**2 Samuel 17** (https://www.esv.org/2+Samuel+17/)

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**Hushai Saves David**

17 Moreover,

 Ahithophel said to Absalom,

 “Let me choose twelve thousand men,

 and

 I will arise

 and

 pursue David tonight.

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,

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.”

4 And

 the advice seemed right in the eyes of Absalom

 and

 all the elders of Israel.

5 Then Absalom said,

 “Call Hushai the Archite also,

 and

 let us hear

 what he has to say.”

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.”

7 Then Hushai said to Absalom,

 “ This time

 the counsel

 that Ahithophel has given

 is not good.”

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.

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.’

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.

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.

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.

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.”

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.

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.

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.’”

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.

18 But

 a young man saw them

 and

 told Absalom.

(NIV: But a young man saw them and told Absalom.

KJV: Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom:

中文和合本: 然而有一個童子看見他們，就去告訴押沙龍。

Direct translation from Hebrew Bible: 然而有一個童子看見他們，就去告訴押沙龍。05288, young man 76, servant 54, child 44, lad 33, young 15, children 7, youth 6, babe 1, boys 1, young 1; 238; (https://bkbible.fhl.net/NUI/#/bible/2Sa/17/18))

 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.

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.

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.

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.”

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.

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.

24 Then David came to Mahanaim.

 And

 Absalom crossed the Jordan with all the men of Israel.

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 Abigal the daughter of Nahash,

 sister of Zeruiah,

 Joab's mother.

26 And

 Israel

 and

 Absalom encamped in the land of Gilead.

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,

28 brought beds,

 basins,

 and

 earthen vessels,

 wheat,

 barley,

 flour,

 parched grain,

 beans

 and

 lentils,

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.”