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Zeruiah meant “balsam from YHWH”. She was a half-sister of David. She is the sister of Abigail and her father must have been Nahash. She bore 3 sons, namely Abishai, Joab and Asahel who were valiant men in King David’s army. Her husband’s name isn’t mentioned anywhere except that Asahel was buried in his father’s tomb at Bethlehem (2 Sam 2:32).

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2 Samuel 17:25; 1 Chronicles 2:16;

2 Sam 17:25 - And Absalom made Amasa captain of the army instead of Joab. This Amasa *was* the son of a man whose name *was* Jithra, an Israelite, who had gone in to Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister of Zeruiah, Joab’s mother.

1 Chr 2:9-17 - ⁹Also the sons of Hezron who were born to him *were* Jerahmeel, Ram, and Chelubai. ¹⁰Ram begot Amminadab, and Amminadab begot Nahshon, leader of the children of Judah; ¹¹Nahshon begot Salma, and Salma begot Boaz; ¹²Boaz begot Obed, and Obed begot Jesse; ¹³Jesse begot Eliab his firstborn, Abinadab the second, Shimea the third, ¹⁴Nethanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, ¹⁵Ozem the sixth, *and* David the seventh. ¹⁶Now their sisters *were* **Zeruiah** and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah *were* Abishai, Joab, and Asahel—three.

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