

Old Testament

- 2Sa 17:1** Moreover, Ahithophel said to Absalom, "Let me choose twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue David tonight.
- 2Sa 17:2** I will come upon him while he is weary and discouraged and throw him into a panic, and all the people who are with him will flee. I will strike down only the king,
- 2Sa 17:3** and I will bring all the people back to you as a bride comes home to her husband. You seek the life of only one man, and all the people will be at peace."
- 2Sa 17:4** And the advice seemed right in the eyes of Absalom and all the elders of Israel.
- 2Sa 17:5** Then Absalom said, "Call Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear what he has to say."
- 2Sa 17:6** And when Hushai came to Absalom, Absalom said to him, "Thus has Ahithophel spoken; shall we do as he says? If not, you speak."
- 2Sa 17:7** Then Hushai said to Absalom, "This time the counsel that Ahithophel has given is not good."
- 2Sa 17:8** Hushai said, "You know that your father and his men are mighty men, and that they are enraged, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field. Besides, your father is expert in war; he will not spend the night with the people.
- 2Sa 17:9** Behold, even now he has hidden himself in one of the pits or in some other place. And as soon as some of the people fall at the first attack, whoever hears it will say, 'There has been a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.'
- 2Sa 17:10** Then even the valiant man, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will utterly melt with fear, for all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and that those who are with him are valiant men.
- 2Sa 17:11** But my counsel is that all Israel be gathered to you, from Dan to Beersheba, as the sand by the sea for multitude, and that you go to battle in person.
- 2Sa 17:12** So we shall come upon him in some place where he is to be found, and we shall light upon him as the dew falls on the ground, and of him and all the men with him not one will be left.
- 2Sa 17:13** If he withdraws into a city, then all Israel will bring ropes to that city, and we shall drag it into the valley, until not even a pebble is to be found there."
- 2Sa 17:14** And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, "The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel." For the LORD had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, so that the LORD might bring harm upon Absalom.
- 2Sa 17:15** Then Hushai said to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, "Thus and so did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel, and thus and so have I counseled.
- 2Sa 17:16** Now therefore send quickly and tell David, 'Do not stay tonight at the fords of the wilderness, but by all means pass over, lest the king and all the people who are with him be swallowed up.'"
- 2Sa 17:17** Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz were waiting at En-rogel. A female servant was to go and tell them, and they were to go and tell King David, for they were not to be seen entering the city.
- 2Sa 17:18** But a young man saw them and told Absalom. So both of them went away quickly and came to the house of a man at Bahurim, who had a well in his courtyard. And they went down into it.
- 2Sa 17:19** And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth and scattered grain on it, and nothing was known of it.

- 2Sa 17:20** When Absalom's servants came to the woman at the house, they said, "Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?" And the woman said to them, "They have gone over the brook of water." And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.
- 2Sa 17:21** After they had gone, the men came up out of the well, and went and told King David. They said to David, "Arise, and go quickly over the water, for thus and so has Ahithophel counseled against you."
- 2Sa 17:22** Then David arose, and all the people who were with him, and they crossed the Jordan. By daybreak not one was left who had not crossed the Jordan.
- 2Sa 17:23** When Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his donkey and went off home to his own city. He set his house in order and hanged himself, and he died and was buried in the tomb of his father.
- 2Sa 17:24** Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom crossed the Jordan with all the men of Israel.
- 2Sa 17:25** Now Absalom had set Amasa over the army instead of Joab. Amasa was the son of a man named Ithra the Ishmaelite, who had married Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister of Zeruiah, Joab's mother.
- 2Sa 17:26** And Israel and Absalom encamped in the land of Gilead.
- 2Sa 17:27** When David came to Mahanaim, Shobi the son of Nahash from Rabbah of the Ammonites, and Machir the son of Ammiel from Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim,
- 2Sa 17:28** brought beds, basins, and earthen vessels, wheat, barley, flour, parched grain, beans and lentils,
- 2Sa 17:29** honey and curds and sheep and cheese from the herd, for David and the people with him to eat, for they said, "The people are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness."
- 2Sa 18:1** Then David mustered the men who were with him and set over them commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds.
- 2Sa 18:2** And David sent out the army, one third under the command of Joab, one third under the command of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and one third under the command of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said to the men, "I myself will also go out with you."
- 2Sa 18:3** But the men said, "You shall not go out. For if we flee, they will not care about us. If half of us die, they will not care about us. But you are worth ten thousand of us. Therefore it is better that you send us help from the city."
- 2Sa 18:4** The king said to them, "Whatever seems best to you I will do." So the king stood at the side of the gate, while all the army marched out by hundreds and by thousands.
- 2Sa 18:5** And the king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders about Absalom.
- 2Sa 18:6** So the army went out into the field against Israel, and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim.
- 2Sa 18:7** And the men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the loss there was great on that day, twenty thousand men.
- 2Sa 18:8** The battle spread over the face of all the country, and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword.
- 2Sa 18:9** And Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak, and his head caught fast in the oak, and he was suspended between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.
- 2Sa 18:10** And a certain man saw it and told Joab, "Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak."

2Sa 18:11 Joab said to the man who told him, "What, you saw him! Why then did you not strike him there to the ground? I would have been glad to give you ten pieces of silver and a belt."

2Sa 18:12 But the man said to Joab, "Even if I felt in my hand the weight of a thousand pieces of silver, I would not reach out my hand against the king's son, for in our hearing the king commanded you and Abishai and Ittai, 'For my sake protect the young man Absalom.'"

2Sa 18:13 On the other hand, if I had dealt treacherously against his life (and there is nothing hidden from the king), then you yourself would have stood aloof."

2Sa 18:14 Joab said, "I will not waste time like this with you." And he took three javelins in his hand and thrust them into the heart of Absalom while he was still alive in the oak.

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

2Sa 18:16 Then Joab blew the trumpet, and the troops came back from pursuing Israel, for Joab restrained them.

2Sa 18:17 And they took Absalom and threw him into a great pit in the forest and raised over him a very great heap of stones. And all Israel fled every one to his own home.

2Sa 18:18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and set up for himself the pillar that is in the King's Valley, for he said, "I have no son to keep my name in remembrance." He called the pillar after his own name, and it is called Absalom's monument to this day.

2Sa 18:19 Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said, "Let me run and carry news to the king that the LORD has delivered him from the hand of his enemies."

2Sa 18:20 And Joab said to him, "You are not to carry news today. You may carry news another day, but today you shall carry no news, because the king's son is dead."

2Sa 18:21 Then Joab said to the Cushite, "Go, tell the king what you have seen." The Cushite bowed before Joab, and ran.

2Sa 18:22 Then Ahimaaz the son of Zadok said again to Joab, "Come what may, let me also run after the Cushite." And Joab said, "Why will you run, my son, seeing that you will have no reward for the news?"

2Sa 18:23 "Come what may," he said, "I will run." So he said to him, "Run." Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the plain, and outran the Cushite.

2Sa 18:24 Now David was sitting between the two gates, and the watchman went up to the roof of the gate by the wall, and when he lifted up his eyes and looked, he saw a man running alone.

2Sa 18:25 The watchman called out and told the king. And the king said, "If he is alone, there is news in his mouth." And he drew nearer and nearer.

2Sa 18:26 The watchman saw another man running. And the watchman called to the gate and said, "See, another man running alone!" The king said, "He also brings news."

2Sa 18:27 The watchman said, "I think the running of the first is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok." And the king said, "He is a good man and comes with good news."

2Sa 18:28 Then Ahimaaz cried out to the king, "All is well." And he bowed before the king with his face to the earth and said, "Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delivered up the men who raised their hand against my lord the king."

2Sa 18:29 And the king said, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant, your servant, I saw a great commotion, but I do not know what it was."

2Sa 18:30 And the king said, "Turn aside and stand here." So he turned aside and stood still.

2Sa 18:31 And behold, the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, "Good news for my lord the king! For the LORD has delivered you this day from the hand of all who rose up against you."

2Sa 18:32 The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" And the Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up against you for evil be like that young man."

2Sa 18:33 And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

New Testament

Luk 21:1 Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box,

Luk 21:2 and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.

Luk 21:3 And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them.

Luk 21:4 For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

Luk 21:5 And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said,

Luk 21:6 "As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down."

Luk 21:7 And they asked him, "Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?"

Luk 21:8 And he said, "See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is at hand!' Do not go after them.

Luk 21:9 And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once."

Luk 21:10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

Luk 21:11 There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven.

Luk 21:12 But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake.

Luk 21:13 This will be your opportunity to bear witness.

Luk 21:14 Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer,

Luk 21:15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict.

Luk 21:16 You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death.

Luk 21:17 You will be hated by all for my name's sake.

Luk 21:18 But not a hair of your head will perish.

Luk 21:19 By your endurance you will gain your lives.