

**The Life of King David**  
**Lesson 17 – II Samuel**

**II Samuel Chapter 17 Student Questions**

1. What did Ahithophel advise Absalom to do next – 17:1?
  
2. What reasons did he give for this advice – 17:2,3?
  
3. Who else was called and what was he asked – 17:4-6?
  
4. How did Hushai describe David and his men – 17:7,8?
  
5. Why did he say Ahithophel's advice would not work, and what did he say would happen if Ahithophel's advice was followed – 17:8-10?
  
6. Describe the advice that Hushai gave instead – 17:11-13.
  
7. Special Assignment: Whose advice was really better here? Why did Hushai give the advice that he gave?
  
8. Whose advice was followed, and what was the real reason – 17:14?
  
9. What did Hushai do with the information he had – 17:15
  
10. What advice did he give to David – 17:16? Why?
  
11. Who carried the information to David – 17:17? Where were they staying and why?
  
12. Who carried the information to them but what went wrong – 17:17,18?
  
13. How were they hidden – 17:18,19?

14. Who questioned the woman and what did she say – 17:20?
  
15. What success did the messengers have, and what was the result – 17:20-22?
  
16. What did Ahithophel do when his advice had been rejected – 17:23? (Think: Why might he have gone to such an extreme?)
  
17. Application: List other Bible examples of suicide. What can we learn about suicide from these examples?
  
18. Where did David go (see map), and what did Absalom do – 17:24?
  
19. Who became captain of the army of Absalom and what do we know about him – 17:25? (Think: What relationship would this make him to David?)
  
20. Who came to David's aid, and what did they supply – 17:27-29? What else do we know about these men?