

~ZADOK 1 (427)

(Za'dok) [from a root meaning, be righteous]

- A priest prominently associated with King David. **Zadok** was a descendant of Aaron through the high-priestly line of Eleazar.
- And the sons of Amram were Aaron and Moses, and there was Miriam. And the sons of Aaron were Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. (1 Chronicles 6:3)
- As for Eleazar, he became father to Phinehas. Phinehas himself became father to Abishua. (1 Chronicles 6:4)
- Abishua, in turn, became father to Bukki. Bukki, in turn, became father to Uzzi. (1 Chronicles 6:5)
- Uzzi, in turn, became father to Zerahiah. Zerahiah, in turn, became father to Meraioth. (1 Chronicles 6:6)
- Meraioth himself became father to Amariah. Amariah, in turn, became father to Ahitub. (1 Chronicles 6:7)
- Ahitub, in turn, became father to **Zadok**. Zadok, in turn, became father to Ahimaaz. (1 Chronicles 6:8)
- And these were the sons of Aaron. Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, Abishua his son. (1 Chronicles 6:50)
- Bukki his son, Uzzi his son, Zerahiah his son. (1 Chronicles 6:51)
- Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his son. (1 Chronicles 6:52)
- **Zadok** his son, Ahimaaz his son. (1 Chronicles 6:53)
- He is also called a seer.
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- **Zadok**, as a young man mighty in valor, was one of the tribal chiefs who threw in his support for David's kingship.

- And Jehoiada was the leader of the sons of Aaron, and with him there were three thousand seven hundred. ([1 Chronicles 12:27](#))
- Also **Zadok** a young man, mighty in valor, and the house of his forefathers, twenty-two chiefs. ([1 Chronicles 12:28](#))
- From that time on he was loyal to David.
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- And Sheva was secretary, and **Zadok** and Abiathar were priests. ([2 Samuel 20:25](#))
- And **Zadok** the son of Ahitub and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar were priests, and Shavsha was secretary. ([1 Chronicles 18:16](#))
- **Zadok** and Abiathar, whenever the two are mentioned, **Zadok** is named first, perhaps because he was also a prophet, accompanied the ark of the covenant when David had it brought up to Jerusalem, after which **Zadok** continued to serve for a time at Gibeon, where the tabernacle was located.
- Furthermore, David called **Zadok** and Abiathar the priests, and the Levites Uriel, Asaiah and Joel, Shemaiah and Eliel and Amminadab. ([1 Chronicles 15:11](#))
- So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of Yehowah the God of Israel. ([1 Chronicles 15:14](#))
- And **Zadok** the priest and his brothers the priests before the tabernacle of Yehowah on the high place that was at Gibeon. ([1 Chronicles 16:39](#))
- When Absalom rebelled, **Zadok** and the Levites started to bring the Ark along as they accompanied David in his flight from Jerusalem, but David sent them back to the city, designating **Zadok** and others to act as intelligence intermediaries.
- And all the people of the land were weeping with a loud voice, and all the people were crossing over, and the king was standing

by the torrent valley of Kidron, and all the people were crossing over upon the open road to the wilderness. (2 Samuel 15:23)

- And here also there were **Zadok** and with him all the Levites carrying the ark of the covenant of the true God, and they proceeded to set the ark of the true God down by Abiathar until all the people completed crossing over from the city. (2 Samuel 15:24)
- But the king said to **Zadok**; Take the ark of the true God back to the city. If I shall find favor in the eyes of Yehowah, he will also certainly bring me back and let me see it and its abiding place. (2 Samuel 15:25)
- But if this is what he should say; I have found no delight in you, here I am, let him do to me just as it is good in his eyes. (2 Samuel 15:26)
- 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)
- See, I am lingering by the fords of the wilderness until word comes from you men to inform me. (2 Samuel 15:28)
- Accordingly **Zadok** and Abiathar took the ark of the true God back to Jerusalem, and they continued to dwell there. (2 Samuel 15:29)
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- 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 king's 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)
- After the rebellion was over, **Zadok** and Abiathar were instrumental in securing David's favorable reception in Jerusalem.
- 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 ones 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 ones 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)
- When, late in his reign, David organized the Levitical services for the temple, both **Zadok** and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar assisted him.
- And David, and **Zadok** from the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech from the sons of Ithamar proceeded to make divisions of them for their office in their service. (1 Chronicles 24:3)
- Then Shemaiah the son of Nethanel the secretary of the Levites wrote them down before the king and the princes and **Zadok** the priest and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar and the heads of the fathers of the priests and of the Levites, one paternal house being picked out for Eleazar and one being picked out for Ithamar. (1 Chronicles 24:6)
- And the sons of Mushi were Mahli and Eder and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites by their paternal houses. (1

Chronicles 24:30)

- And they themselves also proceeded to cast lots exactly as their brothers the sons of Aaron did before David the king and **Zadok** and Ahimelech and the heads of the paternal houses of the priests and of the Levites. As respects paternal houses, the head one was exactly as his younger brother. (**1 Chronicles 24:31**)
- In contrast with Abiathar, **Zadok** did not support the attempted usurpation of the throne by Adonijah, for this, David appointed **Zadok** as the one to anoint Solomon as king.
- And he came to have dealings with Joab the son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest, and they began offering help as followers of Adonijah. (**1 Kings 1:7**)
- As for **Zadok** the priest and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and Nathan the prophet and Shimei and Rei and the mighty men that belonged to David, they did not become involved with Adonijah. (**1 Kings 1:8**)
- But as for me your servant, me and **Zadok** the priest and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and Solomon your servant he has not invited. (**1 Kings 1:26**)
- Immediately King David said; You men, call for me **Zadok** the priest and Nathan the prophet and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. So they came in before the king. (**1 Kings 1:32**)
- And the king went on to say to them; Take with you the servants of your lord, and you must make Solomon my son ride upon the she-mule that belongs to me and lead him down to Gihon. (**1 Kings 1:33**)
- And **Zadok** the priest and Nathan the prophet must anoint him there as king over Israel, and you must blow the horn and say; Let King Solomon live! (**1 Kings 1:34**)
- And you must come up following him, and he must come in and sit upon my throne, and he himself will be king in place of me, and him I shall have to commission to become leader over Israel and over Judah. (**1 Kings 1:35**)
- At once Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king and said;

Amen! Thus may Yehowah the God of my lord the king say. (1 Kings 1:36)

- **Just as Yehowah proved to be with my lord the king, so let him prove to be with Solomon, and may he make his throne greater than the throne of my lord King David. (1 Kings 1:37)**
- **And **Zadok** the priest and Nathan the prophet and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and the Cherethites and the Pelethites proceeded to go down and make Solomon ride upon the she-mule of King David, and then brought him to Gihon. (1 Kings 1:38)**
- ****Zadok** the priest now took the horn of oil out of the tent and anointed Solomon, and they began to blow the horn, and all the people broke out saying; Let King Solomon live! (1 Kings 1:39)**
- **After that all the people came on up following him, and the people were playing on flutes and rejoicing with great joy, so that the earth was split by the noise of them. (1 Kings 1:40)**
- **And Adonijah and all the ones invited that were with him got to hear it, when they themselves had finished eating. When Joab got to hear the sound of the horn, he at once said; What does the noise of the town in an uproar mean? (1 Kings 1:41)**
- **While he was yet speaking, why, here Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came. Then Adonijah said; Come on in, for you are a valiant man, and you bring Good News. (1 Kings 1:42)**
- **But Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah; No! Our lord King David himself has made Solomon king. (1 Kings 1:43)**
- **So the king sent with him **Zadok** the priest and Nathan the prophet and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and they made him ride upon the she-mule of the king. (1 Kings 1:44)**
- **Then **Zadok** the priest and Nathan the prophet anointed him as king in Gihon, after which they came up from there rejoicing, and the town is in an uproar. That was the noise that you men heard. (1 Kings 1:45)**
- **And, besides, Solomon has sat down upon the throne of the**

kingship. (1 Kings 1:46)

- During the reigns of Saul and David, **Zadok** served only as an associate priest, but for his loyalty as contrasted with the wavering allegiance of High Priest Abiathar, Solomon expelled Abiathar from Jerusalem and made **Zadok** High Priest. This fulfilled Yehowah's prophecy spoken against Elis house.
- And to Abiathar the priest the king said; Go to Anathoth to your fields! For you are deserving of death, but on this day I shall not put you to death, because you carried the ark of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah before David my father, and because you suffered affliction during all the time that my father suffered affliction. (1 Kings 2:26)
- So Solomon drove out Abiathar from serving as a priest of Yehowah, to fulfill Yehowah's word that he had spoken against the house of Eli in Shiloh. (1 Kings 2:27)
- Upon that the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in place of him over the army, and **Zadok** the priest the king put in the place of Abiathar. (1 Kings 2:35)
- The later listing of **Zadok** and Abiathar at;
- And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the army, and **Zadok** and Abiathar were priests. (1 Kings 4:4)
- Is probably in a historical sense. Josephus claims that **Zadok** was the first High Priest at Solomon's temple. [Jewish Antiquities, X, 152, viii, 6]
- And over the tribes of Israel, of the Reubenites, Eliezer the son of Zichri was leader, of the Simeonites, Shephatiah the son of Maacah. (1 Chronicles 27:16)
- Of Levi, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel, of Aaron, **Zadok**. (1 Chronicles 27:17)
- **Zadok** is listed as leader over the house of Aaron. The Bible provides a basis for tracing the line of **Zadok** as holding the office of High Priest down to the time of Darius the Persian, likely Darius II.
- And these are the princes that he had, Azariah the son of **Zadok**, the priest. (1 Kings 4:2)

- 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**)
- 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**)
- And Azariah came to be father to Amariah. Amariah, in turn, became father to Ahitub. (**1 Chronicles 6:11**)
- Ahitub, in turn, became father to **Zadok**. **Zadok**, in turn, became father to Shallum. (**1 Chronicles 6:12**)
- Shallum, in turn, became father to Hilkiah. Hilkiah, in turn, became father to Azariah. (**1 Chronicles 6:13**)
- Azariah, in turn, became father to Seraiah. Seraiah, in turn, became father to Jehozadak. (**1 Chronicles 6:14**)
- And Jehozadak it was that went away when Yehowah took Judah and Jerusalem into exile by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar. (**1 Chronicles 6:15**)
- Then Azariah the chief priest of the house of **Zadok** said to him, yes, he said; From the time they started to bring the contribution into the house of Yehowah there has been an eating and getting satisfied and having a surplus in abundance, for Yehowah himself has blessed his people, and what has been left over is this great plenty. (**2 Chronicles 31:10**)
- The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada and Johanan and Jaddua were recorded as heads of paternal houses, also the priests, down till the kingship of Darius the Persian. (**Nehemiah 12:22**)
- The priests seen in Ezekiel's visionary temple were sons of **Zadok**.
- And the dining room the front of which is toward the north is for the priests who are taking care of the obligation of the altar.

They are the sons of **Zadok**, who, from the sons of Levi, are approaching Yehowah to minister to him. (**Ezekiel 40:46**)

- And you must give to the Levitical priests, who are of the offspring of **Zadok**, the ones approaching me, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah, to minister to me, a young bull, the son of the herd, as a sin offering. (**Ezekiel 43:19**)
- And as for the Levitical priests, the sons of **Zadok**, who took care of the obligation of my sanctuary when the sons of Israel wandered away from me, they themselves will come near to me to minister to me, and they must stand before me to present to me fat and the blood, is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Yehowah. (**Ezekiel 44:15**)
- It will be for the priests, those who are sanctified from the sons of **Zadok**, who took care of the obligation toward me, who did not wander away when the sons of Israel wandered away, just as the Levites wandered away. (**Ezekiel 48:11**)