

Joab: Asset or Liability - Part 2 Handout

Part 1

On the run from Saul

We cannot be sure how early in David's exile Joab and his brothers joined their uncle.

David in Adullam and Moab	1 Samuel 22:1-5
David spared Saul's life.	1 Samuel 24:1-22
David Asked Nabal for Provisions.	1 Samuel 25:1-13
David Almost Shed Innocent Blood.	1 Samuel 25:14-35

The first time Joab or his brothers is cited is here, and Abishai, not Joab is mentioned.

David spared Saul's life again.	1 Samuel 26:1-12
Raid on Ziklag	1 Samuel 29:1-30:25

King in Hebron

By this time, all 3 of the brothers followed their uncle, of course Joab is the leader of the other 2.

Battle of the Pool	2 Samuel 2:12-17
Death of Asahel	2 Samuel 2:18-28
Opposition to Abner	2 Samuel 3:22-25
Murder of Abner	2 Samuel 3:26-39

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Capture of Jebus	2 Samuel 5:6-10; 1 Chronicles 11:4-9
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Part 2

King in Jerusalem-Morality Slide

War with Ammon	2 Samuel 10:9-14; 1 Chronicles 19:10-15
David's adultery	2 Samuel 11:1-13
Murder of Uriah	2 Samuel 11:14-25
Conquest of Ammon	2 Samuel 12:26-31; 1 Chronicles 20:1-3

King in Jerusalem-Divine Discipline

Absalom in exile	2 Samuel 14:1-24
Absalom under house arrest	2 Samuel 14:28-33
David's retreat	2 Samuel 15:13-16:14; 16:5-13; 17:17-22
Battle for the Kingdom	2 Samuel 18:1-18
Report to the King	2 Samuel 18:19-30
Sneak Victory	2 Samuel 19:1-8

King in Jerusalem-Restoration

Demotion of Joab	2 Samuel 19:9-15
Pardon of David's Enemies	2 Samuel 19:16-23
Pursuit of Sheba	2 Samuel 20:4-7
Murder of Amasa	2 Samuel 20:8-13
Death of Sheba	2 Samuel 20:14-22
David Resigned from Military Service	2 Samuel 21:15-17
Ill-advised Census	2 Samuel 24:1-10; 1 Chronicles 21:1-6

Succession

Adonijah's conspiracy	1 Kings 1:5-10
David's Instructions to Solomon	1 Kings 2:1-9
Joab's coconspirators punished.	1 Kings 2:13-27
Joab's execution	1 Kings 2:28-34

Conclusion

- Was Joab mostly an asset?
- Was Joab mostly a liability?
- Did Joab repent before his execution?
- What does Joab's name mean?
 - Joab's name is a contraction of 2 Hebrew words.

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The first part is from an abbreviation of God's covenant name "Yahweh," "Yah.

Since we gained our English Bibles via the German, "Yah" becomes "Jo."

The second part is from the Hebrew root for father, "ab."

Thus, Joab, "Jo" + "ab" means "God is Father."

From the Scriptural record, we can surmise that God was the only Father Joab had in his life.

Thus, we have a lot in common with Joab as believers as well as do unbelievers, who are born spiritual orphans.

When we believe in Jesus Christ for salvation, God adopts us into His Family, so God becomes our Father.

In a spiritual sense, we are all a bunch of "Joabs," both male and female.

This is the end of the character sketch on Joab.

I invite you to continue the drawing on your own by reading the Scriptures listed here, as well as the following study links.

Study Links:

<https://www.compellingtruth.org/Joab-in-the-Bible.html#:~:text=Joab%20was%20the%20closest%20to%20David%20of%20the,alongside%20David%20as%20one%20of%20his%20mighty%20men>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Joab-in-the-Bible.html>

<https://www.abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Joab.html>

<https://studyandobey.com/character-studies/joab-character-study/>

<https://biblehub.com/topical/j/joab.htm>

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