

Abigail - widow of Nabal, she stopped David from acting in violent anger against her husband, then married David

Abishai - David's nephew, he and his brother Joab kill the general Abner in revenge for killing their brother Asahel

Abner - Saul's cousin and chief general, he installed Saul's son Ishbosheth as king of Israel after Saul's death, started a civil war, but then he defected to David's side and unified Israel, killed in revenge by Joab and Abishai because Abner killed their brother Asahel

Asahel - David's nephew killed by Abner, his brothers Joab and Abishai kill the general Abner in revenge

Benjamin - the tribe of Saul who inhabited a small plot of land in the middle of Israel, encompassing Jerusalem

David - shepherd from Bethlehem, anointed to be the next king by the prophet Samuel, a fugitive from king Saul for years, then installed as king of Judah, then installed as king over all Israel

Gibeon - the location in the middle of Israel where Abner's troops fought Joab's troops and started the civil war

Hebron - a city in the territory of the tribe of Judah, home of Abraham and Sarah, David's first capital

Ishbosheth - Saul's last remaining son, Abner installed him as king of Israel after Saul's death, he reigned for two years

Israel - God's covenant people, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (whose name was changed to Israel), the name Israel is used both as the collective name for all the tribes of God's covenant people but also used to refer to the northern kingdom (also called Ephraim) after they split from the southern kingdom of Judah

Jabesh-Gilead - men from this town in Israel retrieved the bodies of Saul and his sons from the Philistines and gave them a proper burial

Jerusalem - a city under Philistine control on the border of Judah and Benjamin, David captured it and made it the capital of the united kingdom of Israel, he moved the ark of the covenant and the tabernacle there, David's son king Solomon would eventually build the temple there **Joab** - David's nephew and chief general, he and his brother Abishai killed general Abner in revenge for killing their bother Asahel

Judah - the tribe of David who inhabited a large plot of land in the south of Israel

Mahanaim - the first capital of the northern kingdom of Israel under Abner and Ishbosheth's rule

Michal - Saul's daughter who was given to David in marriage after he killed 200 Philistines, she was married to another man after David was exiled, then David took her back as his wife in exchange for Abner uniting the kingdom

Saul - anointed first king of Israel by the prophet Samuel, the Spirit of God left him and he descended into selfish sin and madness





