

~ELIAB 4 (102)

(E-li'ab) [My God Is Father]

- The firstborn of King David's father Jesse.
- And the three oldest sons of Jesse proceeded to go. They went after Saul to the war, and the names of his three sons that went into the war were **Eliab** the firstborn, and his second son Abinadab and the third Shammah. (1 Samuel 17:13)
- Jesse, in turn, became father to his firstborn **Eliab**, and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third. (1 Chronicles 2:13)
- **Eliab's** appearance and the height of his stature so impressed Samuel that he concluded this one was God's choice for the kingship. Yehowah, though, had rejected **Eliab** and selected David.
- And it came about that, as they came in and he caught sight of **Eliab**, he at once said; Surely his anointed one is before Yehowah. (1 Samuel 16:6)
- But Yehowah said to Samuel; Do not look at his appearance and at the height of his stature, for I have rejected him. For not the way man sees is the way God sees, because mere man sees what appears to the eyes, but as for Yehowah, he sees what the heart is. (1 Samuel 16:7)
- Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass before Samuel, but he said; Neither has Yehowah chosen this one. (1 Samuel 16:8)
- Next Jesse had Shammah pass by, but he said; Neither has Yehowah chosen this one. (1 Samuel 16:9)
- So Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, still Samuel said to Jesse; Yehowah has not chosen these. (1 Samuel 16:10)
- Finally Samuel said to Jesse; Are these all the boys? To this he said; The youngest one has till now been left out, and, look! He is pasturing the sheep. At that Samuel said to Jesse; Do send and fetch him, because we shall not sit down to meal until his coming here. (1 Samuel 16:11)

- Accordingly he sent and had him come. Now he was ruddy, a young man with beautiful eyes and handsome in appearance. Then Yehowah said; Get up, anoint him, for this is he! (1 Samuel 16:12)
- **Eliab**, Abinadab, and Shammah, the three oldest sons of Jesse, were in Saul's army at the time the Philistine champion Goliath directed his challenge to the men of Israel.
- Shortly before Goliath again came up from the battle lines of the Philistines to taunt Israel, David, having been sent by his father, arrived on the scene with provisions of food for his three brothers.
- Angered greatly by David's making inquiry among the Israelite warriors about the reward to be received by the one striking down Goliath, **Eliab** lashed out against David, suggesting that he was negligent in caring for his shepherding duties and accusing him of being presumptuous and having a bad heart. This account about David's errand and **Eliab's** anger is omitted by the Vatican Manuscript No. 1209
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- Then Jesse said to David his son; Take, please, to your brothers this ephah of roasted grain and these ten loaves of bread, and carry them quickly to the camp to your brothers. (1 Samuel 17:17)
- And David began to say to the men that were standing close by him; What will be done to the man that strikes down that Philistine over there and actually turns away reproach from upon Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he has to taunt the battle lines of the living God? (1 Samuel 17:26)
- Then the people said to him the same words as before, saying; This is the way it will be done to the man that strikes him down. (1 Samuel 17:27)
- And **Eliab** his oldest brother got to hear as he spoke to the men, and **Eliab's** anger grew hot against David, so that he said; Why is it that you have come down? And in whose charge did you leave

those few sheep behind in the wilderness? I myself well know your presumptuousness and the badness of your heart, because you have come down for the purpose of seeing the battle. (**1 Samuel 17:28**)

- Much later David's son Jerimoth, it seems, married Abihail the daughter of **Eliab**.
- Then Rehoboam took as his wife Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, and of Abihail the daughter of **Eliab** the son of Jesse. (**2 Chronicles 11:18**)