

## Cast of Characters in 2 Samuel Chapters 1 - 8

<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
Ahinoam	"my brother is gracious"	Third wife of David; from Jezreel	2:2
Abigail	"my father rejoiced"	Second wife of David; widow of Nabal	2:2
Abner	"father is a lamp"	Saul's army commander; Declares Ishbaal King	2:8
Ishbaal	"man of shame"	Son of Saul, King of Israel for 2 years	2:8
Joab	"Yahweh is father"	David's General	2:13
Abishai	"father exists"	Brother of Joab; nephew of David	2:24
Asahel	"God acted"	Brother of Joab; nephew of David	2:13
Amnon	"trustworthy"	David's firstborn (Ahinoam)	3:2
Absalom	"father of peace"	David's third son (Maacah)	3:3
Adonijah	"Yah is Lord"	David's fourth son (Haggith)	3:4
Michal	"who is like God"	Younger daughter of Saul; becomes David's wife	3:13
Rechab	"charioteer"	Benjamite leader; kills Ishbaal	4:5
Baanah	"son of grief"	Brother of Rechab; helps kill Ishbaal	4:5
Uzzah	"he is strong"	Drives cart with Ark; killed for touching it	6:3
Obed-edom	"serving Edom"	Philistine loyal to David; Stores the Ark	6:6
<b>Nathan</b>	"gift"	<b>Prophet serving David</b>	7:4