

## David's women and children and Absalom's return to Geshur

**Sons were born to David at Hebron:** his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam of Jezreel; his second, Chileab, of Abigail the widow of Nabal of Carmel; the third, Absalom son of Maacah, daughter of King Talmai of Geshur\*; the fourth, Adonijah son of Haggith; the fifth, Shephatiah son of Abital; and the sixth, Ithream, of David's woman Eglah. These were born to David in Hebron. (2 Samuel 3.2-5)

Jerusalem, after he came from Hebron, David took more concubines and wives; and more sons and daughters were born to David. **These are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem:** Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, Solomon, Ibhar, Elishua, Nepheg, Japhia, Elishama, Eliada, and Eliphelet. (2 Samuel 5.13-16)

\*Absalom fled, and went to Talmai son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. Absalom, having fled to Geshur, stayed there three years. (2 Samuel 13.37-38)

Absalom to David: "For your servant made a vow while I lived at Geshur in Aram<sup>^</sup>: If YHWH will indeed bring me back to Jerusalem, then I will worship YHWH in Hebron." (2 Samuel 15.8)

<sup>^</sup>David put garrisons among the Arameans of Damascus; and the Arameans became servants to David and brought tribute. (2 Samuel 8.6)

The Arameans arrayed themselves against David and fought with him. The Arameans fled before Israel; and David killed of the Arameans seven hundred chariot teams, and forty thousand horsemen, and wounded Shobach the commander of their army, so that he died there. (2 Samuel 10.17b-18)

*[Neither "Aram" or "Arameans" mentioned again in 2 Samuel after these references.]*