

2 Samuel 23

King James Version (KJV)

23 Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, *(This was the last Psalm written by David – verses 1-7)*

²The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word was in my tongue. *(In the end days, the Spirit of God will speak through the Elect, when they are delivered up before antichrist. David was a type for the Elect)*

Acts-2:30 (King David was a prophet of God)

³The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God. *(fear= reverence – same word in the Hebrew) (Rock of Israel = Jesus Christ – God in the flesh)*

(A ruler of men must rule humbly, guided by the Word of God; or he will fail to be a good ruler)

⁴And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain.

⁵Although my house be not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure: for this is all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make it not to grow. *(Although my house be not so with God = Is not my house of God – bad translation)*

(God's everlasting covenant with David was that Jesus would come to us through his descendants – Nathan, one of David's sons)

⁶But the sons of Belial shall be all of them as thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands: *(Don't touch them. Order them away in the name of God; and He will deal with them)*

⁷But the man that shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear; and they shall be utterly burned with fire in the same place. *(Those who hate God and strive against Him will have a sorry ending, in the lake of fire. Their souls will die on judgment day)*
Matthew-13:30 (The parable of the tares)

(The heroes of David)

⁸These be the names of the mighty men whom David had: The Tachmonite that sat in the seat, chief among the captains; the same was Adino the Eznite: he lift up his spear against eight hundred, whom he slew at one time.

⁹And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David, when they defied the Philistines that were there gathered together to battle, and the men of Israel were gone away: (The others had fled)

¹⁰He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword: and the LORD wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to spoil. (The people came back for the easy pickings – the spoils of war; after he had defeated the enemy)

¹¹And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines. (They were losing the battle against the Philistines)

¹²But he stood in the midst of the ground, and defended it, and slew the Philistines: and the LORD wrought a great victory. (He – Shammah) see 1Chronicles-11 (God gave him the victory. This was divine intervention)

¹³And three of the thirty chief went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam: and the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rephaim. (The valley of the giants)

(Rephaim – from Rafa = fallen – the fallen angels and their hybrid offspring. Rafa was one of these hybrid giants, like Goliath)

¹⁴And David was then in an hold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. (This was David's home town)

¹⁵And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate! (This well was close by the garrison of the Philistines. It would have been very dangerous to go get water there)

¹⁶ And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the LORD. (He did it as a drink offering to God for giving them one victory after another)

¹⁷ And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this: is not this the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives? therefore he would not drink it. These things did these three mighty men. (David never intended for these brave men to risk their lives getting water)

¹⁸ And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred, and slew them, and had the name among three. (Abishai was known by the first three just named. He was their leader)

(His brother Joab is not honored here. Maybe because he committed 2 murders <Abner and Amasa>; and also slew David's rebellious son, Absalom, against David's commands)

¹⁹ Was he not most honourable of three? therefore he was their captain: howbeit he attained not unto the first three. (He wasn't one of the first tier of three. They were more highly regarded than him)

²⁰ And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man, of Kabzeel, who had done many acts, he slew two lionlike men of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow: (Beniah also remained faithful to Solomon, after David died)

²¹ And he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. (a goodly man - he was of great strength and stature)

(This Egyptian was a giant – descendant of the Rephaim. The Egyptian was between 8 and 9 feet tall) see 1Chronicles-11:23

²² These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had the name among three mighty men. (In Chronicles, Jehoiada is named as a priest. He raised a mighty warrior son. In those days, the Levites were armed, like the rest of the tribes)

²³ He was more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the first three. And David set him over his guard.

(Skip 24 -> 39 - Just a long list of names)

²⁴ Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Bethlehem, (Azahel was killed by Abner)

²⁵ Shammah the Harodite, Elikah the Harodite,

²⁶ Helez the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikkesh the Tekoite,

²⁷ Abiezer the Anethothite, Mebunnai the Hushathite,

²⁸ Zalmon the Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite,

²⁹ Heleb the son of Baanah, a Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai out of Gibeon of the children of Benjamin,

³⁰ Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash,

³¹ Abiathar the Arbathite, Azmaveth the Barhumite,

³² Eliahba the Shaalbonite, of the sons of Jashen, Jonathan,

³³ Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite,

³⁴ Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maachathite, Eliam the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite,

³⁵ Hezrai the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite,

³⁶ Igal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite,

³⁷ Zelek the Ammonite, Nahari the Beerothite, armourbearer to Joab the son of Zeruiah,

³⁸ Ira an Ithrite, Gareb an Ithrite,

³⁹ Uriah the Hittite: thirty and seven in all. (Uriah, the husband of Bathsheeba, was killed by David to hide his adulterous sin with his wife, Bathsheeba)

(David killed one of his most loyal might men and took his wife for himself. That's why God punished him so severely afterwards. The sword never left David's house)