

~ZERUIAH (52)

(Ze-ru'iah) [possibly from a root meaning, balsam]

- King David's sister or half sister and the mother of Joab, Abishai, and Asahel. **Zeruiah's** sister Abigail is said to be the daughter of Nahash, though that is not directly stated of **Zeruiah**.
- And there was Jeroboam the son of Nebat an Ephraimite from **Zeredah**, a servant of Solomon, and his mother's name was **Zeruah**, a widowed woman. He too began to lift up his hand against the king. (1 Kings 11:26)
- **Zeruiah** and Abigail are also said to be sisters of the sons of Jesse.
- And their sisters were **Zeruiah** and Abigail, and the sons of **Zeruiah** were Abishai and Joab and Asahel, three. (1 Chronicles 2:16)
- It is possible, therefore, that they were daughters of Jesse's wife by a previous marriage to Nahash, therefore only half sisters of David. Apparently **Zeruiah** was considerably older than David, for her sons seem to have been about the same age as David. **Zeruiah's** name is usually associated with her three sons, who were all valiant fighters for David.
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- The only reference made to the boys' father is that he was buried at Bethlehem.
- And they proceeded to carry Asahel and bury him in the burial

place of his father, which is at Bethlehem. Then Joab and his men went marching on all night long, and it became daylight for them at Hebron. ([2 Samuel 2:32](#))

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