

## Cast of Characters in 2 Samuel Chapters 16 - 24

<b>Character</b>	<b>Meaning</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Reference</b>
<b>David</b>	"Favorite" or "Beloved"	Maybe the most important of the kings. Ancestor of Jesus; "author" of Psalms; king of Israel and Judah; great warrior; mentioned 54 times in the New Testament	1:1 ff
Ziba	"branch"	Servant of Saul becomes Meribbaal's servant	16:1
Shimei	"my being heard"	Relative of Saul	16:5
Abishai	"father exists"	Brother of Joab; nephew of David	16:9
<b>Absalom</b>	"father of peace"	David's third son (Maacah)	16:15
Ahithophel	"brother of folly"	David's counselor who joined Absalom	16:15
Hushai	"quick"	Friend of David's; personal counselor	16:16
Zadok	"righteous"	Priest loyal to David	17:15
Abiathar	"father of abundance"	Priest loyal to David	17:15
Jonathan	"Yahweh gave"	Priest Abiathar's son	17:17
Ahimaaz	"brother of anger"	Priest Zadok's son	17:17
Amasa	"burden"	Relative of David; captain of Judah's army	17:24
<b>Joab</b>	"Yahweh is father"	David's General	18:2
Ittai	"with God"	Gittite (from Gath) Philistine loyal to David	18:2
Meribbaal (Mephibosheth)	?	Only surviving son of Jonathan	19:24
Barzillai	"made of iron"	From Gilead; helped David; 80 years old	19:31
Chimham	"paleface"	Son of Barzillai; patron of David	19:37
Sheba	"fullness"	Benjaminite who led revolt against David	20:1
Gad	"good fortune"	Prophet who gave David God's options	24:11