

## OT-OV

### Lesson 89

1. Last week I continued teaching the Book of 2nd Samuel. I am going to review some of that learned and then we will pick up with new material at point six below.
2. The Book of 2nd Samuel was written at least in part by Nathan and an unknown writer around 1000 B.C.
3. The Book is a story of David and his Kingdom. Like the Book of 1st Samuel where we found a study of Samuel and Saul was the best way to review the Book, I have determined a study of David and his confederates would best suit our overview.
4. When time expired last week we were reviewing the role of Joab in the execution of David's son Absalom.
  - 4.1 Joab was one of three sons of Zeruah, who was a half-sister of David. Zeruah and David had the same mother but different fathers as we shall see. The three sons raised by Zeruah were: Joab, Abishai and Asahel.
  - 4.2 The first mention of Joab's military service is at the battle of Gibeon. Here is where David's men led by Joab battled and defeated Ishbosheth's forces under the command of Abner; the battle took place near the pool of Gibeon. It is also where Abner reluctantly slew Joab's younger brother Asahel.
  - 4.3 In the battle for Jerusalem Joab earns his position of Chief of Staff.  
1Ch 11:5-6 and 2Sa 5:6-10
  - 4.4 Joab led the forces of David in their conquest of Rabbah, capital of Ammon in a "dicey" battle which certainly could have gone either way. 2Sa 10:1-19
  - 4.5 It was at the battle of Rabbah that both David and Joab participated in a conspiracy to murder Uriah the Hittite, Bathsheba's husband. 2Sa 11:14-25
  - 4.6 Joab helped Absalom reconcile with David. 2Sa 13:38-14:23
5. And now for new material and point 6.
6. Joab was the "leader" of the forces which defeated the army of Amasa and Absalom and it was Joab who killed Absalom in violation of a direct order.  
  
2Sa 18:1 David mustered the men who were with him and appointed over them commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds.

2Sa 18:2 David sent the troops out--a third under the command of Joab, a third under Joab's brother Abishai son of Zeruiah, and a third under Ittai the Gittite. The king told the troops, "I myself will surely march out with you."

2Sa 18:3 But the men said, "You must not go out; if we are forced to flee, they won't care about us. Even if half of us die, they won't care; but you are worth ten thousand of us. It would be better now for you to give us support from the city."

2Sa 18:4 The king answered, "I will do whatever seems best to you." So the king stood beside the gate while all the men marched out in units of hundreds and of thousands.

2Sa 18:5 The king commanded Joab, Abishai and Ittai, "Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake." And all the troops heard the king giving orders concerning Absalom to each of the commanders.

2Sa 18:6 The army marched into the field to fight Israel, and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim.

2Sa 18:7 There the army of Israel was defeated by David's men, and the casualties that day were great--twenty thousand men.

2Sa 18:8 The battle spread out over the whole countryside and the forest claimed more lives that day than the sword.

2Sa 18:9 Now Absalom happened to meet David's men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom's head got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair, while the mule he was riding kept on going.

2Sa 18:10 When one of the men saw this, he told Joab, "I just saw Absalom hanging in an oak tree."

2Sa 18:11 Joab said to the man who had told him this, "What! You saw him? Why didn't you strike him to the ground right there? Then I would have had to give you ten shekels of silver and a warrior's belt."

2Sa 18:12 But the man replied, "Even if a thousand shekels were weighed out into my hands, I would not lift my hand against the king's son. In our hearing the king commanded you and Abishai and Ittai, 'Protect the young man Absalom for my sake.'

2Sa 18:13 And if I had put my life in jeopardy--and nothing is hidden from the king--you would have kept your distance from me."

2Sa 18:14 Joab said, "I'm not going to wait like this for you." So he took three javelins in his hand and plunged them into Absalom's heart while Absalom was still alive in the oak tree.

2Sa 18:15 And ten of Joab's armor-bearers surrounded Absalom, struck him and killed him ...

7. Joab rebuked David for his failure to celebrate the defeat of Absalom.

2Sa 19:1 Joab was told, "The king is weeping and mourning for Absalom."

2Sa 19:2 And for the whole army the victory that day was turned into mourning, because on that day the troops heard it said, "The king is grieving for his son."

2Sa 19:3 The men stole into the city that day as men steal in who are ashamed when they flee from battle.

2Sa 19:4 The king covered his face and cried aloud, "O my son Absalom! O Absalom, my son, my son!"

2Sa 19:5 Then Joab went into the house to the king and said, "Today you have humiliated all your men, who have just saved your life and the lives of your sons and daughters and the lives of your wives and concubines.

2Sa 19:6 You love those who hate you and hate those who love you. You have made it clear today that the commanders and their men mean nothing to you. I see that you would be pleased if Absalom were alive today and all of us were dead.

2Sa 19:7 Now go out and encourage your men. I swear by the LORD that if you don't go out, not a man will be left with you by nightfall. This will be worse for you than all the calamities that have come upon you from your youth till now."

2Sa 19:8 So the king got up and took his seat in the gateway. When the men were told, "The king is sitting in the gateway," they all came before him...

8. Later in a campaign against Sheba, Joab murdered Amasa because David had placed Amasa in charge of the army. This occurred after the defeat of Absalom's forces.

2Sa 20:4 Then the king said to Amasa, "Summon the men of Judah to come to me within three days, and be here yourself."

2Sa 20:5 But when Amasa went to summon Judah, he took longer than the time the king had set for him.

2Sa 20:6 David said to Abishai, "Now Sheba son of Bicri will do us more harm than Absalom did. Take your master's men and pursue him, or he will find fortified cities and escape from us."

2Sa 20:7 So Joab's men and the Kerethites and Pelethites and all the mighty warriors went out under the command of Abishai. They marched out from Jerusalem to pursue Sheba son of Bicri.

2Sa 20:8 While they were at the great rock in Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. Joab was wearing his military tunic, and strapped over it at his waist was a belt with a dagger in its sheath. As he stepped forward, it dropped out of its sheath.

2Sa 20:9 Joab said to Amasa, "How are you, my brother?" Then Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him.

2Sa 20:10 Amasa was not on his guard against the dagger in Joab's hand, and Joab plunged it into his belly, and his intestines spilled out on the ground. Without being stabbed again, Amasa died. Then Joab and his brother Abishai pursued Sheba son of Bicri.

9. Joab was against David's numbering of the people of Israel for military service.

2Sa 24:1 Again the anger of the LORD burned against Israel, and he incited David against them, saying, "Go and take a census of Israel and Judah."

2Sa 24:2 So the king said to Joab and the army commanders with him, "Go throughout the tribes of Israel from Dan to Beersheba and enroll the fighting men, so that I may know how many there are."

2Sa 24:3 But Joab replied to the king, "May the LORD your God multiply the troops a hundred times over, and may the eyes of my lord the king see it. But why does my lord the king want to do such a thing?"

2Sa 24:4 The king's word, however, overruled Joab and the army commanders; so they left the presence of the king to enroll the fighting men of Israel.

9.1 Joab followed orders and took a census of the fighting men and reported to David.

2Sa 24:9 Joab reported the number of the fighting men to the king: In Israel there were eight hundred thousand able-bodied men who could handle a sword, and in Judah five hundred thousand.

10. David recognized his error.

2Sa 24:10 David was conscience-stricken after he had counted the fighting men, and he said to the LORD, "I have sinned greatly in what I have done. Now, O LORD, I beg you, take away the guilt of your servant. I have done a very foolish thing."

2Sa 24:11 The next morning the word of the LORD came to Gad the prophet, David's seer:

2Sa 24:12 "Go and tell David, 'This is what the LORD says: I am giving you three options. Choose one of them for me to carry out against you.'"

2Sa 24:13 So Gad went to David and said to him, "Shall there come upon you three years of famine in your land? Or three months of fleeing from your enemies while they pursue you? Or three days of plague in your land? Now then, think it over and decide."

2Sa 24:14 David said to Gad, "I am in deep distress. Let us fall into the hands of the LORD, and not into the hands of men."

2Sa 24:15 So the LORD sent a plague on Israel from that morning until the end of the time designated, and seventy thousand of the people from Dan to Beersheba died.

2Sa 24:16 When the angel stretched out his hand to destroy Jerusalem, the LORD was grieved because of the calamity and said to the angel who was afflicting the people, "Enough! Withdraw your hand." The angel of the LORD was then at the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.

2Sa 24:17 When David saw the angel who was striking down the people, he said to the LORD, "I am the one who has sinned and done wrong. These are but sheep. What have they done? Let your hand fall upon me and my family."

2Sa 24:18 On that day Gad went to David and said to him, "Go up and build an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite."

2Sa 24:19 So David went up, as the LORD had commanded through Gad.

2Sa 24:20 When Araunah looked and saw the king and his men coming toward him, he went out and bowed down before the king with his face to the ground.

2Sa 24:21 Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?" "To buy your threshing floor," David answered, "so I can build an altar to the LORD, that the plague on the people may be stopped w ..."

2Sa 24:25 David built an altar to the LORD there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then the LORD answered prayer in behalf of the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.

11. The writer of Chronicles tells us David was motivated to take the census by Satan.

1Ch 21:1 And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

11.1 The writer also tells us Joab did not count everyone because he was against the census and so decided to not do as ordered.

1Ch 21:6 But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab.

11.2 Notice also God was displeased with David's lack of faith.

1Ch 21:7 And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel.

12. Joab supported Adonijah as David's successor. Joab knew in my opinion of David's desire to have Solomon succeed him but chose to again act in rebellion. On David's death bed he asks Solomon to execute Joab.

1Ki 2:1 When the time drew near for David to die, he gave a charge to Solomon his son.

1Ki 2:2 "I am about to go the way of all the earth," he said. "So be strong, show yourself a man,

1Ki 2:3 and observe what the LORD your God requires: Walk in his ways, and keep his decrees and commands, his laws and requirements, as written in the Law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all you do and wherever you go,

1Ki 2:4 and that the LORD may keep his promise to me: 'If your descendants watch how they live, and if they walk faithfully before me with all their heart and soul, you will never fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.'

1Ki 2:5 "Now you yourself know what Joab son of Zeruah did to me--what he did to the two commanders of Israel's armies, Abner son of Ner and Amasa son of Jether. He killed them, shedding their blood in peacetime as if in battle, and with that blood stained the belt around his waist and the sandals on his feet.

1Ki 2:6 Deal with him according to your wisdom, but do not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace.

1Ki 2:7 "But show kindness to the sons of Barzillai of Gilead and let them be among those who eat at your table. They stood by me when I fled from your brother Absalom.

1Ki 2:8 "And remember, you have with you Shimei son of Gera, the Benjamite from Bahurim, who called down bitter curses on me the day I went to Mahanaim. When he came down to meet me at the Jordan, I swore to him by the LORD: 'I will not put you to death by the sword.'

1Ki 2:9 But now, do not consider him innocent. You are a man of wisdom; you will know what to do to him. Bring his gray head down to the grave in blood."

1Ki 2:10 Then David rested with his fathers and was buried in the City of David.

12.1 Joab is for this and other indiscretions executed by Benaiah at the order of Solomon.

1Ki 2:28 When the news reached Joab, who had conspired with Adonijah though not with Absalom, he fled to the tent of the LORD and took hold of the horns of the altar.

1Ki 2:29 King Solomon was told that Joab had fled to the tent of the LORD and was beside the altar. Then Solomon ordered Benaiah son of Jehoiada, "Go, strike him down!"

1Ki 2:30 So Benaiah entered the tent of the LORD and said to Joab, "The king says, 'Come out!'" But he answered, "No, I will die here." Benaiah reported to the king, "This is how Joab answered me."

1Ki 2:31 Then the king commanded Benaiah, "Do as he says. Strike him down and bury him, and so clear me and my father's house of the guilt of the innocent blood that Joab shed.

1Ki 2:32 The LORD will repay him for the blood he shed, because without the knowledge of my father David he attacked two men and killed them with the sword. Both of them--Abner son of Ner, commander of Israel's army, and Amasa son of Jether, commander of Judah's army--were better men and more upright than he.

1Ki 2:33 May the guilt of their blood rest on the head of Joab and his descendants forever. But on David and his descendants, his house and his throne, may there be the LORD'S peace forever."

1Ki 2:34 So Benaiah son of Jehoiada went up and struck down Joab and killed him, and he was buried on his own land in the desert.

12.1 It might help us here to review the Doctrine of Benaiah, another of David's heroes.

13. Benaiah was a son of Jehoiada and a grandson of Kabzeel.

13.1 Kabzeel his grandfather apparently founded Kabzeel, a small town on the Edom border some 10 miles SE of Ziklag, 25 miles W of the Dead Sea and about 20 miles SW of Hebron.

13.2 Wycliffe has this to say of Kabzeel:

"KABZEEL

A city near the border of Edom in the SE part of Judah (Jos 15:21); the home of Benaiah, a mighty man in David's army (2Sa 23:20; 1Ch 11:22). It was resettled after the Babylonian Captivity (Neh 11:25..."

13.3 Benaiah was from the Tribe of Levi, the third son of Jacob and the priestly tribe. He was even in the line of Aaron the first high priest.

13.4 Early in David's extended stay at Hebron before being crowned King of Israel, Benaiah's dad, Jehoiada, came to David and offered his small army of some 3700 men.

13.4.1 Though not specified it is I think properly assumed, that Benaiah was one of the leaders of the family force.

1Ch 12:23 These are the numbers of the men armed for battle who came to David at Hebron to turn Saul's kingdom over to him, as the LORD had said:

1Ch 12:24 men of Judah, carrying shield and spear--6,800 armed for battle;

1Ch 12:25 men of Simeon, warriors ready for battle--7,100;  
1Ch 12:26 men of Levi--4,600,  
1Ch 12:27 including Jehoiada, leader of the family of Aaron, with 3,700 men...

13.5 Benaiah was known for his valor says the writer of Chronicles.

1Ch 11:22 Benaiah son of Jehoiada was a valiant fighter from Kabzeel, who performed great exploits. He struck down two of Moab's best men. He also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion.

1Ch 11:23 And he struck down an Egyptian who was seven and a half feet tall. Although the Egyptian had a spear like a weaver's rod in his hand, Benaiah went against him with a club. He snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear.

1Ch 11:24 Such were the exploits of Benaiah son of Jehoiada; he was as famous as David's three mightiest of men.

1Ch 11:25 He was held in greater honor than any of David's thirty most decorated generals, but he was not included among the mighty Three. And David put him in charge of his bodyguard.

13.5.1 Two of the mighty three can be named as a certainty but the third is problematic though I think we can narrow the name to two potentials and even with a degree of certitude choose Shammah. The other two are Eleazar and Abishai and the third is more than likely either Adino, (who is probably Jashobeam, the Hachmonite) or Shammah.

13.5.2 I would option for Shammah over Adino since Adino may have been a description of the Tachmonite, chief among the captains of David; and though the Tachmonite is listed as one of the Thirty he is not listed in a context of the Three as is Shammah. The Tachmonite may have had a nickname like Slim the Tachmonite. Adino is no where else found in the Old Testament.

13.5.3 In support of my grand theory let me read what Wycliffe has to say of the Tachmonite and Adino the Eznite:

"TACHMONITE

ASV, RSV and NASB spell the name Tahchemonite. A gentile epithet attached to the first named hero in the list of David's 30 mighty men (2Sa 23:8). To judge from the parallel passage in 1Ch 11:11, Tachmonite appears to be a corrupt reading of "the Hachmonite" or "(the son of) Hachmoni" (1Ch 27:32).

ADINO

The reference in 2Sa 23:8 may not be the name of a person, and perhaps should be related to 1Ch 11:11. One of the shades of meaning of the word Adino in Heb. is "slender," which may suggest the spear used by these mighty warriors of David. Eznite is used in a list of the mighty men of David, "Adino the Eznite" (2Sa 23:8). The meaning is uncertain."

#### 13.5.4 Scriptures relating to the mystery of the Three Mighties:

2Sa 23:8 These be the names of the mighty men whom David had: The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same was "Adino" the Eznite: he lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.

2Sa 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 that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away:

2Sa 23:10 He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil.

2Sa 23:11 And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentils: and the people fled from the Philistines.

2Sa 23:12 But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory.

2Sa 23:13 And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim.

2Sa 23:14 And David was camp in an old cave, the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem.

2Sa 23:15 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!

2Sa 23:16 And the three mighty men brake through the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD.

2Sa 23:17 And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men.

2Sa 23:18 And "Abishai", the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, and slew them, and had the name among three.

2Sa 23:19 And after him was "Eleazar" the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away.

End Lesson

