

~AHIMAAZ 2 (150)
(A-him'a-az)

- **Son of the priest Zadok and father of Azariah.**
- **Ahitub, in turn, became father to Zadok, Zadok, in turn, became father to Ahimaaz. (1 Chronicles 6:8)**
- **Ahimaaz, in turn, became father to Azariah. Azariah, in turn, became father to Johanan. (1 Chronicles 6:9)**
- **Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son. (1 Chronicles 6:53)**
- **When Absalom rebelled against his father David and usurped the throne, young Ahimaaz served a vital role in communicating intelligence to David. When about to be caught on one occasion, he and his companion hid in a well, the mouth of which a woman camouflaged with grain.**
- **And the king went on to say to Zadok the priest; You are a seer, are you? Do return to the city in peace, and also Ahimaaz your son and Jonathan the son of Abiathar, the two sons of you men, with you. (2 Samuel 15:27)**
- **Look! There with them are their two sons, Ahimaaz belonging to Zadok and Jonathan belonging to Abiathar, and by means of them you men must send to me everything that you may hear. (2 Samuel 15:36)**
- **As Jonathan and Ahimaaz were standing at En-rogel, a maidservant went off and told them. So they themselves went off, as they had to tell King David, for they were not able to appear entering the city. (2 Samuel 17:17)**
- **However, a young man got to see them and told Absalom. So the two of them went off speedily and came to the house of a man in Bahurim, who had a well in his courtyard, and they went down into it. (2 Samuel 17:18)**
- **After that the woman took and spread out a screen over the face of the well and heaped up cracked grain upon it, and not a thing became known of it. (2 Samuel 17:19)**

- The servants of Absalom now came to the woman at her house and said; Where are **Ahimaaz** and Jonathan? At this the woman said to them; They passed on from here to the waters. Then they kept on searching, and they did not find them and so returned to Jerusalem. (2 Samuel 17:20)
- And it came about after their going away that then they came up out of the well and went on and told King David and said to David; You people, rise up and speedily pass over the waters, for this is the way that Ahithophel counseled against you. (2 Samuel 17:21)
- When Absalom was killed, a Cushite runner was picked to take the news to David. **Ahimaaz** kept insisting that he too be allowed to run. Permission granted, he overtook the first runner and, upon approaching the city, was recognized by his running style. This is a good man, and with Good News he should come, exclaimed David. It proved to be so. Ahimaaz reported Good News and left the bad for the second courier to deliver.
- Now as regards **Ahimaaz** the son of Zadok, he said; Let me run, please, and break the news to the king, because Yehowah has judged him to free him from the hand of his enemies. (2 Samuel 18:19)
- But Joab said to him; You are not a man of news this day, and you must break the news on another day, but this day you must not break the news, for the very reason that the kings own son has died. (2 Samuel 18:20)
- Then Joab said to the Cushite; Go, tell the king what you have seen. At that the Cushite bowed to Joab and began to run. (2 Samuel 18:21)
- **Ahimaaz** the son of Zadok now said once again to Joab; Let, now, happen whatever will, let me also myself, please, run behind the Cushite. However, Joab said; Why is it that you yourself have to run, my son, when there is no news being found for you? (2 Samuel 18:22)
- Still he said; Let, now, happen whatever will, let me run. So he said to him; Run! And **Ahimaaz** began to run by the way of the District, and he eventually passed by the Cushite. (2 Samuel

18:23)

- **Now David was sitting between the two gates. Meantime, the watchman went to the roof of the gate by the wall. At length he raised his eyes and saw and, look! There was a man running by himself. (2 Samuel 18:24)**
- **So the watchman called and told the king, at which the king said; If he is by himself, there is news in his mouth. And he kept coming, steadily getting nearer. (2 Samuel 18:25)**
- **The watchman now saw another man running. The watchman therefore called to the gatekeeper and said; Look! Another man running by himself! At which the king said; This one also is a news bearer. (2 Samuel 18:26)**
- **And the watchman went on to say; I am seeing that the running style of the first is like the running style of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, at which the king said; This is a good man, and with Good News he should come. (2 Samuel 18:27)**
- **Eventually Ahimaaz called and said to the king; It is well! With that he bowed to the king with his face to the earth. And he went on to say; Blessed be Yehowah your God, who has surrendered the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king! (2 Samuel 18:28)**
- **However, the king said; Is it well with the young man Absalom? To this Ahimaaz said; I saw the great commotion at the time Joab sent the kings servant and your servant, and I did not know what it was. (2 Samuel 18:29)**
- **So the king said; Step aside, take your position here. At that he stepped aside and kept standing still. (2 Samuel 18:30)**
- **And here was the Cushite coming in, and the Cushite began to say; Let my lord the king accept news, for Yehowah has judged you today to free you from the hand of all those rising up against you. (2 Samuel 18:31)**
- **But the king said to the Cushite; Is it well with the young man Absalom? To this the Cushite said, May the enemies of my lord the king and all those who rose up against you for evil become as the young man. (2 Samuel 18:32)**

- Whether **Ahimaaz** was ever High Priest is not certain. Some suggest he may have died before his father, thereby allowing **Ahimaaz** son Azariah to succeed Zadok.
- And these are the princes that he had, Azariah the son of Zadok, the priest. (**1 Kings 4:2**)
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- Johanan, in turn, became father to Azariah. He was the one that acted as priest in the house that Solomon built in Jerusalem. (**1 Chronicles 6:10**)