**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.”