

## Man Intervenes – God Ordains

*All Scriptures are from the New American Standard Version (1977) unless otherwise indicated.*

**2 Samuel 16:14** And the king and all the people who were with him arrived weary and he refreshed himself there.

**2 Samuel 16:15** Then Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, entered Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him.

**2 Samuel 16:16** Now it came about when Hushai the Archite, David’s friend, came to Absalom, that Hushai said to Absalom, “*Long live the king! Long live the king!*”

**2 Samuel 16:17-19** And Absalom said to Hushai, “Is this your loyalty to your friend? Why did you not go with your friend?” **18** Then Hushai said to Absalom, “No! For whom the LORD, this people, and all the men of Israel have chosen, his will I be, and with him I will remain. **19** “And besides, whom should I serve? Should I not serve in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father’s presence, so I will be in your presence.”

**2 Samuel 16:20** Then Absalom said to Ahithophel, “Give your advice. What shall we do?”

**2 Samuel 16:21-22** And Ahithophel said to Absalom, “Go in to your father’s concubines, whom he has left to keep the house; then all Israel will hear that you have made yourself odious to your father. The hands of all who are with you will also be strengthened.” **22** So they pitched a tent for Absalom on the roof, and Absalom went in to his father’s concubines in the sight of all Israel.

**Leviticus 18:8** ‘You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father’s wife; it is your father’s nakedness.

**2 Samuel 16:23** And the advice of Ahithophel, which he gave in those days, *was* as if one inquired of the word of God; so was all the advice of Ahithophel *regarded* by both David and Absalom.

**1 Peter 2:24** and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

**2 Samuel 17:1-4** Furthermore, Ahithophel said to Absalom, “Please let me choose 12,000 men that I may arise and pursue David tonight. **2** “And I will come upon him while he is weary and exhausted and will terrify him so that all the people who are with him will flee. Then I will strike down the king alone, **3** and I will bring back all the people to you. The return of everyone depends on the man you seek; *then* all the people shall be at peace.” **4** So the plan pleased Absalom and all the elders of Israel.

**2 Samuel 17:6-14a** When Hushai had come to Absalom, Absalom said to him, “Ahithophel has spoken thus. Shall we carry out his plan? If not, you speak.” **7** So Hushai said to Absalom, “ This time the advice that Ahithophel has given is not good.” **8** Moreover, Hushai said, “You know your father and his men, that they are mighty men and they are fierce, like a bear robbed of her cubs in the field. And your father is an expert in warfare, and will not spend the night with the people. **9** “Behold, he has now hidden himself in one of the caves or in another place; and it will be when he falls on them at the first attack, that whoever hears *it* will say, ‘There has been a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom.’ **10** “And even the one who is valiant, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, will completely lose heart; for all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man and those who are with him are valiant men. **11** “But I counsel that all Israel be surely gathered to you, from Dan even to Beersheba, as the sand that is by the sea in abundance, and that you personally go into battle. **12** “So we shall come to him in one of the places where he can be found, and we will fall on him as the dew falls on the ground; and of him and of all the men who are with him, not even one will be left. **13** “And if he withdraws into a city, then all Israel shall bring ropes to that

city, and we will drag it into the valley until not even a small stone is found there.” **14** Then Absalom and all the men of Israel said, “The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel.” ...

**2 Samuel 17:14b** ... For the LORD had ordained to thwart the good counsel of Ahithophel, in order that the LORD might bring calamity on Absalom.

**Daniel 4:35** “And all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, But He does according to His will in the host of heaven And *among* the inhabitants of earth; And no one can ward off His hand Or say to Him, ‘ What hast Thou done?’

**Ephesians 1:11** also we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to His purpose who works all things after the counsel of His will,

**Romans 8:28** And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose.

**John 3:36** “He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”