

# 2 Samuel 23:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop,  
where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people  
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## Analysis

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**And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a piece of ground full of lentiles: and the people fled from the Philistines.**

This verse contributes to the narrative of Last Words and Mighty Men, emphasizing legacy, faithful servants. David's last words emphasize the eternal covenant God established (v. 5) and declare principles of righteous rule. The accounts of David's mighty men demonstrate extraordinary courage and devotion. The water-drawing incident reveals David's unwillingness to value his comfort above his soldiers' lives. Theological themes include the importance of final testimonies, the eternal nature of God's covenant, the value of faithful servants, and the necessity of sacrificial leadership.

## Historical Context

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The historical setting of 2 Samuel 23 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity. Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding legacy, faithful servants provide crucial background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines,

Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed significantly from modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid anachronistic interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

## Related Passages

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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of legacy, faithful servants?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאַחֲרָיו      שָׁמַח הָ      בֶּן      אֶגֶּי      הָרָרִי  
**And after      him was Shammah      the son      of Agee      the Hararite**  
H310      H8048      H1121      H89      H2043

וַיִּקָּבְצוּ      פְּלִשְׁתִּים:      לַחֲיָה      וַתְּהִי      שָׁ  
**were gathered together      And the Philistines      into a troop      H1961      H8033**  
H622      H6430      H2416

מִכֶּנֶּי      יָנָס      וְהָעָם      עֲדָשׁ יָם      מְלֵאָה      הַשָּׂדֶה      חֶלֶק      תָּ  
**where was a piece      of ground      full      of lentiles      and the people      fled      from**  
H2513      H7704      H4392      H5742      H5971      H5127      H6440

פְּלִשְׁתִּים:  
**And the Philistines**  
H6430

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Chronicles 11:27** (Parallel theme): Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the Pelonite,

**2 Samuel 23:33** (Parallel theme): Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Hararite,