

2 Samuel 17:15-29 **Hushai Warns David to Escape**

Hushai Warns David through the priests as David had set up

15 Then Hushai said to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, "Thus and so Ahithophel advised Absalom and the elders of Israel, and thus and so I have advised. 16 Now therefore, send quickly and tell David, saying, 'Do not spend this night in the plains of the wilderness, but speedily cross over, lest the king and all the people who are with him be swallowed up.'"

17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed at En Rogel, for they dared not be seen coming into the city; so a female servant would come and tell them, and they would go and tell King David. 18 Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told Absalom. But both of them went away quickly and came to a man's house in Bahurim, who had a well in his court; and they went down into it. 19 Then the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground grain on it; and the thing was not known. 20 And when Absalom's servants came to the woman at the house, they said, "Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan?"

So the woman said to them, "They have gone over the water brook."

And when they had searched and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem. 21 Now it came to pass, after they had departed, that they came up out of the well and went and told King David, and said to David, "Arise and cross over the water quickly. For thus has Ahithophel advised against you." 22 So David and all the people who were with him arose and crossed over the Jordan. By morning light not one of them was left who had not gone over the Jordan.

Death of Ahithophel

23 Now when Ahithophel saw that his advice was not followed, he saddled a donkey, and arose and went home to his house, to his city. Then he put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died; and he was buried in his father's tomb.

Army locations – David at Mahanaim – Absalom in Gilead

24 Then David went to Mahanaim.

And Absalom crossed over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him.

25 And Absalom made Amasa captain of the army instead of Joab. This Amasa was the son of a man whose name was Jithra, an Israelite, who had gone in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister of Zeruiah, Joab's mother. 26 So Israel and Absalom encamped in the land of Gilead.

Supplies brought to David at Mahanaim

27 Now it happened, when David had come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash from Rabbah of the people of Ammon, Machir the son of Ammiel from Lo Debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim, 28 brought beds and basins, earthen vessels and wheat, barley and flour, parched grain and beans, lentils and parched seeds, 29 honey and curds, sheep and cheese of the herd, for David and the people who were with him to eat. For they said, "The people are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness."

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Facts Revealed:

Hushai Warns David through the priests as David had set up [\[2 Samuel 17:15-22\]](#)

- ✧ David had set up a communication line with Zadok and Abiathar the priests he sent back to Jerusalem. [\[2 Samuel 15:25-29\]](#)
- ✧ David had said he would wait for word in the plains of the wilderness. [\[2 Samuel 15:28\]](#)
- ✧ Hushai went to the priests and sent a message to David as previously instructed. [\[2 Samuel 15:32-37, 17:15-16\]](#)
- ✧ Hushai told David not to stay in the plains of the wilderness, but to quickly cross over the Jordan River, and he told David the advise of Ahithophel and his own advise to Absalom. [\[2 Samuel 17:15-16\]](#)
- ✧ David's message carriers were the sons of the priests, Jonathan and Ahimaaz who avoided coming into Jerusalem, but received word from a female servant at En Rogel, and then they would go to tell David.
- ✧ They were seen by a lad who went and told Absalom.
- ✧ At Bahurim on the Jerusalem to Jericho road, Jonathan and Ahimaaz hid in a well from servants of Absalom, and when it was clear they continued on to report to David.
- ✧ David quickly arose and the people with him, crossed over the Jordan River into the land of Gilead and went to Mahanaim.

Death of Ahithophel [\[2 Samuel 17:23\]](#)

- ✧ Now when Ahithophel saw that his advice was not followed, he saddled a donkey, and arose and went home to his house, to his city. Then he put his household in order, and hanged himself, and died; and he was buried in his father's tomb.

Army locations – David at Mahanaim – Absalom in Gilead [\[2 Samuel 17:24-29\]](#)

- ✧ Absalom and all the army of Israel crossed over the Jordan River and encamped in the land of Gilead.
- ✧ David and his people were in the city of Mahanaim in the land of Gilead.
- ✧ There he received supplies from Shobi the son of Nahash from Rabbah of the people of Ammon,
Machir the son of Ammiel from Lo Debar, and
Barzillai the Gileadite from Rogelim.