



## David Summary Chart

### The Star / Shield of David

The so-called “star of David” at the center is really a shield and illustrates how God protected David. For many years he was in the difficult position between Saul and the Philistines, who are shown as large arrows. — God is not shown directly or named on the chart. However, the red background of the entire diagram shows that God was at work in everything, and in some cases despite everything, that happened.

### Large & Small Fonts

The individuals, such as Saul and Jonathan, who were mentioned often in connection with David are shown in large print. Those who appear in the biblical text less often are shown with smaller fonts.

Eight of the people on the chart are ranked among the Top 55 people in the Bible. These are David (#2), Saul (#4), Solomon (#5), Samuel (#16), Joab (#18), Absalom (#23), Jonathan (#25), and Abner (#42).

### Grouping & Color Coding

The priests are grouped together and shown with a **pink** background. Samuel, however, was also a prophet and is shown with a **red** background, along with Gad and Nathan.

Those who were especially helpful to David, like Jonathan, Abigail, and Hushai are shown with a **yellow** background.

Joab and his brothers who were relatives and both a help and a problem are shown with a **green** background. Other family members are also shown with a green background.

Those who were innocent people and / or victims, like Tamar in Second Samuel chapter 13, are shown with a **white** background.

Those who were evil are shown with a **black** or dark background of some other color.

Saul's family and other Benjamites are grouped together on the center and lower right side of the page.

### Reference List

Each person shown on the summary chart is identified on the two page list and key Bible references for each one is included.

| David's People List (1) |  |                                     |                           |                                    |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>Abigail</i>          | <i>widow of Nabal, David's godly second wife (after Michal, probably before Ahinoam), mother of Chileab</i>    | <i>1 Sam. 25:2-44</i>               | <i>2 Sam. 2:2, 3:3</i>    |                                    |
| <i>Abishag</i>          | <i>young woman who nursed elderly David, Adonijah selfishly wanted to marry her</i>                            | <i>1 Kgs. 1:3, 15</i>               | <i>1 Kgs. 2:17-25</i>     |                                    |
| Abishiai                | son of David's older sister (Zeruiah), brother of Joab and Asahel  | 1 Sam. 26:6-9                       | 2 Sam. 3:30, 10:10-14     | 2 Sam. 16:9-11, 21:17, 23:18       |
| Abiathar                | a leading priest, son of Ahimelech,served David but sided with Adonijah, rejected in the end                   | 1 Sam. 22:16-23                     | 2 Sam. 15:24, 35, 17:15   | 1 Kgs. 1:7, 25, 2:26-27, 35        |
| Abner                   | King Saul's military commander, set up Ishbosheth as Saul's successor, was killed by Joab                      | 1 Sam. 14:50-51, 28:5-15            | 2 Sam. 2:8, 17-23         | 2 Sam. 3:6-37                      |
| Absalom                 | son of David and Maacah (a Gentile), brother of Tamar, skillful but selfish politician / rebel                 | 2 Sam. 13:23-39, 14:25-27           | 2 Sam. 15:1-14            | 2 Sam. 18:9-18, 18:33-19:8         |
| Achish                  | Philistine king of Gath, thought that he could use David against Saul  | 1 Sam. 21:10-14                     | 1 Sam. 27:1-12            | 1 Sam. 29:1-11                     |
| Adonijah                | son of David and Haggith, tried to become Davi's successor instead of Solomon                                  | 2 Sam. 3:4                          | 1 Kgs. 1:5-53             | 1 Kgs. 2:13-25                     |
| Ahimaaz                 | priestly messenger and runner who only told part of the story to David about Absalom (Cf. Cush)                | 1 Sam. 15:36, 17:17-22              | 2 Sam. 18:19-32           |                                    |
| Ahimelech               | priest who helped David and was killed by Saul for doing so, father of Abiathar                                | 1 Sam. 21:1-9                       | 1 Sam. 22:9-23            |                                    |
| <i>Ahinoam</i>          | <i>probably David's third wife (after Michal and shortly after Abigail), mother of Amnon</i>                   | <i>2 Sam. 3:2</i>                   |                           |                                    |
| Ahithophel              | David's counselor who helped Absalom, Bathsheba's grandfather  | 2 Sam. 15:12                        | 2 Sam. 16:15, 20-23       | 2 Sam. 17:1-14, :23                |
| Amasa                   | David's nephew, commander of Absalom's army in the fight against David, killed by Joab                         | 2 sam. 17:25-26                     |                           |                                    |
| Amnon                   | David's first son, son of Ahinoam, raped his half sister Tamar and was killed by Absalom                       | 2 Sam. 3:2                          | 2 Sam. 13:1-39            |                                    |
| Araunah                 | Jebusite (Gentile) who owned the temple-site land north of Jerusalem (purchased by David)                      | 2 Sam. 24:16-25                     |                           |                                    |
| Asahel                  | son of Zeruiah (David's sister), younger brother of Joab & Abishiai, killed by Abner                           | 2 Sam. 2:18-32                      |                           |                                    |
| Asaph                   | an important musician and song leader in the Tabernacle worship  | 1 Chr. 16:5-7, 37                   | 2 Chr. 5:12               | titles of Psalms 50, 73-83         |
| Baanah                  | one of two Benjamintes who murdered Ishbosheth in his bed. (Also see Rechab.)                                  | 2 Sam. 4:2-3, 5-12                  |                           |                                    |
| Barzillai               | an elderly Gideadite who helped supply David when he fled from Absalom   | 2 Sam. 17:27-29                     | 2 Sam. 19:31-39           |                                    |
| <i>Bathsheba</i>        | <i>wife of Uriah the Hittite, committed adultery with David then married him, mother of Solomon and Nathan</i> | <i>2 Sam. 11:3-27, 12:24 (5:14)</i> | <i>1 Kgs. 1:11-31</i>     | <i>Mat. 1:6, Lk. 3:31</i>          |
| Benaiah                 | son of a priest, an important military leader in David's army  | 2 Sam. 20:23                        | 2 Sam. 23:20-23           | 1 Kgs. 1:8,25,32, 3-44, 2:25,34,46 |
| Boaz                    | the near relative of Naomi who married and redeemed Ruth, great grandfather of David                           | Ruth 2:1-23                         | Ruth 3:1-18               | Ruth 4:1-22                        |
| the child               | the first son of David and Bathsheba who died as a newborn, unnamed  | 2 Sam. 11:5, 27                     | 2 Sam. 12:13-23           |                                    |
| Chileab, Kileab, Daniel | David's second son, the son of Abigail, he apparently died in infancy  | 2 Sam. 3:3                          | 1 Chr. 3:1                |                                    |
| Cushi, the Cushite      | the runner who brought word to David about Absalom's death (Contrast with Ahimaaz.)                            | 2 Sam. 18:19-32                     |                           |                                    |
| Doeg                    | Edomite, Saul's chief shepherd, selfishly told Saul about Abimelech (the priest) helping David                 | 1 Sam. 21:1-9                       | 1 Sam. 22:9-19            |                                    |
| Eliab                   | David's oldest brother who was tall and handsome but not God's chosen  | 1 Sam. 16:6-7                       | 1 Sam. 17:28-29           |                                    |
| Gad                     | prophet who warned David and later confronted him for his sin of counting the people                           | 1 Sam. 22:5                         | 2 Sam. 24:11-19           |                                    |
| Goliath                 | Philistine giant killed by David with a sling and a stone  | 1 Sam. 17:4-58                      |                           |                                    |
| Hadadezer               | powerful king of Zobar who exercised power from Syria to the Euphrates, defeated by David                      | 2 Sam. 8:3-12                       | 2 Sam. 10:16-19           |                                    |
| Heman                   | Levite and musical ministry leader, along with Asaph and Jeduthun  | 1 Chr. 6:33                         | 1 Chr. 15:17-19, 16:41-42 | 1 Chr. 25:1-6                      |

| David's People List (2) |   |                               |   |                                   |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| Hiram                   | king of Tyre, helped David and Solomon with building projects, his merchant ships helped Solomon  | 2 Sam. 5:11                   | 1 Kgs. 5:1-12                           | 1 Kgs. 9:11-27. 10:11, 22         |
| Hushai                  | faithful friend and counselor to David, opposed the counsel of Ahithophel                         | 2 Sam. 15:32-37               | 2 Sam. 16:15-19                         | 2 Sam. 17:5-14                    |
| Ishbosheth              | son of king Saul, the weak king who Abner set up after the deaths of Saul and Jonathan            | 2 Sam. 2:8-15                 | 2 Sam. 3:7-15                           | 2 Sam. 4:5-12                     |
| Ittai                   | mercenary leader, Gittite (Philistine) loyal to David, led third of army against Absalom          | 2 Sam. 15:18-22               | 2 Sam. 18:2-5                           |                                   |
| Jeduthun, Ethan         | Levite and musical ministry leader, along with Asaph and Heman                                    | 1 Chr. 25:1-2                 | 2 Chr. 5:12, 35:15                      | Psalms 39, 62, and 77 titles      |
| Jesse                   | grandson of Ruth and Boaz, father of Eliab, Zeruiah, and David                                    | Ruth 4:17, 22                 | 1 Sam. 16:1-11                          | 1 Sam. 20:30-31, 25:10            |
| Joab                    | son of David's sister (Zeruiah), David's top military leader, killed Abner, Amasa, and Absalom    | 2 Sam. 2:18-3:30              | 2 Sam. 24:2-9                           | 1 Kgs. 2:28-35                    |
| Jonathan (a priest)     | son of high priest Abiathar, grandson of Ahimelech, often served as a messenger, loyal to Solomon | 2 Sam. 15:27, 36              | 2 Sam. 17:17-21                         | 1 Kgs. 1:42-43                    |
| Jonathan (son of Saul)  | brave firstborn son of Saul, David's good friend  | 1 Sam. 14:1-23                | 1 Sam 18:1-4, 19:1-7, 20:1-42           | 1 Sam. 31:1-13, 2 Sam. 1:17-27    |
| <i>Maachah, Maacah</i>  | <i>daughter of the king of Geshur, wife of David, mother of Absalom and Tamar</i>                 | <i>2 Sam. 3:3, 1 Chr. 3:2</i> | <i>2 Sam. 13:1-4</i>                    |                                   |
| Mephibosheth            | lame son of Jonathan, helped by David, (probably) slander by Ziba                                 | 2 Sam. 4:4                    | 2 Sam. 9:1-12                           | 2 Sam. 16:1-4, 19:24-30           |
| <i>Merah</i>            | <i>King Saul's oldest daughter, was promised to David as wife but was given to another man</i>    | <i>1 Sam. 14:49</i>           | <i>1 Sam. 18:17-19</i>                  |                                   |
| <i>Michal</i>           | <i>younger daughter of King Saul, became David's first wife, forced divorce by Saul</i>           | <i>1 Sam. 14:49</i>           | <i>1 Sam. 18:20-30, 19:11-17, 25:44</i> | <i>2 Sam. 6:20-23</i>             |
| Nabal                   | wealthy but foolish landowner who treated David badly, Abigail's first husband                    | 1 Sam. 25:2-39                | 2 Sam. 2:2, 3:3                         |                                   |
| Nathan (prophet)        | prophet who told David about the Davidic covenant and later confronted him for his great sin      | 2 Sam. 7:2-17                 | 2 Sam. 12:1-15                          | 2 Sam. 12:25                      |
| Nathan (son of David)   | third son of David and Bathsheba, full brother of Solomon   | 2 Sam. 5:14                   | Luke 3:31                               |                                   |
| Obed-Edom               | Levite who cared for the ark in his home for three months and was blessed by the Lord             | 2 Sam. 6:10-11                |   |                                   |
| Rechab                  | one of two Benjamites who murdered Ishbosheth as he slept (Also see Baanah.)                      | 2 Sam. 4:2-3, 5-12            |   |                                   |
| <i>Ruth</i>             | <i>a Moabitess and a widow, married Boaz, David's great grandmother</i>                           | <i>Ruth 1:3-17</i>            | <i>Ruth 4:13-22</i>                     |                                   |
| Samuel                  | prophet (and priest) who anointed Saul and David  | 1 Sam. 1:20, 3:1-20           | 1 Sam. 15:35, 16:1-13                   | 1 Sam. 19:18-19:24, 25:1, 28:3    |
| Saul                    | King Saul, the first king of Israel, father of Jonathan and Ishbosheth                            | 1 Sam. 9:2-10:26              | 1 Sam. 17:11, 32, 18:9-12               | 1 Sam. 19:19-24, 22:6-21, 24:1-22 |
| Sheba                   | a Benjamite who tried to turn Israel against David after the death of Absalom                     | 2 Sam. 20:1-22                |   |                                   |
| Shimei                  | a Benjamite who cursed David when the king fled from Absalom                                      | 2 Sam. 16:5-14                | 2 Sam. 19:18-23                         | 1 Kgs. 2:8, 36-44                 |
| Solomon                 | son of David and the third king of Israel, full brother of Nathan                                 | 2 Sam. 5:14, 12:24            | 1 Kgs. 1:10-47                          | Mat. 1:6                          |
| <i>Tamar</i>            | <i>the daughter of David and Maacah, sister of Absalom, was raped by Amnon</i>                    | <i>2 Sam. 13:1-21</i>         |   |                                   |
| Uriah                   | a Hittite with a Jewish name, loyal soldier, husband of Bathsheba, killed by David                | 2 Sam. 11:2-27                | Mat. 1:6                                |                                   |
| Uzzah                   | the priest / Levite who died because he touched the ark while it was being transported            | 2 Sam. 6:3-8                  |   |                                   |
| Zadok                   | the leading priest in David's time, father of Ahimaaz (runner in 2 Sam. 18:19-32)                 | 2 Sam. 8:17, 20:25            | 2 Sam. 15:24-29                         | 2 Sam. 19:11                      |
| Zeruiah                 | David's older sister, mother of Joab, Abishai, and Asahel   | 2 Sam. 2:18, 3:39, 8:16       | 2 Sam. 19:21-22                         |                                   |
| Ziba                    | Servant of Saul, told David about Jonathan's son (Mephibosheth), slandered Mephibosheth           | 2 Sam. 9:1-12                 | 2 Sam. 16:1-4                           | 2 Sam. 19:24-30                   |
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