

# What a Waste!

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**2 Samuel 2:18** And there were three sons of Zeruah there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel *was as* light of foot as a wild roe.

**1 Chronicles 2:15** Ozem the sixth, David the seventh: **16** Whose sisters *were* Zeruah, and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruah; Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three.

**2 Samuel 2:19** And Asahel pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. **20** Then Abner looked behind him, and said, *Art* thou Asahel? And he answered, *I am*. **21** And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him. **22** And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother? **23** Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him under the fifth *rib*, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, *that* as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still. **24** Joab also and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that *lieth* before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon. **25** And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of an hill. **26** Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren? **27** And Joab said, *As* God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then in the morning the people had gone up every one from following his brother. **28** So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more. **29** And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain, and passed over Jordan, and went through all

Bithron, and they came to Mahanaim. **30** And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen men and Asahel. **31** But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, *so that* three hundred and threescore men died. **32** And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which *was in* Bethlehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at break of day.

**2 Samuel 3:9** So do God to Abner, and more also, except, as the LORD hath sworn to David, even so I do to him; **10** To translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beersheba.

**2 Samuel 1:20** Tell *it* not in Gath, publish *it* not in the streets of Askelon; lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

**2 Samuel 3:1** Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: but David waxed stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

**2 Peter 3:9** The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.