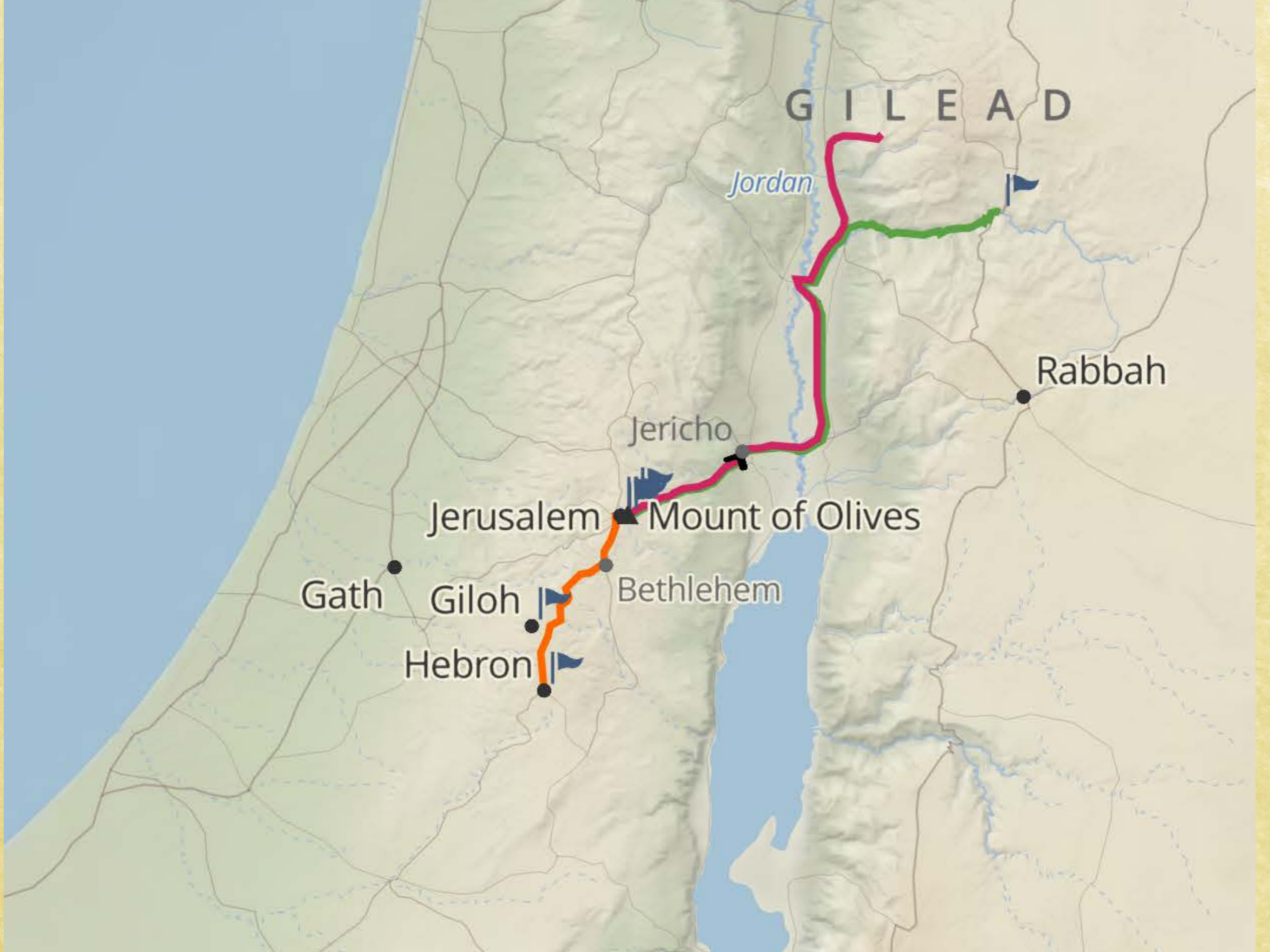


- 1. Absalom deceives the people by acting like their friend; false compassion and sympathy.**
- 2. Absalom falsely accuses David of not caring and being out of touch.**
- 3. Absalom takes on the trappings of power and authority, acting like a king.**
- 4. Absalom claims if he were king, they would have it so much better.**

**2 Sam. 15:7**, “Now it came to pass after forty years that Absalom said to the king, ‘Please, let me go to Hebron and pay the vow which I made to the Lord.

**2 Sam. 15:8**, “ ‘For your servant took a vow while I dwelt at Geshur in Syria, saying, “If the Lord indeed brings me back to Jerusalem, then I will serve the Lord.” ’

**2 Sam. 15:9**, “And the king said to him, ‘Go in peace.’ So he arose and went to Hebron.”



G I L E A D

Jordan

Rabbah

Jericho

Jerusalem Mount of Olives

Gath

Giloh

Bethlehem

Hebron



**2 Sam. 15:10, “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!” ’**

**2 Sam. 15:11, “And with Absalom went two hundred men invited from Jerusalem, and they went along innocently and did not know anything.”**

- 5. He sent out spies throughout the land.**
- 6. Conspired to be proclaimed king.**
- 7. Deceived 200 men in David's administration.**
- 8. Beguiled Ahithophel to give him the appearance of legitimacy.**

**David is forced to flee Jerusalem and go into exile, 2 Samuel 15:13–16:14.**

# The Need to Escape

**2 Sam. 15:14, “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.’ ”**

**2 Sam. 15:15, “And the king’s servants said to the king, ‘We are your servants, ready to do whatever my lord the king commands.’”**

**2 Sam. 15:16, “Then the king went out with all his household after him. But the king left ten women, concubines, to keep the house.”**

**2 Sam. 15:18, “Then all his servants passed before him; and all the Cherethites, all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men who had followed him from Gath, passed before the king”**

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# **The First Test:**

- 1. David shows wise leadership by not jumping at the chance to have Ittai's warriors join him. First there is a test.**

**2 Sam. 15:19**, “Then the king said to Ittai 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.’”

**2 Sam. 15:20**, “ ‘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.’ ”

**2 Sam. 15:21, “But Ittai answered the king and said, ‘As the LORD 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.’**

**2 Sam. 15:22, “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.”**

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## **The Second Test:**

**2. David doesn't compromise the spiritual life of the nation to serve his purposes.**

**David shows his trust in God rather than manipulating the circumstances.**

**David shows wise leadership by setting up a communication network.**

**2 Sam. 15:23, “And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people crossed over. The king himself also crossed over the Brook Kidron, and all the people crossed over toward the way of the wilderness.”**







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- 4. Abiathar**

**2 Sam. 15:24, “There was Zadok 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 went up until all the people had finished crossing over from the city.”**

Ex. 6:16–25

Levi

**Gershon**

**Kohath**

**Merari**

**Libni**

**Shimi**

**Amram**

**Izhar**

**Hebron**

**Uzziel**

**Mahli**

**Mushi**

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**Sons of Korah**

**Nadab**

**Abihu**

**Eleazar**

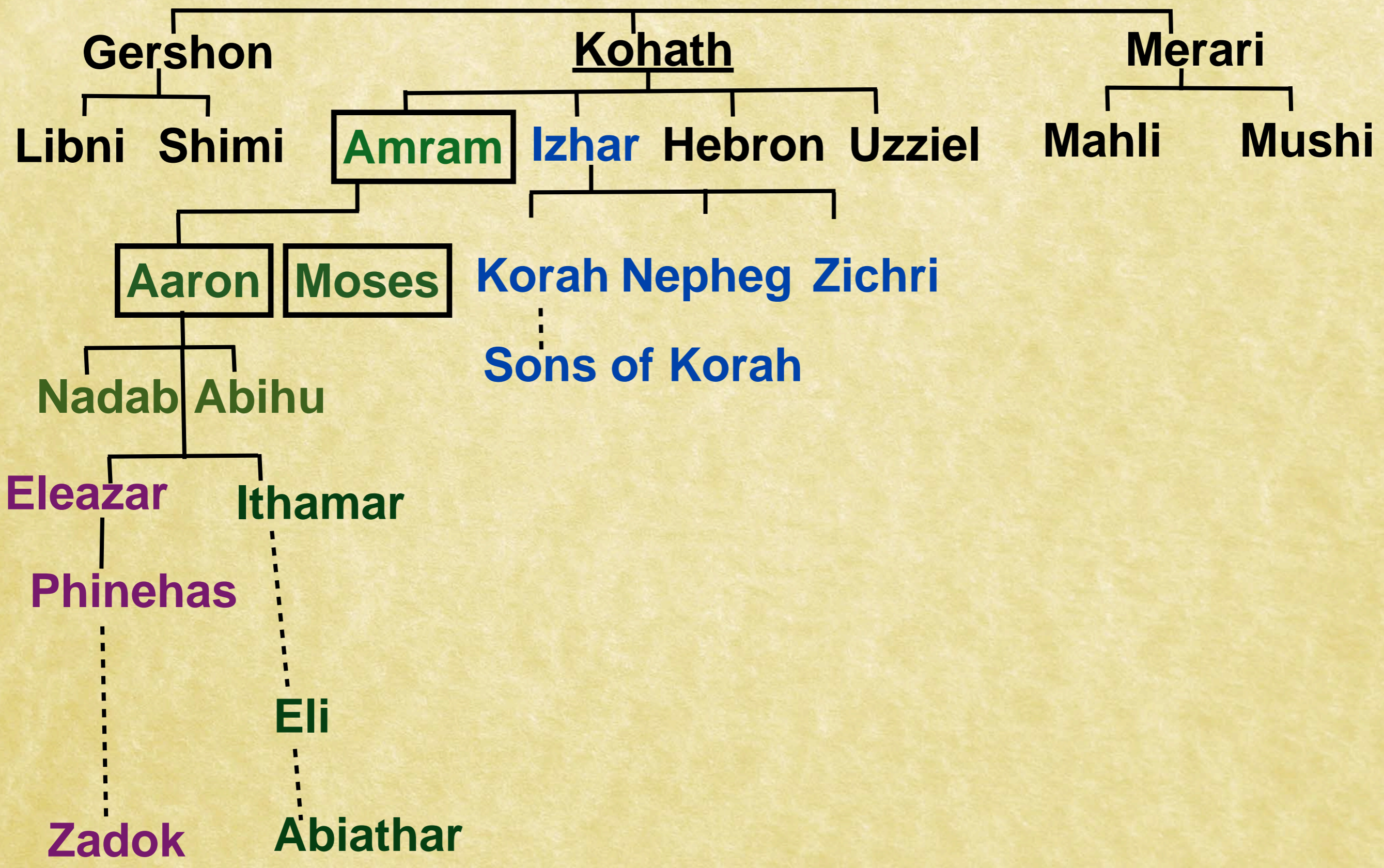
**Ithamar**

**Phinehas**

**Zadok**

**Eli**

**Abiathar**



**Num. 25:11, “ ‘Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned back My wrath from the children of Israel, because he was zealous with My zeal among them, so that I did not consume the children of Israel in My zeal.**

**Num. 25:12, “ ‘Therefore say, “Behold, I give to him My covenant of peace;**

**Num. 25:13, “ ‘ “and it shall be to him and his descendants after him a covenant of an everlasting priesthood, because he was zealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.” ’ ”**

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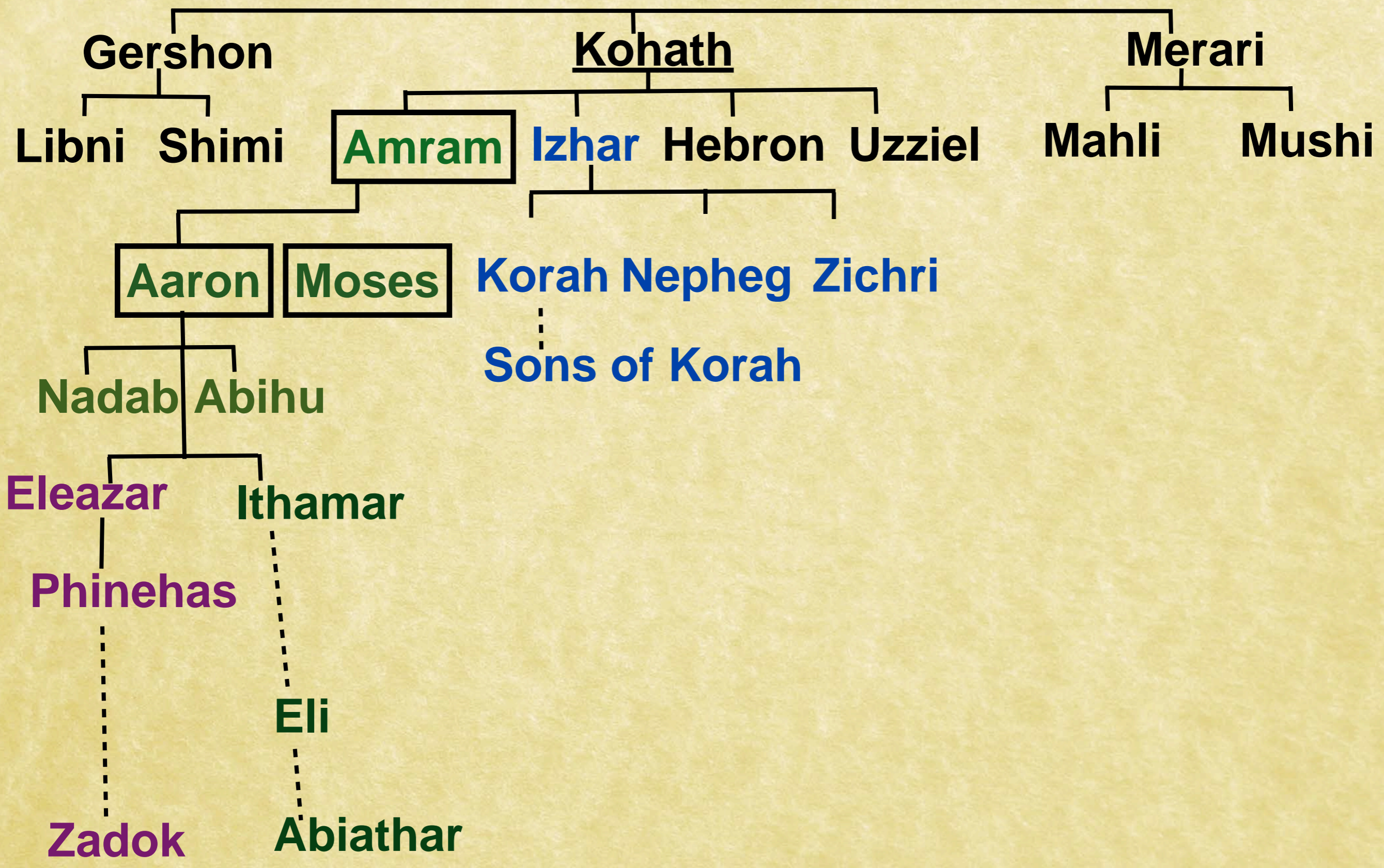
**Eleazar Ithamar**

**Phinehas**

**Eli**

**Zadok**

**Abiathar**



**2 Sam. 15:25, “Then the king said to Zadok, ‘Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I find favor in the eyes of the LORD, He will bring me back and show me both it and His dwelling place.**

**2 Sam. 15:26, “ ‘But if He says thus: “I have no delight in you,” here I am, let Him do to me as seems good to Him.’ ”**

**2 Sam. 15:29, “Therefore Zadok and Abiathar carried the ark of God back to Jerusalem. And they remained there.**

**2 Sam. 15:30, “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.”**





**Psa. 3:3, “But You, O LORD, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head.**

**Psa. 3:4, “I cried to the LORD with my voice, And He heard me from His holy hill.  
Selah**

**Psa. 3:5, “I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the LORD sustained me.”**

# **Key People**

## **5. Ahithophel**

## **The Third Test:**

**3. The test of betrayal by a valued friend and counselor—Ahithophel.**

**2 Sam. 15:31, “Then someone told David, saying, ‘Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom.’ And David said, ‘O LORD, I pray, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness!’ ”**

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**2 Sam. 16:23, “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.”**

**“I only pray when I’m in trouble; but I’m in trouble all the time, so I pray all the time.”**

**~Isaac Bashevis Singer, Nobel Prize winning novelist; wrote *Yentl***



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**5. Ahithophel**

**6. Hushai the Archite**

**2 Sam. 15:32**, “Now it happened when David had come to the top of the mountain, where he worshiped God—there was **Hushai the Archite coming to meet him with his robe torn and dust on his head.**

**2 Sam. 15:33**, “David said to him, ‘If you go on with me, then you will become a burden to me.

**2 Sam. 15:34**, “ ‘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.** ’ ”



**2 Sam. 15:35, “ ‘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.**

**2 Sam. 15:36, “ ‘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.’ ”**

**2 Sam. 15:37, “So Hushai, David’s friend,  
went into the city. And Absalom came into  
Jerusalem.”**