

# metamorphosis

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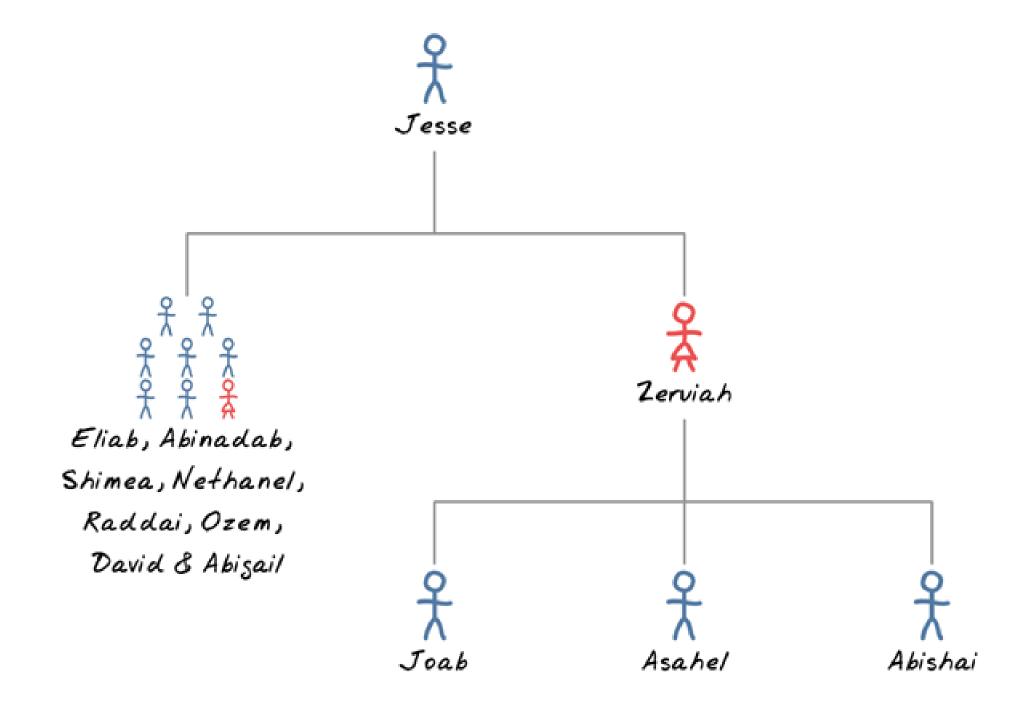
NOUN zoology

(in an insect or amphibian) the process of transformation from an immature form to an adult form in two or more distinct stages.

 a change of the form or nature of a thing or person into a completely different one, by natural or supernatural means.

"his metamorphosis from presidential candidate to talk-show host"

synonyms: transformation · mutation · transmutation · transfiguration · change · alteration · conversion · variation · modification · remodeling · restyling · reconstruction · reordering · reorganization · sea change · transmogrification · transubstantiation



### 2 Samuel 5:6–7 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> The king and <u>his men</u> marched to Jerusalem to attack the Jebusites, who lived there. The Jebusites said to David, "You will not get in here; even the blind and the lame can ward you off." They thought, "David cannot get in here." <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, David captured the fortress of Zion—which is the City of David.

### 1 Chronicles 11:6 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> David had said, "Whoever leads the attack on the Jebusites will become commander-in-chief." **Joab** son of Zeruiah went up first, and so he received the command.

2 Samuel 8:13–16 (NIV)  $^{14}$  He put garrisons throughout Edom, and all the Edomites became subject to David. The Lord gave David victory wherever he went.  $^{15}$  David reigned over all Israel, doing what was just and right for all his people.  $^{16}$  **Joab** son of Zeruiah was over the army...

2 Samuel 10:13–14 (NIV) <sup>13</sup> Then **Joab** and the troops with him advanced to fight the Arameans, and they fled before him. <sup>14</sup> When the Ammonites realized that the Arameans were fleeing, they fled before Abishai and went inside the city. So **Joab** returned from fighting the Ammonites and came to Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 11:1 (NIV) <sup>1</sup> In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent **Joab** out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

2 Samuel 12:26 (NIV)<sup>26</sup> Meanwhile Joab fought against Rabbah of the Ammonites and captured the royal citadel.

### 2 Samuel 13:28-29 (NIV)

<sup>28</sup> Absalom ordered his men, "Listen! When Amnon is in high spirits from drinking wine and I say to you, 'Strike Amnon down,' then kill him. Don't be afraid. Haven't I given you this order? Be strong and brave." 29 So Absalom's men did to Amnon what Absalom had ordered. Then all the king's sons got up, mounted their mules and fled.

#### 2 Samuel 15:10 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> Then Absalom sent <u>secret messengers</u> throughout the tribes of Israel to say, "As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpets, then say, 'Absalom is king in Hebron.' "

#### 2 Samuel 18:5 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> The king commanded <u>Joab, Abishai and Ittai</u>, "Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake." And all the troops heard the king giving orders concerning Absalom to each of the commanders.

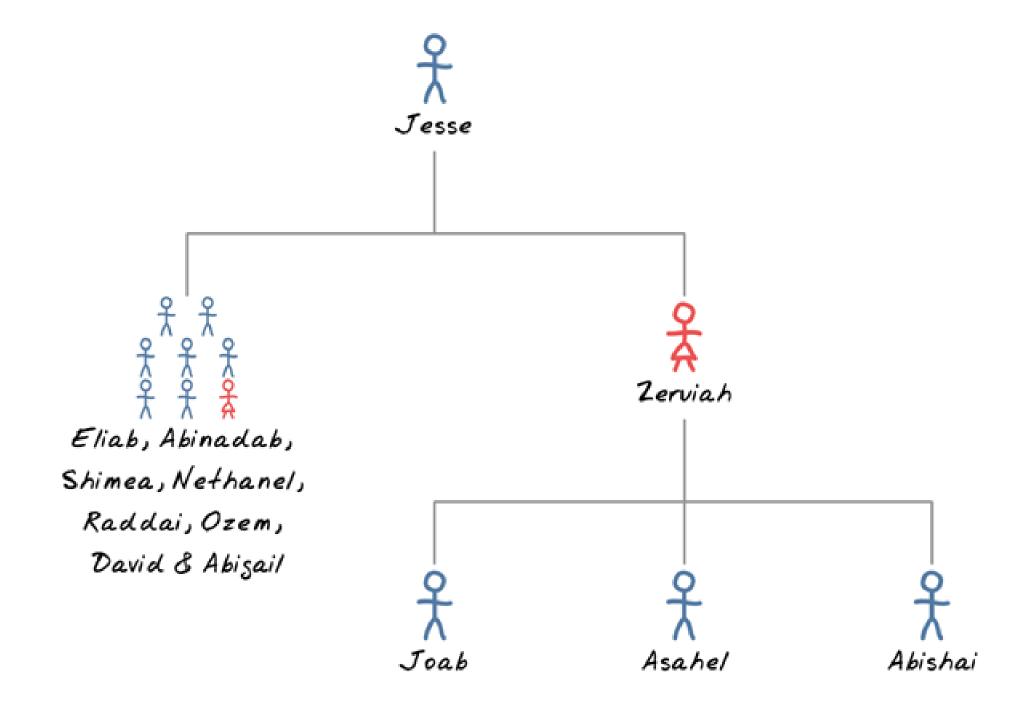
### <u>JOAB</u>

2 Samuel 19:13–14 (NIV)

<sup>13</sup> And say to **Amasa**, 'Are you not my own flesh and blood? May God deal with me, be it ever so severely, if you are not the commander of my army for life in place of Joab.' " <sup>14</sup> He won over the hearts of the men of Judah so that they were all of one mind. They sent word to the king, "Return, you and all your men."

## <u>JOAB</u>

- 1 Kings 1:7 (NIV)
- <sup>7</sup> Adonijah conferred with **Joab** son of Zeruiah and with Abiathar the priest, and they gave him their support.



### **ABISHAI**

2 Samuel 10:10-12 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> He put the rest of the men under the command of Abishai his brother and deployed them against the Ammonites. 11 Joab said, "If the Arameans are too strong for me, then you are to come to my rescue; but if the Ammonites are too strong for you, then I will come to rescue you. 12 Be strong, and let us fight bravely for our people and the cities of our God. The Lord will do what is good in his sight."

### **ABISHAI**

- 2 Samuel 23:18-19 (NIV)
- <sup>18</sup> **Abishai** the brother of Joab son of Zeruiah was chief of the Three. He raised his spear against three hundred men, whom he killed, and so he became as famous as the Three. 19 Was he not held in greater honor than the Three? He became their commander, even though he was not included among them.

### Having an "Ittai like" Faith

- Matt 15:21-28
- Canaanite woman (Syro-Phoenician)
- Though a foreigner, she cries out to the Son of David for mercy & help
- Jesus, the Son of David, releases this woman from any obligation to follow him
  - "Jesus, did not answer a word."
  - "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel"
  - "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs.
- This woman's response to honor this Davidic King, like Ittai, shows her metamorphosis!
- Her "Ittai like" faith caused her request to be granted and her daughter was healed!