

~ABIGAIL 2 (167)

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

- One of David's two sisters.
- Jesse, in turn, became father to his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third. (1 Chronicles 2:13)
- Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth. (1 Chronicles 2:14)
- Ozem the sixth, David the seventh. (1 Chronicles 2:15)
- And their sisters were Zeruiah and **Abigail**, and the sons of Zeruiah were Abishai and Joab and Asahel, three. (1 Chronicles 2:16)
- As for **Abigail**, she gave birth to Amasa, and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite. (1 Chronicles 2:17)
- Some scholars believe that she was only a half sister, being related by mother but not by father. At;
- And Amasa was the one whom Absalom put in the place of Joab over the army. Amasa was the son of a man whose name was Ithra the Israelite, who had relations with **Abigail** the daughter of Nahash, the sister of Zeruiah, Joab's mother. (2 Samuel 17:25)
- **Abigail** is called **the daughter of Nahash**. Rabbinic tradition holds that Nahash is simply another name for Jesse, David's father. The **Greek Septuagint (Lagardian edition)** has **Jesse** instead of **Nahash** in this verse. A number of modern translations also read this way. [See AT, JB, NC [Spanish]] However, it is noteworthy that the record at;
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- Does not call **Abigail** and Zeruiah daughters of Jesse, but rather **sisters** of Jesses sons, including David. This allows for the possibility that their mother had first been married to a man named Nahash, to whom she bore **Abigail** and Zeruiah before becoming Jesses wife and the mother of his sons. It cannot, therefore, be stated dogmatically that **Abigail** was the daughter of Jesse.

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- **Abigail**, David's sister, is mentioned as giving birth to only one son, Amasa. Her husband is referred to as Ithra the Israelite at,
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- But elsewhere is called Jether
- And you yourself also well know what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me in what he did to two chiefs of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner and Amasa the son of Jether, when he killed them and placed the blood of war in peacetime and put the blood of war on his belt that was about his hips and in his sandals that were on his feet. (1 Kings 2:5)
- And Yehowah will certainly bring back his blood upon his own head, because he fell upon two men more righteous and better than he was, and he proceeded to kill them with the sword, when my father David himself had not known of it, namely, Abner the son of Ner the chief of the army of Israel and Amasa the son of Jether the chief of the army of Judah. (1 Kings 2:32)
- And at;
- As for **Abigail**, she gave birth to Amasa, and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite. (1 Chronicles 2:17)
- Is spoken of as **Jether the Ishmaelite**. It is possible that **Abigail** contracted marriage with Jether during the time Jesse and his family were dwelling in the land of Moab.

- Later David went from there to Mizpeh in Moab and said to the king of Moab; Let my father and my mother, please, dwell with you people until I know what God will do to me. (1 Samuel 22:3)
- Accordingly he settled them before the king of Moab, and they continued dwelling with him all the days that David happened to be in the inaccessible place. (1 Samuel 22:4)
- Her son, Amasa, received no apparent attention during David's reign until Absalom's rebellion. His cousin Absalom then made him the head of his armed forces. Nevertheless, following Absalom's death, Abigail's brother, King David, dealt with her son Amasa in obtaining support for his return to the throne, and thereafter made Amasa the head of the army, replacing Joab.
- As for King David, he sent to Zadok and Abiathar the priests, saying; Speak to the older men of Judah, saying; Why should you become the last one's to bring the king back to his house, when the word of all Israel itself has come to the king at his house? (2 Samuel 19:11)
- My brothers you are, my bone and my flesh you are. So why should you become the last one's to bring the king back? (2 Samuel 19:12)
- And to Amasa you should say; Are you not my bone and my flesh? So may God do to me and so may he add to it if you will not become the army chief before me always instead of Joab. (2 Samuel 19:13)
- And he proceeded to bend the heart of all the men of Judah as one man, so that they sent word to the king; Come back, you and all your servants. (2 Samuel 19:14)
- This appointment soon brought death to Abigail's son, at the hands of his embittered cousin Joab.
- The king now said to Amasa; Call the men of Judah together to me within three days, and you yourself stand here. (2 Samuel 20:4)
- So Amasa went to call Judah together, but he came later than the fixed time that he had appointed for him. (2 Samuel 20:5)

- **Then David said to Abishai; Now Sheba the son of Bichri will be worse for us than Absalom. You yourself take the servants of your lord and chase after him, that he may not actually find for himself fortified cities and escape before our eyes. (2 Samuel 20:6)**
- **Accordingly the men of Joab and the Cherethites and the Pelethites and all the mighty men went out after him, and they went on out of Jerusalem to chase after Sheba the son of Bichri. (2 Samuel 20:7)**
- **They were close by the great stone that is in Gibeon, and Amasa himself came to meet them. Now Joab was girded, clothed with a garment, and upon him there was girded a sword attached to his hip, in its sheath. And he himself came forth, and so it fell out. (2 Samuel 20:8)**
- **And Joab proceeded to say to Amasa; Is it all right with you, my brother? Then Joab's right hand took hold of Amasa's beard so as to kiss him. (2 Samuel 20:9)**
- **As for Amasa, he was not on guard against the sword that was in Joab's hand, so that he struck him with it in the abdomen, and his intestines spilled out to the earth, and he did not have to do it to him again. So he died. And Joab and Abishai his brother, for their part, chased after Sheba the son of Bichri. (2 Samuel 20:10)**

See Also JETHER 6