

# 1 Chronicles 11:41

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai,

## Analysis

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**Uriah the Hittite**—This simple listing carries devastating weight. Uriah's inclusion among David's most loyal warriors amplifies the horror of David's sin (2 Sam 11). Here was a foreign convert who exemplified covenant faithfulness better than Israel's king. The Hebrew text offers no commentary, letting the name speak its rebuke.

Chronicles' genealogies generally omit David's moral failures, yet Uriah's presence preserves the witness. His Hittite origin shows God's grace extending beyond ethnic Israel—a theme Chronicles develops post-exilic. That Jesus' genealogy includes Bathsheba as 'her that had been the wife of Uriah' (Matt 1:6) shows God's redemptive power through confession and repentance.

## Historical Context

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Hittites were Canaanite inhabitants of the land before Israel's conquest. Uriah's conversion and military service demonstrate how the Abrahamic covenant blessing extended to all nations (Gen 12:3). His name means 'Yahweh is my light,' reflecting genuine faith.

## Related Passages

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**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

## Study Questions

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1. How does Uriah's faithfulness challenge our excuses for compromising God's standards?
2. What does God's inclusion of foreign believers teach about the universal scope of His grace?

## Interlinear Text

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| אֲוִרְיָה    | הַחִתִּי           | זָבָד        | בֶּן           | אֶחְלָי         |
| <b>Uriah</b> | <b>the Hittite</b> | <b>Zabad</b> | <b>the son</b> | <b>of Ahlai</b> |
| H223         | H2850              | H2066        | H1121          | H304            |

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