

CHARACTERS IN THE DRAMA / 2 Samuel 1

It can be confusing to keep track of all the characters introduced in the first few chapters of 2 Samuel. Here is some help.

Character	Relation	Position	Whose Side?
Joab	Son of Zeruah, David's half sister	One of David's military leaders and, later, commander in chief	David's
Abner	Saul's cousin	Saul's commander in chief	Saul and Ishbosheth's, but made overtures to David
Abishai	Joab's brother	High officer in David's army—Commander of "the Thirty"	Joab and David's
Asahel	Joab and Abishai's brother	High officer—one of David's 30 select warriors ("mighty men")	Joab and David's
Ishbosheth	Saul's son	Saul and Abner's selection as king	Saul's