

## ~ABIGAIL 1 (511)

### (Ab'i-gail) [My Father Has Made Himself Joyful]

- A wife of David. Originally, the wife of wealthy Nabal from Maon, a city on the edge of the Wilderness of Judah, West of the Dead Sea.
- Now there was a man in Maon, and his work was in Carmel. And the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats, and he came to be engaged in shearing his sheep at Carmel. (1 Samuel 25:2)
- And the man's name was Nabal, and his wife's name was **Abigail**. And the wife was good in discretion and beautiful in form, but the husband was harsh and bad in his practices, and he was a Calebite. (1 Samuel 25:3)
- This was the inheritance of the tribe of the sons of Judah by their families. (Joshua 15:20)
- Maon, Carmel and Ziph and Juttah. (Joshua 15:55)
- She was **good in discretion and beautiful in form**, while her first husband, whose name means, **Senseless, Stupid**, was **harsh and bad in his practices**.
- Following the prophet Samuel's death, David and his men moved into the area where the flocks of **Abigail's** husband were pastured. David's men thereafter were like a protective **wall** around Nabal's shepherds and flocks, night and day. So, when shearing time came, David sent some young men up to Carmel to call Nabal's attention to the good service rendered him and to request an offering of food from him.
- And David got to hear in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. (1 Samuel 25:4)
- So David sent ten young men and David said to the young men; Go up to Carmel, and you must come to Nabal and ask him in my name about his welfare. (1 Samuel 25:5)
- And this is what you must say to my brother; May you be well and also your household be well and all that you have be well. (1

### **Samuel 25:6)**

- **And now I have heard that you have shearers. Now the shepherds that belong to you happened themselves to be with us. We did not molest them, and nothing at all showed up missing of theirs all the days they happened to be in Carmel. (1 Samuel 25:7)**
- **Ask your own young men, and they will tell you, that my young men may find favor in your eyes, because it was upon a good day that we came. Just give, please, whatever your hand may find to your servants and to your son David. (1 Samuel 25:8)**
- **And the men were very good to us, and they did not molest us, and we did not miss a single thing all the days of our walking about with them while we happened to be in the field. (1 Samuel 25:15)**
- **A wall was what they proved to be around us both by night and by day, all the days that we happened to be with them, shepherding the flock. (1 Samuel 25:16)**
- **But miserly Nabal screamed rebukes at them and insulted David as if he were an inconsequential person, and all of them as if they were possibly runaway slaves.**
- **Accordingly David's young men came and spoke to Nabal in accord with all these words in the name of David and then waited. (1 Samuel 25:9)**
- **At this Nabal answered David's servants and said; Who is David, and who is the son of Jesse? Nowadays the servants that are breaking away, each one from before his master, have become many. (1 Samuel 25:10)**
- **And do I have to take my bread and my water and my slaughtered meat that I have butchered for my shearers and give it to men of whom I do not even know from where they are? (1 Samuel 25:11)**
- **Meanwhile, to **Abigail**, Nabal's wife, one of the young men reported, saying; Look! David sent messengers from the wilderness to wish our master well, but he screamed rebukes at them. (1 Samuel 25:14)**

- This so angered David that he girded on his sword and led about 400 men toward Carmel to wipe out Nabal and the men of his household.
- Upon that David's young men turned around on their way and went back and came and reported to him in accord with all these words. (1 Samuel 25:12)
- Immediately David said to his men; Gird on every one his sword! So they girded on every one his sword and David also girded on his own sword, and they began to go up after David, about four hundred men, while two hundred sat by the baggage. (1 Samuel 25:13)
- As for David, he had said; It was altogether for disappointment that I guarded everything that belongs to this fellow in the wilderness and not a single thing of all that belongs to him showed up missing, and yet he repays me evil in return for good. (1 Samuel 25:21)
- So may God do to the enemies of David and so may he add to it if I shall let anyone of all who are his that urinates against the wall remain until the morning. (1 Samuel 25:22)
- **Abigail**, hearing of the incident through a disturbed servant, showed her wise perception by immediately rounding up an ample supply of food and grain and then sent these ahead of her in care of her servants, much as Jacob had done before making contact with Esau.
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- And now know and see what you are going to do, for calamity has been determined against our master and against all his house, as he is too much of a good-for-nothing fellow to speak to him. (**1 Samuel 25:17**)
- At once **Abigail** hastened and took two hundred loaves of bread and two large jars of wine and five sheep dressed and five seah measures of roasted grain and a hundred cakes of raisins and two hundred cakes of pressed figs and put them upon the asses. (**1 Samuel 25:18**)
- Then she said to her young men; Pass on ahead of me. Look! I am coming after you. But to her husband Nabal she told nothing. (**1 Samuel 25:19**)
- And he kept lodging there on that night. And from what came to his hand he proceeded to take a gift for Esau his brother: (**Genesis 32:13**)
- Two hundred she-goats and twenty he-goats, two hundred female sheep and twenty rams. (**Genesis 32:14**)
- Thirty camels giving suck and their young ones, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty she-asses and ten full-grown asses. (**Genesis 32:15**)
- Then he handed over to his servants one drove after another by itself and repeatedly said to his servants; Cross over ahead of me, and you are to set an interval between drove and drove. (**Genesis 32:16**)
- Further he commanded the first one, saying; In case that Esau my brother should meet you and ask you, saying; To whom do you belong, and where are you going and to whom do these ahead of you belong? (**Genesis 32:17**)
- Then you must say; To your servant, to Jacob. A gift it is, sent to my lord, to Esau, and look! He himself is also behind us. (**Genesis 32:18**)
- And he went on to command also the second, also the third, also all those following the droves, saying; According to this word you are to speak to Esau on your encountering him. (**Genesis 32:19**)

- And you must say also; Here is your servant Jacob behind us. For he said to himself; I may appease him by the gift going ahead of me, and afterward I shall see his face. Perhaps he will give a kindly reception. (**Genesis 32:20**)
  
- Without saying anything to her husband, she rode to meet David, and in a long and fervent plea, which manifested wisdom and logic as well as respect and humility, she convinced David that her husband's senseless words did not justify the unrighteous shedding of blood or the failure to trust in Yehowah to settle the matter in a right way himself.
  
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- And it occurred that while she was riding on the ass and secretly going down the mountain, why, there were David and his men

coming down to meet her. So she encountered them. (**1 Samuel 25:20**)

- When **Abigail** caught sight of David, she at once hastened and got down off the ass and fell upon her face before David and bowed to the earth. (**1 Samuel 25:23**)
- She then fell at his feet and said; Upon me myself, O my lord, be the error, and, please, let your slave girl speak in your ears, and listen to the words of your slave girl. (**1 Samuel 25:24**)
- Please, do not let my lord set his heart upon this good-for-nothing man Nabal, for, as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name, and senselessness is with him. As for me your slave girl, I did not see my lords young men that you had sent. (**1 Samuel 25:25**)
- And now, my lord, as Yehowah is living and as your soul is living, Yehowah has held you back from entering into bloodguilt and having your own hand come to your salvation. And now let your enemies and those seeking injury to my lord become like Nabal. (**1 Samuel 25:26**)
- And now as regards this gift blessing that your maidservant has brought to my lord, it must be given to the young men that are walking about in the steps of my lord. (**1 Samuel 25:27**)
- Pardon, please, the transgression of your slave girl, because Yehowah will without fail make for my lord a lasting house, because the wars of Yehowah are what my lord is fighting, and as for badness, it will not be found in you throughout your days. (**1 Samuel 25:28**)
- When man rises up to pursue you and look for your soul, the soul of my lord will certainly prove to be wrapped up in the bag of life with Yehowah your God, but, as for the soul of your enemies, he will sling it forth as from inside the hollow of the sling. (**1 Samuel 25:29**)
- And it must occur that, because Yehowah will do to my lord the good toward you according to all that he has spoken, he certainly will commission you as leader over Israel. (**1 Samuel 25:30**)
- And let this not become to you a cause for staggering or a

- stumbling block to the heart of my lord, both by the shedding of blood without cause and by having the hand of my lord itself come to his salvation. And Yehowah will certainly do good to my lord, and you must remember your slave girl. (**1 Samuel 25:31**)
- **David thanked God for the woman's good sense and quick action.**
  - **At this David said to Abigail; Blessed be Yehowah the God of Israel, who has sent you this day to meet me! (**1 Samuel 25:32**)**
  - **And blessed be your sensibleness, and blessed be you who have restrained me this day from entering into bloodguilt and having my own hand come to my salvation. (**1 Samuel 25:33**)**
  - **And, on the other hand, as Yehowah the God of Israel is living, who has held me back from doing injury to you, if you had not hastened that you might come to meet me, there would certainly not have remained to Nabal until the morning light anyone urinating against a wall. (**1 Samuel 25:34**)**
  - **With that David accepted from her hand what she had brought him, and to her he said; Go up in peace to your house. See, I have listened to your voice that I may have consideration for your person. (**1 Samuel 25:35**)**
  - **If the one hating you is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink. (**Proverbs 25:21**)**
  - **For coals are what you are raking together upon his head, and Yehowah himself will reward you. (**Proverbs 25:22**)**
  - **An answer, when mild, turns away rage, but a word causing pain makes anger to come up. (**Proverbs 15:1**)**
  - **The tongue of wise one's does good with knowledge, but the mouth of the stupid one's bubbles forth with foolishness. (**Proverbs 15:2**)**
  - **Returning home, Abigail waited for her husband to sober up from a drunken feast and then informed him of her actions. Now his heart came to be dead inside him, and he himself became as a stone, and after ten days Yehowah caused him to expire. When the news reached David, he sent a marriage proposal to Abigail, which she did not hesitate to accept. She shared David's affections along with Ahinoam,**

**a Jezreelitess, whom David had previously taken as wife. David's first wife, Michal, had already been given by her father Saul to another man.**

- **Later **Abigail** came in to Nabal, and there he was having a feast in his house like the feast of the king, and Nabal's heart was feeling good within him, and he was as drunk as could be, and she did not tell him a thing, small or great, until the morning light. (1 Samuel 25:36)**
- **And it came about in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, that his wife went telling him these things. And his heart came to be dead inside him, and he himself became as a stone. (1 Samuel 25:37)**
- **After that about ten days elapsed and then Yehowah struck Nabal, so that he died. (1 Samuel 25:38)**
- **And David got to hear that Nabal had died, and so he said; Blessed be Yehowah, who has conducted the legal case of my reproach to free me from Nabal's hand and has kept his servant back from badness, and the badness of Nabal Yehowah has turned back upon his own head! And David proceeded to send and propose to **Abigail** to take her as his wife. (1 Samuel 25:39)**
- **So David's servants came to **Abigail** at Carmel and spoke to her, saying; David himself has sent us to you to take you as his wife. (1 Samuel 25:40)**
- **Immediately she rose up and bowed with her face to the earth and said; Here is your slave girl as a maidservant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. (1 Samuel 25:41)**
- **Then **Abigail** hastened and rose up and went riding on the ass with five maids of hers walking behind her, and she went accompanying the messengers of David and then became his wife. (1 Samuel 25:42)**
- **David had also taken Ahinoam from Jezreel, and the women came to be, even both of them, his wives. (1 Samuel 25:43)**
- **As for Saul, he had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was from Gallim. (1 Samuel 25:44)**



- **Abigail** was with David in Gath on the western edge of the Shephelah and later down in the Northwest Negeb at Ziklag. During David's absence a raiding party of Amalekites from the South burned Ziklag and carried off all the women and children, including **Abigail** and Ahinoam. Assured by Yehowah of success, David led his men in pursuit and, in a surprise attack, overcame the Amalekites and retrieved the captives and possessions.

- And it came about while David and his men were coming to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites made a raid on the south and on Ziklag, and they proceeded to strike Ziklag and burn it with fire. (**1 Samuel 30:1**)
- And to carry off captive the women and all that were in it, from the smallest to the greatest. They did not put anyone to death, but they drove them along and went on their way. (**1 Samuel 30:2**)
- When David came with his men to the city, why, there it was burned with fire, and, as for their wives and their sons and their daughters, they had been carried off captive. (**1 Samuel 30:3**)
- And David and the people that were with him began to raise their voice and weep, until there was in them no power to weep anymore. (**1 Samuel 30:4**)
- And David's two wives had been carried off captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and **Abigail** the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. (**1 Samuel 30:5**)
- And it became very distressing to David, because the people said to stone him, for the soul of all the people had become bitter, each one because of his sons and his daughters. So David took to strengthening himself by Yehowah his God. (**1 Samuel 30:6**)
- Hence David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech; Do, please, bring the ephod near to me. And Abiathar came bringing the ephod near to David. (**1 Samuel 30:7**)
- And David began to inquire of Yehowah, saying; Shall I chase after this marauder band? Shall I overtake them? At this he said to him; Go in chase, for you will without fail overtake them, and you will without fail make a deliverance. (**1 Samuel 30:8**)

- **Promptly David got on his way, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and they went on as far as the torrent valley of Besor, and the men that were to be left behind stood still. (1 Samuel 30:9)**
- **And David kept up the chase, he and four hundred men, but two hundred men that were too tired to pass over the torrent valley of Besor stood still. (1 Samuel 30:10)**
- **And they got to find a man, an Egyptian, in the field. So they took him to David and gave him bread that he might eat and gave him water to drink. (1 Samuel 30:11)**
- **Further, they gave him a slice of a cake of pressed figs and two cakes of raisins. Then he ate and his spirit returned to him, for he had not eaten bread or drunk water for three days and three nights. (1 Samuel 30:12)**
- **David now said to him; To whom do you belong, and where are you from? To which he said; I am an Egyptian attendant, a slave of an Amalekite man, but my master left me because I took sick three days ago. (1 Samuel 30:13)**
- **We were the ones that made a raid on the south of the Cherethites and upon that which belongs to Judah and upon the south of Caleb, and Ziklag we burned with fire. (1 Samuel 30:14)**
- **At this David said to him; Will you lead me down to this marauder band? To this he said; Do swear to me by God that you will not put me to death, and that you will not surrender me into the hand of my master, and I shall lead you down to this marauder band. (1 Samuel 30:15)**
- **Accordingly he led him down, and there they were spread disorderly over the surface of all the land eating and drinking and having a feast on account of all the great spoil that they had taken from the land of the Philistines and the land of Judah. (1 Samuel 30:16)**
- **And David went striking them down from the morning darkness until the evening, that he might devote them to destruction, and not a man of them escaped except four hundred young men that rode upon camels and took to flight. (1 Samuel 30:17)**

- And David got to deliver all that the Amalekites had taken, and his two wives David delivered. (1 Samuel 30:18)
- And there was nothing of theirs lacking, from the smallest to the greatest and to sons and daughters and from the spoil, even to anything that they had taken for themselves. Everything David recovered. (1 Samuel 30:19)
- Back at Ziklag, three days later, the news of Saul's death arrived.
- And it came about after Saul's death, and when David himself had returned from striking down the Amalekites, that David continued to dwell at Ziklag two days. (2 Samuel 1:1)
- And it came about on the third day that, look! A man was coming from the camp, from Saul, with his garments ripped apart and dirt upon his head. And it came about that when he came to David, he at once fell down to the earth and prostrated himself. (2 Samuel 1:2)
- **Abigail** now accompanied her husband to Hebron of Judah, where David was first anointed as king. Here she gave birth to a son, Chileab.
- And his second was Chileab by **Abigail** the wife of Nabal the Carmelite, and the third was Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai the king of Geshur. (2 Samuel 3:3)
- Also called Daniel at,
- And these became the sons of David that were born to him in Hebron. The firstborn Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, the second, Daniel, of **Abigail** the Carmelitess. (1 Chronicles 3:1)
- David's wives increased to six in Hebron, and neither **Abigail** nor her son receive further mention in the account.
- Meantime, sons were born to David in Hebron, and his firstborn came to be Amnon by Ahinoam the Jezreelitess. (2 Samuel 3:2)
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- And the fourth was Adonijah the son of Haggith, and the fifth

was Shephatiah the son of Abital. (**2 Samuel 3:4**)

- And the sixth was Ithream by Eglah, David's wife. These were the one's born to David in Hebron. (**2 Samuel 3:5**)