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**THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S**  
**LEARNING HOW GOD PROTECTS US**

**2 SAMUEL 21:15–22; 23:8–39**

- 1A God blesses David and he unites and expands the kingdom. 2 Sam. 2–10**
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**2 Sam. 21–24**

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**2 Sam. 22:51,**

**“He is the tower of salvation to His king, and shows mercy to His anointed, to David and his descendants forevermore.”**

**Psa. 18:2, “The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my huge rock, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”**

**Psa. 18:31, “For who is God, except the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?”**

**Psa. 18:46, “The LORD lives! Blessed be my Rock! Let the God of my salvation be exalted.”**

- 1. The adventures of Abisheai,  
2 Sam. 21:15–17**
- 2. Sibbecai the Hushathite,  
2 Sam. 21:18**
- 3. Elhanan, 2 Sam. 21:19**
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- 1. Josheb-Basshebeth the Tachmonite, chief among the captains.**
- 2. Eleazar the Son of Dod, the Ahohite, 2 Sam. 23:9–10**
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- 6. Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada from Kabzeel. 2 Sam. 23:20–23**
- 7. The list of the Thirty. 2 Sam. 23:24–39**

**1. The adventures of Abishai,**

**2 Sam. 21:15–17**

**2 Sam. 21:15, “When the Philistines were at war again with Israel, David and his servants with him went down and fought against the Philistines; and David grew faint.**

**2 Sam. 21:16, “Then Ishbi-Benob, who was one of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose bronze spear was three hundred shekels, who was bearing a new sword, thought he could kill David.”**

**-רָפָה־2 *raphah* proper noun: giant, *Raphah*.**

**Deut. 2:11, “They were also regarded as giants, like the Anakim, but the Moabites call them Emim.”**

**Deut. 3:11, “For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the giants. Indeed his bedstead was an iron bedstead. (Is it not in Rabbah of the people of Ammon?) Nine cubits is its length and four cubits its width, according to the standard cubit.”**

**Josh. 11:21, “And at that time Joshua came and cut off the Anakim from the mountains: from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel; Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities.**

**Josh. 11:22, “None of the Anakim were left in the land of the children of Israel; they remained only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod.”**

**2 Sam. 21:17, “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.’ ”**



## **2. Sibbecai the Hushathite, 2 Sam. 21:18**

**2 Sam. 21:18, “Now it happened afterward that there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sibbechai the Hushathite killed Saph, who was one of the sons of the giant.”**

### **3. Elhanan, 2 Sam. 21:19**

**Here he is called Elhanan the son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite**

**2 Sam. 21:19, “Again there was war at Gob with the Philistines, where Elhanan the son of Jaare-Oregim the Bethlehemite killed the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam.”**

**1 Chron. 20:5, “Again there was war with the Philistines, and Elhanan the son of Jair killed Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the shaft of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam.”**

#### **4. Jonathan, 2 Sam. 21:20–22**

**2 Sam. 21:20, “Yet again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of great stature, who had six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number; and he also was born to the giant.**

**2 Sam. 21:21, “So when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David’s brother, killed him.**

**2 Sam. 21:22, “These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David and by the hand of his servants.”**

**יְבוֹרִיב *ibbor* masc plur abs mighty;**

**Oswalt: “The Hebrew root is commonly associated with warfare and has to do with the strength and vitality of the successful warrior.”**

**Isa. 10:21, “The remnant will return, the remnant of Jacob, to the Mighty God.”**

**Psa. 89:13, “You have a mighty arm; Strong is Your hand, and high is Your right hand.”**

**Isa. 9:6, “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”**

**1. There were three warriors who received the highest of honors for bravery in the battle, the Medal of Honor for valor.**

**Josheb-basshebeth, Eleazar, and Shammah. 2 Sam. 23:8–12**

**2. There is a group called the Thirty. It isn't clear the relationship between the first three and the Thirty.**



**3. There were three men of the Thirty who received the second highest medal for valor. These are the ones who went to the well of Bethlehem, in the midst of the Philistine army, to get water for David, 2 Sam. 23:13–17**

**4. Two more were mentioned as having great valor, Abishai and Benaiah, Abishai later became a general, and Benaiah became the head of David's body guard.**

**1. Josheb-Basshebeth the Tachmonite,  
chief among the captains.**

**2 Sam. 23:8, “These are the names of  
the mighty men whom David had:  
Josheb-Basshebeth the Tachmonite,  
chief among the captains. He was called  
Adino the Eznite, because he had killed  
eight hundred men at one time.”**

**2. Next Eleazar the Son of Dod, the Ahohite, 2 Sam. 23:9–10**

**2 Sam. 23:9, “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 for battle, and the men of Israel had retreated.**

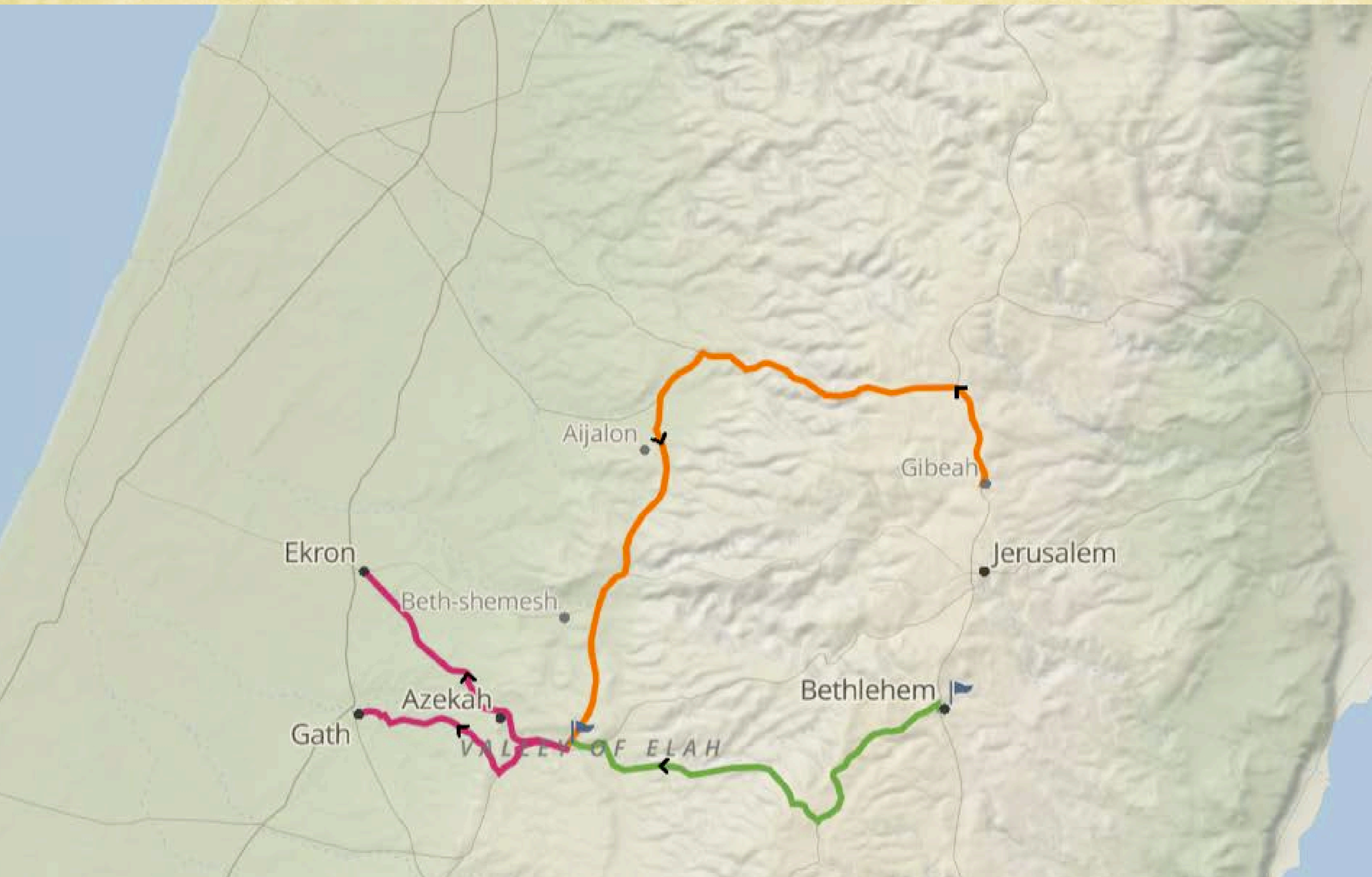
**2 Sam. 23:10, “He arose and attacked the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand stuck to the sword. The LORD brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to plunder.”**

### **3. Shammah, the son of Agee the Hararite.**

**2 Sam. 23:11, “And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines had gathered together into a troop where there was a piece of ground full of lentils. So the people fled from the Philistines.**

**2 Sam. 23:12, “But he stationed himself in the middle of the field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So the LORD brought about a great victory.”**

# The Battle of Elah and Countryside



**4. Then three of the Thirty chief men who retrieved water for David, 2 Sam. 23:13–17**

**2 Sam. 23:13, “Then three of the thirty 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.**

**2 Sam. 23:14, “David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.**

**2 Sam. 23:15, “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!’ ”**

**2 Sam. 23:16, “So the three 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 the LORD.**

**2 Sam. 23:17, “And he said, ‘Far be it from me, O LORD, 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 mighty men.”**



**5. Abishai, the brother of Joab, David's nephew. The leader of the Thirty, but not among the first three.**

**2 Sam. 23:18–19**

**2 Sam. 23:18, “Now Abishai the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruah, was chief of another three. He lifted his spear against three hundred men, killed them, and won a name among these three.**

**2 Sam. 23:19, “Was he not the most honored of three? Therefore he became their captain. However, he did not attain to the first three.”**

- 6. Benaiah, the son of Jehoiada from Kabzeel. 2 Sam. 23:20–23**
- 7. 2 Sam. 23:20, “Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who had done many deeds. 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.**
- 8. 2 Sam. 23:21, “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.”**

**7. The list of the Thirty. 2 Sam. 23:24–39.  
Some are notable. Ittai; Eliam,  
Ahithophel's son; Eliam, Bathsheba's  
father; Uriah the Hittite.**