

CB06-2 KJV
Saul verses David

1st Samuel continued

Search for lost donkeys lead Saul to Samuel

1Sa 9:1 Now there was a man of **Benjamin**, whose name *was* **Kish**, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a **Benjamite**, a mighty man of power.

1Sa 9:2 And he had a son, whose name *was* **Saul**, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among *the children of Israel* a goodlier [handsome] person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.

1Sa 9:3 And the asses of **Kish Saul's** father were lost. And **Kish** said to **Saul** his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.

1Sa 9:4 And he passed through mount **Ephraim**, and passed through the land of **Shalisha**, but they found *them* not: then they passed through the land of **Shalim**, and *there they were* not: and he passed through the land of the **Benjamites**, but they found *them* not.

1Sa 9:5 *And* when they were come to the land of **Zuph**, **Saul** said to his servant that *was* with him, **Come, and let us return; lest my father leave caring for the asses, and take thought for us.**

1Sa 9:6 And he said unto him, *Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is an honourable man; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now* let us go thither [there]; peradventure [perhaps] he can shew us our way that we should go.

1Sa 9:7 Then said **Saul** to his servant, **But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: what have we?**

1Sa 9:8 And the servant answered **Saul** again, and said, *Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way.*

<p>1Sa 9:9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.)</p>
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1Sa 9:10 Then said **Saul** to his servant, **Well said; come, let us go.** So they went unto the city where *the man of God was.*

1Sa 9:11 *And* as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, **Is the seer here?**

1Sa 9:12 And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, *he is* before you: make haste now, for he came to day to the city; for *there is* a sacrifice of the people to day in the high place:

1Sa 9:13 As soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; *and* afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for about this time ye shall find him.

1Sa 9:14 And they went up into the city: *and* when they were come into the city, behold, **Samuel** came out against them, for to go up to the high place.

1Sa 9:15 Now **the LORD** had told **Samuel** in his ear a day before **Saul** came, saying,

1Sa 9:16 **To morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be captain over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come unto me.**

1Sa 9:17 And when **Samuel** saw **Saul, the LORD** said unto him, **Behold the man whom I spake to thee of! this same shall reign over my people.**

1Sa 9:18 Then **Saul** drew near to **Samuel** in the gate, and said, **Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is.**

1Sa 9:19 And **Samuel** answered **Saul**, and said, *I am* the seer: go up before me unto the high place; for ye shall eat with me to day, and to morrow I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that *is* in thine heart.

1Sa 9:20 And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And on whom *is* all the desire of **Israel**? *Is it* not on thee, and on all thy father's house?

1Sa 9:21 And **Saul** answered and said, **Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family**

the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou so to me?

1Sa 9:22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlour, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which were about thirty persons.

1Sa 9:23 And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee.

1Sa 9:24 And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Behold that which is left! set it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept for thee since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day.

1Sa 9:25 And when they were come down from the high place into the city, Samuel communed with Saul upon the top of the house.

1Sa 9:26 And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad.

1Sa 9:27 And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still a while, that I may shew thee the word of God.

Saul is transformed by the Spirit of the Lord

1Sa 10:1 Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?

1Sa 10:2 When thou art departed from me to day,

- then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and sorroweth [is anxious] for you, saying, What shall I do for my son?
- 1Sa 10:3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the plain of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine:
1Sa 10:4 And they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hands.
- 1Sa 10:5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery [lyre], and a tabret [tambourine], and a pipe [flute], and a harp, before them; and they shall prophesy:
1Sa 10:6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

1Sa 10:7 And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as occasion serve thee; for God is with thee.

- 1Sa 10:8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come to thee, and shew thee what thou shalt do.

1Sa 10:9 And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

1Sa 10:10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them.

1Sa 10:11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?

1Sa 10:12 And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets?

1Sa 10:13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

1Sa 10:14 And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that they were no where, we came to Samuel.

1Sa 10:15 And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel said unto you.

1Sa 10:16 And **Saul** said unto his uncle, **He told us plainly that the asses were found**. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof **Samuel** spake, he told him not.

Samuel announces reluctant Saul as king to Israel

1Sa 10:17 And **Samuel** called the people together unto **the LORD** to Mizpeh;

1Sa 10:18 And said unto **the children of Israel**, Thus saith **the LORD God of Israel**, I brought up **Israel** out of **Egypt**, and delivered you out of the hand of the **Egyptians**, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, *and* of them that oppressed you:

1Sa 10:19 And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, *Nay*, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before **the LORD** by your tribes, and by your thousands.

1Sa 10:20 And when **Samuel** had caused all the tribes of **Israel** to come near, the tribe of **Benjamin** was taken.

1Sa 10:21 When he had caused the tribe of **Benjamin** to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and **Saul** the son of **Kish** was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found.

1Sa 10:22 Therefore they enquired of **the LORD** further, if the man should yet come thither. And **the LORD** answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff.

1Sa 10:23 And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward.

1Sa 10:24 And **Samuel** said to all the people, See ye him whom **the LORD** hath chosen, that *there is* none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.

1Sa 10:25 Then **Samuel** told the people **the manner [ordinances] of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book**, and laid *it* up before **the LORD**. And **Samuel** sent all the people away, every man to his house.

1Sa 10:26 And **Saul** also went home to **Gibeah**; and there went with him **a band of men, whose hearts God had touched**.

1Sa 10:27 But **the children of Belial** said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no presents. But he held his peace. (Note sons of Belial: evil, naughty, ungodly (men), wicked, sons of Satan)

Saul delivers Jabesh-gilead from the Ammonites

1Sa 11:1 Then **Nahash the Ammonite** came up, and encamped against **Jabeshgilead**: and **all the men of Jabesh** said unto **Nahash**, **Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee**.

1Sa 11:2 And **Nahash the Ammonite** answered them, **On this condition will I make a covenant with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it for a reproach upon all Israel**.

1Sa 11:3 And **the elders of Jabesh** said unto him, **Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the coasts [territory] of Israel: and then, if there be no man to save us, we will come out to thee**.

1Sa 11:4 Then came the **messengers** to **Gibeah** of **Saul**, and told the tidings in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up their voices, and wept.

1Sa 11:5 And, behold, **Saul** came after the herd out of the field; and **Saul** said, What *aieth* the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of **the men of Jabesh**.

1Sa 11:6 **And the Spirit of God** came upon **Saul** when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

1Sa 11:7 **And he took a yoke of oxen, and hewed them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts [territory] of Israel** by the hands of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after **Saul** and after **Samuel**, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And the fear [dread] of **the LORD** fell on the people, and they came out with one consent.

1Sa 11:8 And when he numbered them in **Bezek**, **the children of Israel** were three hundred thousand, and **the men of Judah** thirty thousand.

1Sa 11:9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto **the men of Jabeshgilead**, **To morrow, by that time the sun be hot, ye shall have help**. And the messengers came and shewed *it* to the men of Jabesh; and they were glad.

1Sa 11:10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, **To morrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you**.

1Sa 11:11 And it was *so* on the morrow, that **Saul** put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the host in the morning watch, and slew the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left together.

1Sa 11:12 And the people said unto **Samuel**, Who *is* he that said, Shall **Saul** reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death.

1Sa 11:13 And **Saul** said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to day **the LORD** hath wrought salvation in **Israel**.

Saul becomes king

1Sa 11:14 Then said **Samuel** to the people, Come, and let us go to **Gilgal**, and renew the kingdom there.

1Sa 11:15 And all the people went to **Gilgal**; and there they made **Saul** king before **the LORD** in **Gilgal**; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of **peace offerings** before **the LORD**; and there **Saul** and **all the men of Israel** rejoiced greatly.

Samuel admonishes Israel to fear the Lord

1Sa 12:1 And **Samuel** said unto all **Israel**, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you.

1Sa 12:2 And now, behold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons *are* with you: and I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day.

1Sa 12:3 Behold, here I *am*: witness against me before **the LORD**, and before **his anointed**: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received *any* bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you.

1Sa 12:4 And they said, **Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand.**

1Sa 12:5 And he said unto them, **The LORD** *is* witness against you, and his anointed *is* witness this day, that ye have not found ought in my hand. And they answered, **He is witness.**

1Sa 12:6 And **Samuel** said unto the people, **It is the LORD** that advanced **Moses** and **Aaron**, and that brought your fathers up out of **the land of Egypt**.

1Sa 12:7 Now therefore stand still, that I may reason with you before **the LORD** of all the righteous acts of **the LORD**, which he did to you and to your fathers.

1Sa 12:8 When Jacob was come into **Egypt**, and your fathers cried unto **the LORD**, then **the LORD** sent **Moses** and **Aaron**, which brought forth your fathers out of **Egypt**, and made them dwell in this place.

1Sa 12:9 And when they forgot **the LORD** their God, he sold them

- into the hand of **Sisera**, captain of the host of **Hazor**,
- and into the hand of the **Philistines**,
- and into the hand of the king of Moab,

and they fought against them.

1Sa 12:10 And they cried unto **the LORD**, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken **the LORD**, and have served Baalim and Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee.

1Sa 12:11 And **the LORD** sent

- **Jerubbaal**, (note: also called Gideon - see Judges 6-9)
- and **Bedan**, (note: [Rabbinic literature](#) identifies Samson with [Bedan](#),^[6])
- and **Jephthah**, (see Judges 11-12)
- and **Samuel**,

and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled safe.

1Sa 12:12 And when ye saw that **Nahash the king of the children of Ammon** came against you, ye said unto me, Nay; but a king shall reign over us: when **the LORD** your God *was* your king.

1Sa 12:13 Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, *and* whom ye have desired! and, behold, **the LORD** hath set a king over you.

1Sa 12:14 If ye will fear **the LORD**, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of **the LORD**, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following **the LORD** your God:

1Sa 12:15 But if ye will not obey the voice of **the LORD**, but rebel against the commandment of **the LORD**, then shall the hand of **the LORD** be against you, as *it was* against your fathers.

1Sa 12:16 Now therefore stand and see this great thing, which **the LORD** will do before your eyes.

1Sa 12:17 *Is it not* wheat harvest to day? I will call unto **the LORD**, and he shall send thunder and rain; that ye may perceive and see that your wickedness *is* great, which ye have done in the sight of **the LORD**, in asking you a king.

1Sa 12:18 So Samuel called unto **the LORD**; and **the LORD** sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared **the LORD** and Samuel.

1Sa 12:19 And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto **the LORD** thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins *this* evil, to ask you a king.

1Sa 12:20 And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have done all this wickedness: yet turn not aside from following **the LORD**, but serve **the LORD** with all your heart;

1Sa 12:21 And turn ye not aside: for *then should ye go* after **vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver**; for they *are* vain.

1Sa 12:22 For **the LORD** will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased **the LORD** to make you his people.

1Sa 12:23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against **the LORD** in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way:

1Sa 12:24 Only fear **the LORD**, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great *things* he hath done for you.

1Sa 12:25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

Saul takes the credit for Jonathan's victory

1Sa 13:1 Saul reigned one year; and when he had reigned two years over Israel , (KJV) (KJV is literally correct here, NASV took liberties)	1Sa 13:1 Saul was <i>forty</i> years old when he began to reign, and he reigned <i>thirty</i> -two years over Israel . (NASV)
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1Sa 13:2 Saul chose him three thousand *men of Israel*;

- *whereof* two thousand were with Saul in **Michmash** and in mount **Bethel**,
- and a thousand were with Jonathan in **Gibeah** of **Benjamin**:

and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.

1Sa 13:3 And Jonathan smote the garrison of the **Philistines** that *was* in **Geba**, and the **Philistines** heard *of it*.

And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, **Let the Hebrews hear**.

1Sa 13:4 And all **Israel** heard say *that* Saul had smitten a garrison of the **Philistines**, and *that* **Israel** also was had in abomination with the **Philistines**.

And the people were called together after Saul to **Gilgal**.

Samuel rebukes Saul for disobeying the Lord's commandment to wait for him

1Sa 13:5 And the **Philistines** gathered themselves together to fight with **Israel**,

- thirty thousand chariots,
- and six thousand horsemen,
- and people as the sand which *is* on the sea shore in multitude:

and they came up, and pitched in **Michmash**, eastward from **Bethaven**.

1Sa 13:6 When **the men of Israel** saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

1Sa 13:7 And *some of* the **Hebrews** went over Jordan to the land of **Gad** and **Gilead**.

As for **Saul**, he *was* yet in **Gilgal**, and all the people *followed him trembling*.

1Sa 13:8 And he tarried **seven days**, according to the set time that **Samuel** *had appointed*: but **Samuel** came not to **Gilgal**; and the people were scattered from him.

1Sa 13:9 And **Saul** said, **Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings**. And he offered the **burnt offering**.

1Sa 13:10 And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the **burnt offering**, behold, **Samuel** came; and **Saul** went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

1Sa 13:11 And **Samuel** said, **What hast thou done?** And **Saul** said, **Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;**

1Sa 13:12 **Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.**

1Sa 13:13 And **Samuel** said to **Saul**, **Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.**

1Sa 13:14 **But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.**

Note: Recall 1Sa 10:8 "And you shall go down before me to **Gilgal**; and behold, I will come down to you to offer **burnt offerings** and sacrifice **peace offerings**. You shall wait **seven days** until I come to you and show you what you should do."

God uses Jonathan to slay more Philistines in Benjamin and then throws in an earthquake and confusion in their camp

1Sa 13:15 And **Samuel** arose, and gat him up from **Gilgal** unto **Gibeah** of **Benjamin**.

And **Saul** numbered the people *that were* present with him, about six hundred men.

1Sa 13:16 And **Saul**, and **Jonathan** his son, and the people *that were* present with them, abode in **Gibeah** of **Benjamin**: but the **Philistines** encamped in **Michmash**.

1Sa 13:17 And the spoilers came out of the camp of the **Philistines** in three companies:

- one company turned unto the way *that leadeth to* Ophrah, unto the land of Shual:
- 1Sa 13:18 And another company turned the way *to* Bethhoron:
- and another company turned *to* the way of the border that looketh to the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness. (Note: This is the only mention of the valley of Zeboim in the Bible. Nehemiah 11:34 mentions a city called Zeboim which the **Benjamites** inhabited.)

1Sa 13:19 Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of **Israel**: for the **Philistines** said, Lest the **Hebrews** make *them* swords or spears:

1Sa 13:20 But all the **Israelites** went down to the **Philistines**, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock.

1Sa 13:21 Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads.

1Sa 13:22 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that *were* with **Saul** and **Jonathan**: but with **Saul** and with **Jonathan** his son was there found.

1Sa 13:23 And the garrison of the **Philistines** went out to the passage of **Michmash**.

1Sa 14:1 Now it came to pass upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on the other side. But he told not his father.

1Sa 14:2 And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people that were with him were about six hundred men;

1Sa 14:3 And Ahiah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the LORD'S priest in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone.

1Sa 14:4 And between the passages, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, there was a sharp rock on the one side, and a sharp rock on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

1Sa 14:5 The forefront of the one was situate northward over against Michmash, and the other southward over against Gibeah.

1Sa 14:6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come, and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD to save by many or by few.

1Sa 14:7 And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thine heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart.

1Sa 14:8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto these men, and we will discover [reveal] ourselves unto them.

1Sa 14:9 If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them.

1Sa 14:10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the LORD hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be a sign unto us.

1Sa 14:11 And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves.

1Sa 14:12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.

1Sa 14:13 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him.

1Sa 14:14 And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow.

1Sa 14:15 And there was trembling in the host [army], in the field, and among all the people: the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled, and the earth quaked: so it was a very great trembling.

1Sa 14:16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went on beating down one another.

1Sa 14:17 Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer were not there.

1Sa 14:18 And Saul said unto Ahiah, Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.

1Sa 14:19 And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the noise that was in the host of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thine hand.

1Sa 14:20 And Saul and all the people that were with him assembled themselves, and they came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture [confusion].

1Sa 14:21 Moreover the Hebrews that were with the Philistines before that time, which went up with them into the camp from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan.

1Sa 14:22 Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle.

1Sa 14:23 So **the LORD** saved **Israel** that day: and the battle passed over unto [H5674 spread beyond] **Bethaven**.

Jonathan is rescued from Saul's oath coerced upon his people

1Sa 14:24 And **the men of Israel** were distressed that day: for **Saul** had adjured the people, saying, **Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies**. So none of the people tasted *any* food.

1Sa 14:25 And all *they of* the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground.

1Sa 14:26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.

1Sa 14:27 But **Jonathan** heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that *was* in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

1Sa 14:28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed *be* the man that eateth *any* food this day. And the people were faint.

1Sa 14:29 Then said **Jonathan**, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

1Sa 14:30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the **Philistines**?

1Sa 14:31 And they smote the **Philistines** that day from **Michmash** to **Aijalon**: and the people were very faint.

1Sa 14:32 And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew *them* on the ground: and the people did eat *them* with the blood.

1Sa 14:33 Then they told **Saul**, saying, Behold, the people sin against **the LORD**, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, **Ye have transgressed: roll a great stone unto me this day**.

1Sa 14:34 And **Saul** said, **Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against the LORD in eating with the blood**.

And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, and slew *them* there.

1Sa 14:35 And **Saul** built an altar unto **the LORD**: the same was the first altar that he built unto **the LORD**.

1Sa 14:36 And **Saul** said, Let us go down after the **Philistines** by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said **the priest**, Let us draw near hither unto God.

1Sa 14:37 And **Saul** asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the **Philistines**? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of **Israel**? But he answered him not that day.

1Sa 14:38 And **Saul** said, **Draw ye near hither, all the chief of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day**.

1Sa 14:39 **For, as the LORD liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die**. But *there was* not a man among all the people *that* answered him.

1Sa 14:40 Then said he unto all **Israel**, **Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side**. And the people said unto **Saul**, Do what seemeth good unto thee.

1Sa 14:41 Therefore **Saul** said unto **the LORD God of Israel**, **Give a perfect lot**. And **Saul** and **Jonathan** were taken: but the people escaped.

1Sa 14:42 And **Saul** said, **Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son**. And **Jonathan** was taken.

1Sa 14:43 Then **Saul** said to **Jonathan**, **Tell me what thou hast done**. And **Jonathan** told him, and said, **I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand, and, lo, I must die**.

1Sa 14:44 And **Saul** answered, **God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan**.

1Sa 14:45 And the people said unto **Saul**, Shall **Jonathan** die, who hath wrought this great salvation in **Israel**? God forbid: **as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not**.

1Sa 14:46 Then **Saul** went up from following the **Philistines**: and the **Philistines** went to their own place.

Saul's victories

1Sa 14:47 So **Saul** took the kingdom over **Israel**, and fought against all his enemies on every side,

- against **Moab**,
- and against **the children of Ammon**,
- and against **Edom**,
- and against **the kings of Zobah**,
- and against the **Philistines**:

and whithersoever he turned himself, he vexed *them*.

1Sa 14:48 And he gathered an host, and smote the **Amalekites**, and delivered **Israel** out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

Saul's family

1Sa 14:49 Now the sons of **Saul** were **Jonathan**, and Ishui, and Melchishua:

and the names of his two daughters *were these*;

- the name of the firstborn **Merab**,
- and the name of the younger **Michal**;
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1Sa 14:50 And the name of **Saul's** wife *was* **Ahinoam**, the daughter of **Ahimaaz**:

and the name of the captain of his host *was* **Abner**, the son of **Ner**, **Saul's** uncle.

1Sa 14:51 And **Kish** *was* the father of **Saul**;

and **Ner** the father of **Abner** *was* the son of **Abiel**.

Saul's victory over the Amalekites

1Sa 14:52 *And there was sore war against the **Philistines all the days of Saul**:*

and when **Saul** saw any strong man, or any valiant man, he took him unto him.

1Sa 15:1 **Samuel** also said unto **Saul**, **The LORD** *sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel*: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of **the LORD**.

1Sa 15:2 **Thus saith the LORD of hosts**, *I remember[H6485: will punish] that which **Amalek** did to **Israel**, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from **Egypt**.*

1Sa 15:3 *Now go and smite **Amalek**, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.*

1Sa 15:4 And **Saul** gathered the people together, and numbered them in **Telaim**, (**Note**: This is the only mention of **Telaim** in the entire Bible.)

- two hundred thousand footmen,
- and ten thousand men of **Judah**.

1Sa 15:5 And **Saul** came to a city of **Amalek**, and laid wait in the valley.

1Sa 15:6 And **Saul** said unto the **Kenites**, *Go, depart, get you down from among the **Amalekites**, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of **Egypt***. So the Kenites departed from among the **Amalekites**.

1Sa 15:7 And **Saul** smote the **Amalekites** from **Havilah** until thou comest to **Shur**, that is over against **Egypt**.

Saul disobeys God's command to utterly destroy the Amalekite's possessions, and their king

1Sa 15:8 And he took **Agag the king of the Amalekites** alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

1Sa 15:9 But **Saul** and the people spared **Agag**, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all *that was* good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing *that was* vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

The Lord rejects Saul from being king

1Sa 15:10 Then came the word of **the LORD** unto **Samuel**, saying,

1Sa 15:11 *It repenteth me [I regret] that I have set up Saul to be king:* for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments.

And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

1Sa 15:12 And when **Samuel** rose early to meet **Saul** in the morning, it was told **Samuel**, saying, **Saul** came to **Carmel**, (Note: located just southwest of the Dead Sea. There is another **Carmel** in Asher.) and, behold, he set him up a place [monument], and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to **Gilgal**.

1Sa 15:13 And **Samuel** came to **Saul**: and **Saul** said unto him, **Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.**

1Sa 15:14 And **Samuel** said, What *meaneth* then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

1Sa 15:15 And **Saul** said, **They have brought them from the Amalekites:** for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto **the LORD** thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.

1Sa 15:16 Then **Samuel** said unto **Saul**, Stay, and I will tell thee what **the LORD** hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, **Say on.**

1Sa 15:17 And **Samuel** said, When thou *wast* little in thine own sight, *wast* thou not *made* the head of the tribes of **Israel**, and **the LORD** anointed thee king over **Israel**?

1Sa 15:18 And **the LORD** sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the **Amalekites**, and fight against them until they be consumed.

1Sa 15:19 Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of **the LORD**, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of **the LORD**?

1Sa 15:20 And **Saul** said unto **Samuel**, **Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD**, and have gone the way which **the LORD** sent me, and have brought **Agag the king of Amalek**, and have utterly destroyed the **Amalekites**.

1Sa 15:21 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto **the LORD** thy God in **Gilgal**.

1Sa 15:22 And **Samuel** said, *Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.*

1Sa 15:23 *For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.* Because thou hast rejected the word of **the LORD**, he hath also rejected thee from *being* king.

1Sa 15:24 And **Saul** said unto **Samuel**, **I have sinned:** for I have transgressed the commandment of **the LORD**, and thy words: *because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice.*

1Sa 15:25 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship **the LORD**.

1Sa 15:26 And **Samuel** said unto **Saul**, **I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.**

1Sa 15:27 And as **Samuel** turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.
1Sa 15:28 And **Samuel** said unto him, *The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.*
1Sa 15:29 And also *the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent.*

Saul's desperation

1Sa 15:30 Then he said, *I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God.*
1Sa 15:31 So **Samuel** turned again after **Saul**; and **Saul** worshipped **the LORD**.

He who obeys God consistently has power over disobedient kings

1Sa 15:32 Then said **Samuel**, *Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites.* And **Agag** came unto him delicately. And **Agag** said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.
1Sa 15:33 And **Samuel** said, *As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women.* And **Samuel** hewed **Agag** in pieces before **the LORD** in **Gilgal**.
1Sa 15:34 Then **Samuel** went to **Ramah**; and **Saul** went up to his house to **Gibeah** of **Saul**.

Comment

1Sa 15:35 And **Samuel** came no more to see **Saul** until the day of his death: nevertheless **Samuel** mourned for **Saul**: and **the LORD** repented [regretted] that he had made **Saul** king over **Israel**.

David is chosen to replace Saul as king

1Sa 16:1 And **the LORD** said unto **Samuel**, How long wilt thou mourn for **Saul**, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over **Israel**? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to **Jesse** the **Bethlehemite**: for I have provided me a king among his sons.
1Sa 16:2 And **Samuel** said, How can I go? if **Saul** hear it, he will kill me. And **the LORD** said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to **the LORD**.
1Sa 16:3 And call **Jesse** to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me *him* whom I name unto thee.
1Sa 16:4 And **Samuel** did that which **the LORD** spake, and came to **Bethlehem**. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, *Comest thou peaceably?*
1Sa 16:5 And he said, *Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.* And he sanctified **Jesse** and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.
1Sa 16:6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely **the LORD'S** anointed *is* before him.
1Sa 16:7 But **the LORD** said unto **Samuel**, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: *for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.*
1Sa 16:8 Then **Jesse** called Abinadab, and made him pass before **Samuel**. And he said, Neither hath **the LORD** chosen this.
1Sa 16:9 Then **Jesse** made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath **the LORD** chosen this.
1Sa 16:10 Again, **Jesse** made seven of his sons to pass before **Samuel**. And **Samuel** said unto **Jesse**, **The LORD** hath not chosen these.
1Sa 16:11 And **Samuel** said unto **Jesse**, *Are here all thy children?* And he said, There remaineth yet **the youngest**, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And **Samuel** said unto **Jesse**, *Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.*
1Sa 16:12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he *was* ruddy, *and* withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And **the LORD** said, *Arise, anoint him: for this is he.*

1Sa 16:13 Then **Samuel** took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: **and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.**

So **Samuel** rose up, and went to **Ramah**.

1Sa 16:14

But **the Spirit of the LORD** departed from **Saul**,
and an evil spirit from **the LORD** troubled him.

1Sa 16:15 And **Saul's** servants said unto him, **Behold now, an evil spirit from God** troubleth thee.

Note: The Hebrew word (H7451 in Strong's concordance) translated evil here does not mean moral wickedness; rather it means adversity, affliction, bad, calamity, displeasure.

1Sa 16:16 Let our lord now command thy servants, *which are* before thee, to seek out a man, *who is* a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when **the evil spirit from God** is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

1Sa 16:17 And **Saul** said unto his servants, **Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me.**

1Sa 16:18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, **Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse** the **Bethlehemite**, *that is*

- cunning in playing,
- and a mighty valiant man,
- and a man of war,
- and prudent in matters,
- and a comely person,
- **and the LORD is with him.**

1Sa 16:19 Wherefore **Saul** sent messengers unto **Jesse**, and said, **Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep.**

1Sa 16:20 And **Jesse** took an ass *laden* with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent *them* by **David** his son unto **Saul**.

1Sa 16:21 And **David** came to **Saul**, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.

1Sa 16:22 And **Saul** sent to **Jesse**, saying, **Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.**

1Sa 16:23 And it came to pass, when **the evil spirit from God** was upon **Saul**, that **David** took an harp, and played with his hand: so **Saul** was refreshed, and was well, and **the evil spirit** departed from him.

David slays Goliath

1Sa 17:1 Now the **Philistines** gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at **Shochoh [Socoh]**, which *belongeth* to **Judah**, and pitched between **Shochoh** and **Azekah**, in **Ephesdammin**.

1Sa 17:2 And **Saul** and **the men of Israel** were gathered together, and pitched by the **valley of Elah**, and set the battle in array against the **Philistines**.

1Sa 17:3 And the **Philistines** stood on a mountain on the one side, and **Israel** stood on a mountain on the other side: and *there was* a valley between them.

1Sa 17:4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the **Philistines**, named **Goliath**, of **Gath**,

- whose height *was* six cubits and a span. **(10 feet)**
- **1Sa 17:5** And *he had* an helmet of brass upon his head,
- and he *was* armed with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat *was* five thousand shekels of brass. **(107 pounds)**
- **1Sa 17:6** And *he had* greaves of brass upon his legs,
- and a target [javelin] of brass between his shoulders.
 - **1Sa 17:7** And the staff of his spear *was* like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron: **(13 pounds)**

and one bearing a shield went before him.

1Sa 17:8 And he stood and cried unto the armies of **Israel**, and said unto them, *Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me.*

1Sa 17:9 *If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us.*

1Sa 17:10 And the **Philistine** said, *I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together.*

1Sa 17:11 When **Saul** and all **Israel** heard those words of the **Philistine**, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

1Sa 17:12 Now **David** *was* the son of that Ephrathite of **Bethlehemjudah**, whose name *was* **Jesse**; and he had **eight sons**: and the man went among men *for* an old man in the days of **Saul**.

1Sa 17:13 And the three eldest sons of **Jesse** went *and* followed **Saul** to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle *were* **Eliab** the firstborn, and next unto him **Abinadab**, and the third **Shammah**.

1Sa 17:14 And **David** *was* the youngest: and the three eldest followed **Saul**.

1Sa 17:15 But **David** went and returned from **Saul** to feed his father's sheep at **Bethlehem**.

1Sa 17:16 And the **Philistine** drew near morning and evening, and presented himself **forty days**.

1Sa 17:17 And **Jesse** said unto **David** his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched *corn*, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brethren;

1Sa 17:18 *And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge.*

1Sa 17:19 Now **Saul**, and they, and all **the men of Israel**, *were* in **the valley of Elah**, fighting with the **Philistines**.

1Sa 17:20 And **David** rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as **Jesse** had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle.

1Sa 17:21 For **Israel** and the **Philistines** had put the battle in array, army against army.

1Sa 17:22 And **David** left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren.

1Sa 17:23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the **Philistine** of **Gath**, **Goliath** by name, out of the armies of the **Philistines**, and spake according to the same words: and **David** heard *them*.

1Sa 17:24 And all **the men of Israel**, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid.

1Sa 17:25 And **the men of Israel** said, *Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter (Note: Michal), and make his father's house free in Israel.*

1Sa 17:26 And **David** spake to the men that stood by him, saying, *What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?*

1Sa 17:27 And the people answered him after this manner, saying, *So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.*

1Sa 17:28 And **Eliab his eldest brother** heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against **David**, and he said, *Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.*

1Sa 17:29 And **David** said, *What have I now done? Is there not a cause? [Was it not just a question?]*

1Sa 17:30 And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

1Sa 17:31 And when the words were heard which **David** spake, they rehearsed *them* before **Saul**: and he sent for him.

1Sa 17:32 And **David** said to **Saul**, *Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.*

1Sa 17:33 And **Saul** said to **David**, *Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.*

1Sa 17:34 And **David** said unto **Saul**, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

1Sa 17:35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered *it* out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught *him* by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

1Sa 17:36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised **Philistine** shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.

1Sa 17:37 **David** said moreover, **The LORD** that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this **Philistine**. And **Saul** said unto **David**, Go, and **the LORD** be with thee.

1Sa 17:38 And **Saul** armed **David** with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail.

1Sa 17:39 And **David** girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved *it*. And **David** said unto **Saul**, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved *them*. And **David** put them off him.

1Sa 17:40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip [pouch]; and his sling *was* in his hand: and he drew near to the **Philistine**.

1Sa 17:41 And the **Philistine** came on and drew near unto **David**; and the man that bare the shield *went* before him.

1Sa 17:42 And when the **Philistine** looked about, and saw **David**, he disdained him: for he was *but* a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.

1Sa 17:43 And the **Philistine** said unto **David**, *Am* I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves [stakes]? And the **Philistine** cursed **David** by his gods.

1Sa 17:44 And the **Philistine** said to **David**, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.

1Sa 17:45 Then said **David** to the **Philistine**, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of **the LORD** of hosts, the God of the armies of **Israel**, whom thou hast defied.

1Sa 17:46 This day will **the LORD** deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host [army] of the **Philistines** this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in **Israel**.

1Sa 17:47 And all this assembly shall know that **the LORD** saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is **the LORD'S**, and he will give you into our hands.

1Sa 17:48 And it came to pass, when the **Philistine** arose, and came and drew nigh to meet **David**, that **David** hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the **Philistine**.

1Sa 17:49 And **David** put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang *it*, and smote the **Philistine** in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth.

1Sa 17:50 So **David** prevailed over the **Philistine** with a sling and with a stone, and smote the **Philistine**, and slew him; but *there was* no sword in the hand of **David**.

1Sa 17:51 Therefore **David** ran, and stood upon the **Philistine**, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith.

And when the **Philistines** saw their champion was dead, they fled.

- 1Sa 17:52 And **the men of Israel** and of **Judah** arose, and shouted, and pursued the **Philistines**, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of **Ekron**.
- And the wounded of the **Philistines** fell down by the way to **Shaaraim**, even unto **Gath**, and unto **Ekron**.
- 1Sa 17:53 And **the children of Israel** returned from chasing after the **Philistines**, and they spoiled their tents.

1Sa 17:54 And **David** took the head of the **Philistine**, and brought it to **Jerusalem**; but he put his armour in his tent.

Psa 131:1

A Song of degrees of David.

LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty: neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

Psa 131:2 Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother: my soul *is* even as a weaned child.

Psa 131:3 Let **Israel** hope in **the LORD** from henceforth and for ever.

David and Jonathan become close friends

1Sa 17:55 And when **Saul** saw **David** go forth against the **Philistine**, he said unto **Abner**, the captain of the host, **Abner**, whose son *is* this youth? And **Abner** said, *As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell.*

1Sa 17:56 And the king said, *Enquire thou whose son the stripling is.*

1Sa 17:57 And as **David** returned from the slaughter of the **Philistine**, **Abner** took him, and brought him before **Saul** with the head of the **Philistine** in his hand.

1Sa 17:58 And **Saul** said to him, *Whose son art thou, thou young man?* And **David** answered, *I am the son of thy servant Jesse the **Bethlehemite**.*

1Sa 18:1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto **Saul**, that the soul of **Jonathan** was knit with the soul of **David**, and **Jonathan** loved him as his own soul.

1Sa 18:2 And **Saul** took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house.

1Sa 18:3 Then **Jonathan** and **David** made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

1Sa 18:4 And **Jonathan** stripped himself of the robe that *was* upon him, and gave it to **David**, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

Saul's self-wounded ego makes him bitter towards David

1Sa 18:5 And **David** went out whithersoever **Saul** sent him, *and behaved himself wisely [prospered]*: and **Saul** set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of **Saul's** servants.

1Sa 18:6 And it came to pass as they came, when **David** was returned from the slaughter of the **Philistine**, that the women came out of all cities of **Israel**, singing and dancing, to meet king **Saul**, with tabrets [tambourines], with joy, and with instruments of musick.

1Sa 18:7 And the women answered *one another* as they played, and said, **Saul** hath slain his thousands, and **David** his ten thousands.

1Sa 18:8 And **Saul** was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, *They have ascribed unto **David** ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom?*

1Sa 18:9 And **Saul** eyed **David** from that day and forward.

1Sa 18:10 And it came to pass on the morrow, *that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul*, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and **David** played with his hand, as at other times: and *there was* a javelin in **Saul's** hand.

1Sa 18:11 And **Saul** cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite **David** even to the wall *with it*. And **David** avoided [escaped] out of his presence twice.

1Sa 18:12 And **Saul** was afraid of **David**, because **the LORD** was with him, and was departed from **Saul**.

1Sa 18:13 Therefore **Saul** removed him from him [his presence], and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people.

1Sa 18:14 And **David** behaved himself wisely [prospered] in all his ways; and **the LORD** was with him.

1Sa 18:15 Wherefore when **Saul** saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.

1Sa 18:16 But all **Israel** and **Judah** loved **David**, because he went out and came in before them.

Note: **Israel** in the north (10 tribes), **Judah** and **Benjamin** in the south in the upper Negev.

Psa 144:1

A Psalm of David.

Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight:

Psa 144:2 My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and *he* in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me.

Psa 144:3 LORD, what *is* man, that thou takest knowledge of him! *or* the son of man, that thou makest account of him!

Psa 144:4 Man is like to vanity: his days *are* as a shadow that passeth away.

Psa 144:5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down: touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

Psa 144:6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: shoot out thine arrows, and destroy them.

Psa 144:7 Send thine hand from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of strange children;

Psa 144:8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood.

Psa 144:9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: upon a psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

Psa 144:10 *It is he* that giveth salvation unto kings: who delivereth **David** his servant from the hurtful sword.

Psa 144:11 Rid me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and their right hand *is* a right hand of falsehood:

Psa 144:12 That our sons *may be* as plants grown up in their youth; *that* our daughters *may be* as corner stones, polished *after* the similitude of a palace:

Psa 144:13 *That* our garners *may be* full, affording all manner of store: *that* our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets:

Psa 144:14 *That* our oxen *may be* strong to labour; *that there be* no breaking in, nor going out; *that there be* no complaining in our streets.

Psa 144:15 Happy *is that* people, that is in such a case: *yea*, happy *is that* people, whose God *is the LORD*.

1Sa 18:17 And **Saul** said to **David**, Behold my elder daughter **Merab**, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight **the LORD'S** battles. For **Saul** said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the **Philistines** be upon him.

1Sa 18:18 And **David** said unto **Saul**, Who *am I?* and what *is* my life, *or* my father's family in **Israel**, that I should be son in law to the king?

1Sa 18:19 But it came to pass at the time when **Merab** **Saul's** daughter should have been given to **David**, that she was given unto **Adriel the Meholathite** to wife.

1Sa 18:20 And **Michal** **Saul's** daughter loved **David**: and they told **Saul**, and the thing pleased him.

1Sa 18:21 And **Saul** said, I will give him her, **that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him**. Wherefore **Saul** said to **David**, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in *the one of* the twain.

1Sa 18:22 And **Saul** commanded his servants, *saying*, Commune with **David** secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king's son in law.

1Sa 18:23 And **Saul's** servants spake those words in the ears of **David**. And **David** said, Seemeth it to you *a light thing* to be a king's son in law, seeing that I *am* a poor man, and lightly esteemed?

1Sa 18:24 And the servants of **Saul** told him, saying, On this manner spake **David**.

1Sa 18:25a And **Saul** said, Thus shall ye say to **David**, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the **Philistines**, to be avenged of the king's enemies.

1Sa 18:25b

But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

1Sa 18:26 And when his servants told **David** these words, it pleased **David** well to be the king's son in law: and the days were not expired.

1Sa 18:27 Wherefore **David** arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the **Philistines** two hundred men; and **David** brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And **Saul** gave him Michal his daughter to wife.

1Sa 18:28 And **Saul** saw and knew that **the LORD** was with **David**, and *that* Michal **Saul's** daughter loved him.

1Sa 18:29 And **Saul** was yet the more afraid of **David**; and **Saul** became **David's** enemy continually.

1Sa 18:30 Then the princes of the **Philistines** went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, *that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.*

1Sa 19:1

And **Saul** spake to **Jonathan** his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill **David**.

1Sa 19:2 But **Jonathan Saul's** son delighted much in **David**:

and **Jonathan** told **David**, saying, **Saul** my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret *place*, and hide thyself:

1Sa 19:3 And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou *art*, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

1Sa 19:4 And **Jonathan** spake good of **David** unto **Saul** his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against **David**; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works *have been* to thee-ward very good:

1Sa 19:5 For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the **Philistine**, and **the LORD** wrought a great salvation for all **Israel**: thou sawest *it*, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay **David** without a cause?

1Sa 19:6 And **Saul** hearkened unto the voice of **Jonathan**: and **Saul** sware, *As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.*

1Sa 19:7 And **Jonathan** called **David**, and **Jonathan** shewed him all those things. And **Jonathan** brought **David** to **Saul**, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

1Sa 19:8 And there was war again: and **David** went out, and fought with the **Philistines**, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.

1Sa 19:9 And **the evil spirit from the LORD** was upon **Saul**, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and **David** played with *his* hand.

1Sa 19:10 And **Saul** sought to smite **David** even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of **Saul's** presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and **David** fled, and escaped that night.

1Sa 19:11 **Saul** also sent messengers unto **David's** house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal **David's** wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.

1Sa 19:12 So **Michal** let **David** down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

Psa 59:1

**To the chief Musician, Altaschith,
Michtam of David;**

when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God: defend me from them that rise up against me.

Psa 59:2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity, and save me from bloody men.

Psa 59:3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul: the mighty are gathered against me; not *for* my transgression, nor *for* my sin, O LORD.

Psa 59:4 They run and prepare themselves without *my* fault: awake to help me, and behold.

Psa 59:5 Thou therefore, **O LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel**, awake to visit **all the heathen**: be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. Selah.

Psa 59:6 They return at evening: they make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

Psa 59:7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth: swords *are* in their lips: for who, *say they*, doth hear?

Psa 59:8 But thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them; thou shalt have all the heathen in derision.

Psa 59:9 *Because of* his strength will I wait upon thee: for God *is* my defence.

Psa 59:10 The God of my mercy shall prevent me: God shall let me see *my desire* upon mine enemies.

Psa 59:11 Slay them not, lest my people forget: scatter them by thy power; and bring them down, O Lord our shield.

Psa 59:12 *For* the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips let them even be taken in their pride: and for cursing and lying *which* they speak.

Psa 59:13 Consume *them* in wrath, consume *them*, that they *may* not *be*: and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob unto the ends of the earth. Selah.

Psa 59:14 And at evening let them return; *and* let them make a noise like a dog, and go round about the city.

Psa 59:15 Let them wander up and down for meat, and grudge if they be not satisfied.

Psa 59:16 But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defence and refuge in the day of my trouble.

Psa 59:17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing: for God *is* my defence, *and* the God of my mercy.

Psa 58:1

**To the chief Musician, Altaschith,
Michtam of David.**

Do ye indeed speak righteousness, O congregation? do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

Psa 58:2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; ye weigh the violence of your hands in the earth.

Psa 58:3 **The wicked are estranged from the womb: they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.**

Psa 58:4 Their poison *is* like the poison of a serpent: *they are* like the deaf adder *that* stoppeth her ear;

Psa 58:5 Which will not hearken to the voice of charmers, charming never so wisely.

Psa 58:6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth: break out the great teeth of the young lions, O LORD.

Psa 58:7 Let them melt away as waters *which* run continually: *when* he bendeth *his bow to shoot* his arrows, let them be as cut in pieces.

Psa 58:8 As a snail *which* melteth, let *every one of them* pass away: *like* the untimely birth of a woman, *that* they may not see the sun.

Psa 58:9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, he shall take them away as with a whirlwind, both living, and in *his* wrath.

Psa 58:10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

Psa 58:11 So that a man shall say, Verily *there is* a reward for the righteous: verily he is a God that judgeth in the earth.

1Sa 19:13 And Michal took an image [household idol], and laid *it* in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster, and covered *it* with a cloth.

1Sa 19:14 And when **Saul** sent messengers to take **David**, she said, **He is sick**.

1Sa 19:15 And **Saul** sent the messengers *again* to see **David**, saying, **Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him**.

1Sa 19:16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, *there was* an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' *hair* for his bolster.

1Sa 19:17 And **Saul** said unto **Michal**, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And **Michal** answered **Saul**, **He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?**

Saul and his servants forced to prophesy

Naioth in Ramah

1Sa 19:18 So **David** fled, and escaped, and came to **Samuel** to **Ramah**, and told him all that **Saul** had done to him. And he and **Samuel** went and dwelt in Naioth.

1Sa 19:19 And it was told **Saul**, saying, Behold, **David is at Naioth in Ramah**.

1Sa 19:20 And **Saul** sent messengers to take **David**: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and **Samuel** standing *as appointed over them*, **the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied**.

1Sa 19:21 And when it was told **Saul**, he sent other messengers, **and they prophesied likewise**. And **Saul** sent messengers again the third time, **and they prophesied also**.

1Sa 19:22 Then went he also to **Ramah**, and came to a great well that *is in Sechu [Secu]*: and he asked and said, Where *are Samuel and David?* And *one* said, Behold, *they be at Naioth in Ramah*.

1Sa 19:23 And **he** went thither to **Naioth in Ramah**: **and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied**, until he came to **Naioth in Ramah**.

1Sa 19:24 And **he** stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before **Samuel** in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, *Is Saul also among the prophets?*

Jonathan protects David

1Sa 20:1 And **David** fled from **Naioth in Ramah**, and came and said before **Jonathan**, **What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?**

1Sa 20:2 And he said unto him, **God forbid; thou shalt not die**: behold, my father will do nothing either great or small, but that he will shew it me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? *it is not so*.

1Sa 20:3 And **David** sware moreover, and said, **Thy father certainly knoweth that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death**.

1Sa 20:4 Then said **Jonathan** unto **David**, **Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee**.

1Sa 20:5 And **David** said unto **Jonathan**, **Behold, to morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even**.

1Sa 20:6 If thy father at all miss me, then say, **David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Bethlehem his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family**.

1Sa 20:7 If he say thus, *It is well*; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be very wroth, *then* be sure that evil is determined by him.

1Sa 20:8 Therefore thou shalt deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of **the LORD** with thee: notwithstanding, if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldst thou bring me to thy father?

1Sa 20:9 And **Jonathan** said, **Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?**

1Sa 20:10 Then said **David** to **Jonathan**, **Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly?**

1Sa 20:11 And **Jonathan** said unto **David**, **Come, and let us go out into the field**.

In the field

And they went out both of them into the field.

1Sa 20:12 And **Jonathan** said unto **David**, O LORD God of **Israel**, when I have sounded my father about to morrow any time, *or the third day*, and, behold, *if there be good toward David*, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee;

1Sa 20:13 **The LORD** do so and much more to **Jonathan**: but if it please my father *to do thee evil*, then I will shew it thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and **the LORD** be with thee, as he hath been with my father.

1Sa 20:14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of **the LORD**, that I die not:

1Sa 20:15 But *also* thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when **the LORD** hath cut off the enemies of **David** every one from the face of the earth.

1Sa 20:16 So **Jonathan** made *a covenant* with **the house of David**, *saying*, Let **the LORD** even require *it* at the hand of **David's** enemies.

1Sa 20:17 And **Jonathan** caused **David** to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

1Sa 20:18 Then **Jonathan** said to **David**, To morrow *is* the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty.

1Sa 20:19 And *when* thou hast stayed three days, *then* thou shalt go down quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was *in hand*, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel.

1Sa 20:20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side *thereof*, as though I shot at a mark.

1Sa 20:21 And, behold, I will send a lad, *saying*, Go, find out the arrows. If I expressly say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows *are* on this side of thee, take them; then come thou: for *there is* peace to thee, and no hurt; *as the LORD* liveth.

1Sa 20:22 But if I say thus unto the young man, Behold, the arrows *are* beyond thee; go thy way: for **the LORD** hath sent thee away.

1Sa 20:23 And *as touching* the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, **the LORD** *be* between thee and me for ever.

1Sa 20:24 So **David** hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat him down to eat meat.

1Sa 20:25 And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, *even* upon a seat by the wall: and **Jonathan** arose, and **Abner** sat by **Saul's** side, and **David's** place was empty.

1Sa 20:26 Nevertheless **Saul** spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he *is* not clean; surely he *is* not clean.

1Sa 20:27 And it came to pass on the morrow, *which was* the second *day* of the month, that **David's** place was empty: and **Saul** said unto **Jonathan** his son, **Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat [the meal], neither yesterday, nor to day?**

1Sa 20:28 And **Jonathan** answered **Saul**, **David** earnestly asked *leave* of me *to go* to **Bethlehem**:

1Sa 20:29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me *to be there*: and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he cometh not unto the king's table.

1Sa 20:30 Then **Saul's** anger was kindled against **Jonathan**, and he said unto him, **Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?**

1Sa 20:31 For as long as **the son of Jesse** liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. **Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.**

1Sa 20:32 And **Jonathan** answered **Saul** his father, and said unto him, **Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?**

1Sa 20:33 And **Saul** cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby **Jonathan** knew that it was determined of his father to slay **David**.

1Sa 20:34 So **Jonathan** arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for **David**, because his father had done him shame.

1Sa 20:35 And it came to pass in the morning, that **Jonathan** went out into the field at the time appointed with **David**, and a little lad with him.

1Sa 20:36 And he said unto his lad, *Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot.* And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

1Sa 20:37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which **Jonathan** had shot, **Jonathan** cried after the lad, and said, *Is not the arrow beyond thee?*

1Sa 20:38 And **Jonathan** cried after the lad, *Make speed, haste, stay not.* And **Jonathan**'s lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.

1Sa 20:39 But the lad knew not any thing: only **Jonathan** and **David** knew the matter.

1Sa 20:40 And **Jonathan** gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, *Go, carry them to the city.*

1Sa 20:41 And as soon as the lad was gone, **David** arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until **David** exceeded.

1Sa 20:42 And **Jonathan** said to **David**, *Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever.* And he arose and departed: and **Jonathan** went into the city.

Psa 70:1

To the chief Musician,

A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

Make haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O LORD.

Psa 70:2 Let them be ashamed and confounded that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward, and put to confusion, that desire my hurt.

Psa 70:3 Let them be turned back for a reward of their shame that say, Aha, aha.

Psa 70:4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

Psa 70:5 But I *am* poor and needy: make haste unto me, O God: thou *art* my help and my deliverer; O LORD, make no tarrying.

David flees from Saul

1Sa 21:1 Then came **David** to **Nob** (Note: in Benjamin per Nehemiah 11:31-32) to **Ahimelech the priest**: and **Ahimelech** was afraid at the meeting of **David**, and said unto him, *Why art thou alone, and no man with thee?*

1Sa 21:2 And **David** said unto **Ahimelech the priest**, *The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabouts I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place.*

1Sa 21:3 Now therefore what is under thine hand? *give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present.*

1Sa 21:4 And **the priest** answered **David**, and said, *There is no common bread under mine hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have kept themselves at least from women.*

1Sa 21:5 And **David** answered **the priest**, and said unto him, *Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and the bread is in a manner common, yea, though it were sanctified this day in the vessel.*

1Sa 21:6 So **the priest** gave him hallowed *bread*: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before **the LORD**, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

1Sa 21:7 Now a certain man of the servants of **Saul** was there that day, detained before **the LORD**; and his name was **Doeg**, an **Edomite**, the chiefest of the herdmen that belonged to **Saul**.

1Sa 21:8 And **David** said unto **Ahimelech**, *And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.*

1Sa 21:9 And **the priest** said, *The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other save that here.* And **David** said, *There is none like that; give it me.*

1Sa 21:10 And **David** arose, and fled that day for fear of **Saul**, and went to **Achish** the king of **Gath**.

1Sa 21:11 And the servants of **Achish** said unto him, *Is not this David* the king of the land? did they not sing one to another of him in dances, saying, **Saul** hath slain his thousands, and **David** his ten thousands?

1Sa 21:12 And **David** laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of **Achish** the king of **Gath**.

1Sa 21:13 And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard.

1Sa 21:14 Then said **Achish** unto his servants, *Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me?*

1Sa 21:15 Have I need of mad men, that ye have brought this fellow to play the mad man in my presence? shall this fellow come into my house?

Psa 56:1

**To the chief Musician upon Jonathelemrechokim,
Michtam of David,
when the Philistines took him in Gath.**

Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up; he fighting daily oppresseth me.

Psa 56:2 Mine enemies would daily swallow *me* up: for *they be* many that fight against me, O thou most High.

Psa 56:3 What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee.

Psa 56:4 In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Psa 56:5 Every day they wrest my words: all their thoughts *are* against me for evil.

Psa 56:6 They gather themselves together, they hide themselves, they mark my steps, when they wait for my soul.

Psa 56:7 Shall they escape by iniquity? in *thine* anger cast down the people, O God.

Psa 56:8 Thou tellest my wanderings: put thou my tears into thy bottle: *are they* not in thy book?

Psa 56:9 When I cry *unto thee*, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God *is* for me.

Psa 56:10 In God will I praise *his* word: in **the LORD** will I praise *his* word.

Psa 56:11 In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.

Psa 56:12 Thy vows *are* upon me, O God: I will render praises unto thee.

Psa 56:13 For thou hast delivered my soul from death: *wilt* not *thou deliver* my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?

Psa 34:1

A Psalm of David,
**when he changed his behaviour before Abimelech;
who drove him away, and he departed.**

Note: Many commentaries assume Abimelech is **Achish**. The Philistines call all their kings Abimelech.

I will bless **the LORD** at all times: his praise *shall* continually *be* in my mouth.

Psa 34:2 My soul shall make her boast in **the LORD**: the humble shall hear *thereof*, and be glad.

Psa 34:3 O magnify **the LORD** with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Psa 34:4 I sought **the LORD**, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Psa 34:5 They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.

Psa 34:6 This poor man cried, and **the LORD** heard *him*, and saved him out of all his troubles.

Psa 34:7 The angel of **the LORD** encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

Psa 34:8 O taste and see that **the LORD** *is* good: blessed *is* the man *that* trusteth in him.

Psa 34:9 O fear **the LORD**, ye his saints: for *there is* no want to them that fear him.

Psa 34:10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek **the LORD** shall not want any good *thing*.

Psa 34:11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of **the LORD**.

Psa 34:12 What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good?

Psa 34:13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Psa 34:14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

Psa 34:15 The eyes of **the LORD** *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.

Psa 34:16 The face of **the LORD** *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

Psa 34:17 *The righteous* cry, and **the LORD** heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Psa 34:18 **The LORD** is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.
Psa 34:19 Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but **the LORD** delivereth him out of them all.
Psa 34:20 He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken.
Psa 34:21 Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
Psa 34:22 **The LORD** redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

1Sa 22:1a David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam:

Psa 57:1

**To the chief Musician, Altaschith,
Michtam of David,
when he fled from Saul in the cave.**

Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until *these* calamities be overpast.

Psa 57:2 I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth *all things* for me.

Psa 57:3 He shall send from heaven, and save me *from* the reproach of him that would swallow me up. Selah. God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

Psa 57:4 My soul *is* among lions: *and* I lie *even* among them that are set on fire, *even* the sons of men, whose teeth *are* spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

Psa 57:5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

Psa 57:6 They have prepared a net for my steps; my soul is bowed down: they have digged a pit before me, into the midst whereof they are fallen *themselves*. Selah.

Psa 57:7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

Psa 57:8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I *myself* will awake early.

Psa 57:9 I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

Psa 57:10 For thy mercy *is* great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Psa 57:11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: *let* thy glory *be* above all the earth.

1Sa 22:1b and when his brethren and all his father's house heard *it*, they went down thither to him.

1Sa 22:2 And every one *that was* in distress, and every one that *was* in debt, and every one *that was* discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he became a captain over them: and there were with him about **four hundred men**.

1Sa 22:3 **And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab:** and he said unto the king of Moab, **Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me.**

1Sa 22:4 And he brought them before **the king of Moab:** and they dwelt with him all the while that **David** was in the hold.

1Sa 22:5 And **the prophet Gad** said unto **David**, **Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah.**

Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth.

1Sa 22:6

When **Saul** heard that **David** was discovered, and the men that *were* with him,

(now **Saul** abode in **Gibeah** under a tree in **Ramah**, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants *were* standing about him;)

1Sa 22:7 Then **Saul** said unto his servants that stood about him, **Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds;**

1Sa 22:8 That all of you have conspired against me, and *there is* none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of **Jesse**, and *there is* none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?

1Sa 22:9 Then answered **Doeg the Edomite**, which was set over the servants of **Saul**, and said, I saw the son of **Jesse** coming to **Nob**, to **Ahimelech** the son of Ahitub. (Note: verse 21:7)

1Sa 22:10 And he enquired of **the LORD** for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of **Goliath** the **Philistine**.

Psa 52:1

To the chief Musician,
Maschil, *A Psalm* of David,
when **Doeg the Edomite** came and told Saul, and said unto him,
David is come to the house of Ahimelech.

Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God *endureth* continually.

Psa 52:2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

Psa 52:3 Thou lovest evil more than good; *and* lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.

Psa 52:4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O *thou* deceitful tongue.

Psa 52:5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of *thy* dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

Psa 52:6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:

Psa 52:7 Lo, *this is* the man *that* made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, *and* strengthened himself in his wickedness.

Psa 52:8 But I *am* like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

Psa 52:9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done *it*: and I will wait on thy name; for *it is* good before thy saints.

The Priests and Servants are loyal to David and not Saul

1Sa 22:11 Then the king sent to call **Ahimelech the priest**, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, **the priests** that *were* in **Nob**: and they came all of them to the king.

1Sa 22:12 And **Saul** said, **Hear now, thou son of Ahitub**. And he answered, Here I *am*, my lord.

1Sa 22:13 And **Saul** said unto him, **Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day?**

1Sa 22:14 Then **Ahimelech** answered the king, and said, **And who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house?**

1Sa 22:15 Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute *any* thing unto his servant, *nor* to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more.

1Sa 22:16 And the king said, **Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house.**

1Sa 22:17 And the king said unto the footmen that stood about him, **Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me.** But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon **the priests of the LORD**.

Doeg sides with Saul to kill the Priests

1Sa 22:18 And the king said to **Doeg**, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And **Doeg** the **Edomite** turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod.

1Sa 22:19 And **Nob**, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

1Sa 22:20 And one of the sons of **Ahimelech the son of Ahitub**, named **Abiathar**, escaped, and fled after **David**.

1Sa 22:21 And **Abiathar** shewed **David** that **Saul** had slain the LORD'S priests.

1Sa 22:22 And **David** said unto **Abiathar**, I knew it that day, when **Doeg the Edomite** was there, that he would surely tell **Saul**: I have occasioned the death of all the persons of thy father's house.

1Sa 22:23 Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt be in safeguard.

1Sa 23:1

Then they told **David**, saying, Behold, the **Philistines** fight against **Keilah**, and they rob the threshingfloors.

1Sa 23:2 Therefore **David** enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these **Philistines**? And the LORD said unto **David**, Go, and smite the **Philistines**, and save **Keilah**.

1Sa 23:3 And **David**'s men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in **Judah**: how much more then if we come to **Keilah** against the armies of the **Philistines**?

1Sa 23:4 Then **David** enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to **Keilah**; for I will deliver the **Philistines** into thine hand.

1Sa 23:5 So **David** and his men went to **Keilah**, and fought with the **Philistines**, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So **David** saved the inhabitants of **Keilah**.

1Sa 23:6 And it came to pass, when **Abiathar the son of Ahimelech** fled to **David** to **Keilah**, that he came down with an ephod in his hand.

1Sa 23:7

And it was told **Saul** that **David** was come to **Keilah**.

And **Saul** said, God hath delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars.

1Sa 23:8 And **Saul** called all the people together to war, to go down to **Keilah**, to besiege **David** and his men.

1Sa 23:9 And **David** knew that **Saul** secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to **Abiathar the priest**, Bring hither the ephod.

1Sa 23:10 Then said **David**, O LORD God of Israel, thy servant hath certainly heard that **Saul** seeketh to come to **Keilah**, to destroy the city for my sake.

1Sa 23:11 Will the men of **Keilah** deliver me up into his hand? will **Saul** come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down.

1Sa 23:12 Then said **David**, Will the men of **Keilah** deliver me and my men into the hand of **Saul**? And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up.

1Sa 23:13 Then **David** and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of **Keilah**, and went whithersoever they could go.

And it was told **Saul** that **David** was escaped from **Keilah**; and he forbore to go forth. [gave up the pursuit]

1Sa 23:14

And **David** abode in the wilderness in strong holds,
and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph.
And **Saul** sought him every day,
but God delivered him not into his hand.

1Sa 23:15 And **David** saw that **Saul** was come out to seek his life: and **David** was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.

1Sa 23:16 And **Jonathan Saul's** son arose, and went to **David** into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God.

1Sa 23:17 And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of **Saul** my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over **Israel**, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also **Saul** my father knoweth.

1Sa 23:18 And they two made a covenant before **the LORD**: and **David** abode in the wood, and **Jonathan** went to his house.

Ziphites come to Saul's aid

1Sa 23:19 Then came up the Ziphites to **Saul** to **Gibeah**, saying, Doth not **David** hide himself with us in strong holds in the wood, in the hill of **Hachilah**, which is on the south of **Jeshimon**?

1Sa 23:20 Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him into the king's hand.

1Sa 23:21 And **Saul** said, Blessed be ye of **the LORD**; for ye have compassion on me.

1Sa 23:22 Go, I pray you, prepare yet, and know and see his place where his haunt is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me that he dealeth very subtilly.

1Sa 23:23 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out throughout all the thousands of **Judah**.

1Sa 23:24a And they arose, and went to **Ziph** before **Saul**:

Psa 7:1

Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.

O LORD my God, in thee do I put my trust: save me from all them that persecute me, and deliver me:

Psa 7:2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion, rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

Psa 7:3 O LORD my God, if I have done this; if there be iniquity in my hands;

Psa 7:4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with me; (yea, I have delivered him that without cause is mine enemy:)

Psa 7:5 Let the enemy persecute my soul, and take it; yea, let him tread down my life upon the earth, and lay mine honour in the dust. Selah.

Psa 7:6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of mine enemies: and awake for me to the judgment that thou hast commanded.

Psa 7:7 So shall the congregation of the people compass thee about: for their sakes therefore return thou on high.

Psa 7:8 **The LORD** shall judge the people: judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness, and according to mine integrity that is in me.

Psa 7:9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just: for the righteous God trieth the hearts and reins.

Psa 7:10 My defence is of God, which saveth the upright in heart.

Psa 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

Psa 7:12 If he turn not, he will whet his sword; he hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

Psa 7:13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.

Psa 7:14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity, and hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood.

Psa 7:15 He made a pit, and digged it, and is fallen into the ditch which he made.

Psa 7:16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, and his violent dealing shall come down upon his own pate.

Psa 7:17 I will praise **the LORD** according to his righteousness: and will sing praise to the name of **the LORD** most high.

Psa 54:1

To the chief Musician on Neginoth [stringed instruments],
Maschil, *A Psalm* of David,

when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

Psa 54:2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

Psa 54:3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

Psa 54:4 Behold, God *is* mine helper: the Lord *is* with them that uphold my soul.

Psa 54:5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

Psa 54:6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for *it is* good.

Psa 54:7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen *his desire* upon mine enemies.

Psa 26:1

A Psalm of David.

Judge me, O LORD; for I have walked in mine integrity:

- I have trusted also in **the LORD**; *therefore* I shall not slide.

Psa 26:2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my reins and my heart.

- Psa 26:3 For thy lovingkindness *is* before mine eyes: and I have walked in thy truth.
- Psa 26:4 I have not sat with vain persons, neither will I go in with dissemblers.
- Psa 26:5 I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.

Psa 26:6 I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O LORD:

Psa 26:7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Psa 26:8 LORD, I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honour dwelleth.

Psa 26:9 Gather not my soul with sinners, nor my life with bloody men:

Psa 26:10 In whose hands *is* mischief, and their right hand is full of bribes.

Psa 26:11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: redeem me, and be merciful unto me.

Psa 26:12 My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless **the LORD**.

Psa 27:1

A Psalm of David.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? **the LORD** is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psa 27:2 When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.

Psa 27:3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this *will* I *be* confident.

Psa 27:4 One *thing* have I desired of **the LORD**, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of **the LORD** all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of **the LORD**, and to enquire in his temple.

Psa 27:5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.

Psa 27:6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto **the LORD**.

Psa 27:7 Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

Psa 27:8 *When thou saidst*, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.

Psa 27:9 Hide not thy face *far* from me; put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Psa 27:10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then **the LORD** will take me up.

Psa 27:11 Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

Psa 27:12 Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up against me, and such as breathe out cruelty.

Psa 27:13 *I had fainted*, unless I had believed to see the goodness of **the LORD** in the land of the living.

Psa 27:14 Wait on **the LORD**: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on **the LORD**.

Psa 140:1

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.

Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man;

Psa 140:2 Which imagine mischiefs in *their* heart; continually are they gathered together *for* war.

Psa 140:3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders' poison *is* under their lips. Selah.

Psa 140:4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked; preserve me from the violent man; who have purposed to overthrow my goings.

Psa 140:5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the wayside; they have set gins for me. Selah.

Psa 140:6 I said unto **the LORD**, Thou *art* my God: hear the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

Psa 140:7 O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

Psa 140:8 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked: further not his wicked device; *lest* they exalt themselves. Selah.

Psa 140:9 *As for* the head of those that compass me about, let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

Psa 140:10 Let burning coals fall upon them: let them be cast into the fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again.

Psa 140:11 Let not an evil speaker be established in the earth: evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow *him*.

Psa 140:12 I know that **the LORD** will maintain the cause of the afflicted, *and* the right of the poor.

Psa 140:13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: the upright shall dwell in thy presence.

Psa 141:1

A Psalm of David.

LORD, I cry unto thee: make haste unto me; give ear unto my voice, when I cry unto thee.

Psa 141:2 Let my prayer be set forth before thee *as* incense; *and* the lifting up of my hands *as* the evening sacrifice.

Psa 141:3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

Psa 141:4 Incline not my heart to *any* evil thing, to practise wicked works with men that work iniquity: and let me not eat of their dainties.

Psa 141:5 Let the righteous smite me; *it shall be* a kindness: and let him reprove me; *it shall be* an excellent oil, *which* shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also *shall be* in their calamities.

Psa 141:6 When their judges are overthrown in stony places, they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

Psa 141:7 Our bones are scattered at the grave's mouth, as when one cutteth and cleaveth *wood* upon the earth.

Psa 141:8 But mine eyes *are* unto thee, O GOD the Lord: in thee is my trust; leave not my soul destitute.

Psa 141:9 Keep me from the snares *which* they have laid for me, and the gins of the workers of iniquity.

Psa 141:10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, whilst that I withal escape.

Psa 35:1

A Psalm of David.

Plead *my cause*, O LORD, with them that strive with me: fight against them that fight against me.

Psa 35:2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine help.

Psa 35:3 Draw out also the spear, and stop *the way* against them that persecute me: say unto my soul, I *am* thy salvation.

Psa 35:4 Let them be confounded and put to shame that seek after my soul: let them be turned back and brought to confusion that devise my hurt.

Psa 35:5 Let them be as chaff before the wind: and let the angel of **the LORD** chase *them*.

Psa 35:6 Let their way be dark and slippery: and let the angel of **the LORD** persecute them.

Psa 35:7 For without cause have they hid for me their net *in* a pit, *which* without cause they have digged for my soul.

Psa 35:8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares; and let his net that he hath hid catch himself: into that very destruction let him fall.

Psa 35:9 And my soul shall be joyful in **the LORD**: it shall rejoice in his salvation.

Psa 35:10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who *is* like unto thee, which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

Psa 35:11 False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge *things* that I knew not.

Psa 35:12 They rewarded me evil for good *to* the spoiling of my soul.

Psa 35:13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing *was* sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.

Psa 35:14 I behaved myself as though *he had been* my friend *or* brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth *for his* mother.

Psa 35:15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: *yea*, the objects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew *it* not; they did tear *me*, and ceased not:

Psa 35:16 With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

Psa 35:17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.

Psa 35:18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.

Psa 35:19 Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: *neither* let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

Psa 35:20 For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against *them that are* quiet in the land.

Psa 35:21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, *and* said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen *it*.

Psa 35:22 *This* thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.

Psa 35:23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, *even* unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

Psa 35:24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.

Psa 35:25 Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

Psa 35:26 Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify *themselves* against me.

Psa 35:27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually,

Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

Psa 35:28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness *and* of thy praise all the day long.

Philistines distract Saul from pursuing David

1Sa 23:24b but **David** and his men *were* in the **wilderness of Maon**, in the plain on the south of **Jeshimon**.

1Sa 23:25 **Saul** also and his men went to seek *him*. And they told **David**: wherefore he came down into a rock, and abode in the **wilderness of Maon**. And when **Saul** heard *that*, he pursued after **David** in the **wilderness of Maon**.

1Sa 23:26 And **Saul** went on this side of the mountain, and **David** and his men on that side of the mountain: and **David** made haste to get away for fear of **Saul**; for **Saul** and his men compassed **David** and his men round about to take them.

1Sa 23:27 But there came a messenger unto **Saul**, saying, Haste [hurry] thee, and come; for the **Philistines** have invaded the land.

1Sa 23:28 Wherefore **Saul** returned from pursuing after **David**, and went against the **Philistines**: therefore they called that place Selahammahlekoth [the **Rock of Escape**].

1Sa 23:29 And **David** went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at **Engedi**.

David spares Saul

1Sa 24:1 And it came to pass, when **Saul** was returned from following the **Philistines**, that it was told him, saying, Behold, **David** *is* in the wilderness of **Engedi**.

1Sa 24:2 Then **Saul** took three thousand chosen men out of all **Israel**, and went to seek **David** and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.

1Sa 24:3a And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where *was* a cave; and **Saul** went in to cover his feet [relieve himself.]:

Psa 142:1

Maschil of David; A Prayer when he was in the cave.

I cried unto **the LORD** with my voice; with my voice unto **the LORD** did I make my supplication.

Psa 142:2 I poured out my complaint before him; I shewed before him my trouble.

Psa 142:3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then thou knewest my path. In the way wherein I walked have they privily laid a snare for me.

Psa 142:4 I looked on *my* right hand, and beheld, but *there was* no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul.

Psa 142:5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou *art* my refuge *and* my portion in the land of the living.

Psa 142:6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low: deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

Psa 142:7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

1Sa 24:3b and **David** and his men remained in the sides of the cave.

1Sa 24:4 And the men of **David** said unto him, Behold the day of which **the LORD** said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then **David** arose, and cut off the skirt of **Saul's** robe privily.

1Sa 24:5 And it came to pass afterward, that **David's** heart smote him, because he had cut off **Saul's** skirt.

1Sa 24:6 And he said unto his men, **The LORD** forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, **the LORD'S** anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he *is* the anointed of **the LORD**.

1Sa 24:7 So **David** stayed his servants with these words, and suffered them not to rise against **Saul**. But **Saul** rose up out of the cave, and went on *his* way.

1Sa 24:8 **David** also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after **Saul**, saying, My lord the king. And when **Saul** looked behind him, **David** stooped with his face to the earth, and bowed himself.

1Sa 24:9 And **David** said to **Saul**, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, **David** seeketh thy hurt?

1Sa 24:10 Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that **the LORD** had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and *some* bade me kill thee: but *mine eye* spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he *is* **the LORD'S** anointed.

1Sa 24:11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that *there is* neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it.

1Sa 24:12 **The LORD** judge between me and thee, and **the LORD** avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

1Sa 24:13 As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.

1Sa 24:14 After whom is the king of **Israel** come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea.

1Sa 24:15 **The LORD** therefore be judge, and judge between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thine hand.

1Sa 24:16 And it came to pass, when **David** had made an end of speaking these words unto **Saul**, that **Saul** said, *Is this thy voice, my son David?* And **Saul** lifted up his voice, and wept.

1Sa 24:17 And he said to **David**, *Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.*

1Sa 24:18 And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when **the LORD** had delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not.

1Sa 24:19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore **the LORD** reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day.

1Sa 24:20 And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of **Israel** shall be established in thine hand.

1Sa 24:21 Swear now therefore unto me by **the LORD**, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house.

1Sa 24:22 And **David** sware unto **Saul**. And **Saul** went home; but **David** and his men gat them up unto the hold.

1Sa 25:1a

And Samuel died;

and all the **Israelites** were gathered together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at **Ramah**.

1Sa 25:1b And **David** arose, and went down to **the wilderness of Paran**.

Wicked Nabal and Righteous Abigail

1Sa 25:2 And *there was* a man in **Maon**, whose possessions *were* in **Carmel**; and the man *was* very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in **Carmel**.

1Sa 25:3 Now the name of the man *was* **Nabal**; and the name of his wife **Abigail**: and *she was* a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man *was* churlish and evil in his doings; and he *was* of the house of Caleb.

1Sa 25:4 And **David** heard in the wilderness that **Nabal** did shear his sheep.

1Sa 25:5 And **David** sent out ten young men, and **David** said unto the young men, **Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:**

1Sa 25:6 And thus shall ye say to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both to thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast.

1Sa 25:7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: now thy shepherds which were with us, we hurt them not, neither was there ought missing unto them, all the while they were in **Carmel**.

1Sa 25:8 Ask thy young men, and they will shew thee. Wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes: for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand unto thy servants, and to thy son **David**.

1Sa 25:9 And when **David**'s young men came, they spake to **Nabal** according to all those words in the name of **David**, and ceased.

1Sa 25:10 And **Nabal** answered **David**'s servants, and said, **Who is David?** and who *is* the son of **Jesse**? **there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.**

1Sa 25:11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give *it* unto men, whom I know not whence they *be*?

1Sa 25:12 So **David**'s young men turned their way, and went again, and came and told him all those sayings.

1Sa 25:13 And **David** said unto his men, **Gird ye on every man his sword.** And they girded on every man his sword; and **David** also girded on his sword: and there went up after **David** about four hundred men; and two hundred abode by the stuff.

1Sa 25:14 But one of the young men told **Abigail**, **Nabal**'s wife, saying, Behold, **David** sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them.

1Sa 25:15 But the men *were* very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields:

1Sa 25:16 They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

1Sa 25:17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: **for he is such a son of Belial [a worthless man], that a man cannot speak to him.**

Abigail's wisdom and discernment of the times

1Sa 25:18 Then **Abigail** made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *corn*, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid *them* on asses.

1Sa 25:19 And she said unto her servants, **Go on before me; behold, I come after you.** But she told not her husband **Nabal**.

1Sa 25:20 And it was *so, as* she rode on the ass, that she came down by the covert of the hill, and, behold, **David** and his men came down against her; and she met them.

1Sa 25:21 Now **David** had said, **Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath requited me evil for good.**

1Sa 25:22 So and more also do God unto the enemies of **David**, if I leave of all that *pertain* to him by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

1Sa 25:23 And when **Abigail** saw **David**, she hastened, and lighted off the ass, and fell before **David** on her face, and bowed herself to the ground,

1Sa 25:24 And fell at his feet, and said, **Upon me, my lord, upon me let this iniquity be: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine audience, and hear the words of thine handmaid.**

1Sa 25:25 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this man of Belial, *even Nabal*: for as his name *is*, so *is* he; **Nabal is his name**, and folly *is* with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send.

1Sa 25:26 Now therefore, my lord, *as the LORD liveth*, and *as thy soul liveth*, seeing **the LORD** hath withholden thee from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now let thine enemies, and they that seek evil to my lord, be as **Nabal**.

1Sa 25:27 And now this blessing which thine handmaid hath brought unto my lord, let it even be given unto the young men that follow my lord.

1Sa 25:28 I pray thee, forgive the trespass of thine handmaid: for **the LORD** will certainly make my lord a sure house; because **my lord fighteth the battles of the LORD**, and evil hath not been found in thee *all* thy days.

1Sa 25:29 Yet a man is risen to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: but the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with **the LORD** thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, *as out* of the middle of a sling.

1Sa 25:30 And it shall come to pass, when **the LORD** shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee ruler over **Israel**;

1Sa 25:31 That this shall be no grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: but **when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord**, then remember thine handmaid.

1Sa 25:32 And **David** said to **Abigail**, **Blessed be the LORD God of Israel**, which sent thee this day to meet me:

1Sa 25:33 And blessed *be* thy advice, and blessed *be* thou, which hast kept me this day from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging myself with mine own hand.

1Sa 25:34 For in very deed, *as the LORD God of Israel liveth*, which hath kept me back from hurting thee, except thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto **Nabal** by the morning light any that pisseth against the wall.

1Sa 25:35 So **David** received of her hand *that* which she had brought him, and said unto her, **Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person.**

Nabal's foolishness addressed by the Lord

1Sa 25:36 And **Abigail** came to **Nabal**; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and **Nabal's heart was** merry within him, for he *was* very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light.

1Sa 25:37 But it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of **Nabal**, and his wife had told him these things, **that his heart died within him, and he became as a stone.**

1Sa 25:38 And it came to pass about ten days *after*, that **the LORD smote Nabal, that he died.**

1Sa 25:39 And when **David** heard that **Nabal** was dead, he said, **Blessed be the LORD, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept his servant from evil: for the LORD hath returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head.**

Abigail marries David

And **David** sent and communed with **Abigail**, to take her to him to wife.

1Sa 25:40 And when the servants of **David** were come to **Abigail** to **Carmel**, they spake unto her, saying, **David sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife.**

1Sa 25:41 And she arose, and bowed herself on *her* face to the earth, and said, **Behold, let thine handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord.**

1Sa 25:42 And **Abigail** hastened, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that went after her; and she went after the messengers of **David**, and became his wife.

David's other wives

1Sa 25:43 **David** also took **Ahinoam** of **Jezreel**; and they were also both of them his wives.

1Sa 25:44 But **Saul** had given Michal his daughter, **David's** wife, to Phalti the son of Laish, which *was* of Gallim.

Saul and Ziphites search for David continued

1Sa 26:1 And the Ziphites came unto **Saul** to **Gibeah**, saying, **Doth not David** hide himself in the **hill of Hachilah**, which is before **Jeshimon**?

1Sa 26:2 Then **Saul** arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen **men of Israel** with him, to seek **David** in the wilderness of Ziph.

1Sa 26:3a And **Saul** pitched in the **hill of Hachilah**, which is before **Jeshimon**, by the way. But **David** abode in the wilderness,

Psa 17:1

A Prayer of David.

Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, *that goeth* not out of feigned lips.

Psa 17:2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.

Psa 17:3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited *me* in the night; thou hast tried me, *and* shalt find nothing; I am purposed *that* my mouth shall not transgress.

Psa 17:4 Concerning the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept *me from* the paths of the destroyer.

Psa 17:5 Hold up my goings in thy paths, *that* my footsteps slip not.

Psa 17:6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, *and* hear my speech.

Psa 17:7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in *thee* from those that rise up *against* them.

Psa 17:8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

Psa 17:9 From the wicked that oppress me, *from* my deadly enemies, *who* compass me about.

Psa 17:10 They are inclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly.

Psa 17:11 They have now compassed us in our steps: they have set their eyes bowing down to the earth;

Psa 17:12 Like as a lion *that* is greedy of his prey, and as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

Psa 17:13 Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked, *which is* thy sword:

Psa 17:14 From men *which are* thy hand, O LORD, from men of the world, *which have* their portion in *this* life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hid *treasure*: they are full of children, and leave the rest of their *substance* to their babes.

Psa 17:15 As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

David steals Saul's spear while God puts Saul's camp to sleep

1Sa 26:3b and he saw that **Saul** came after him into the wilderness. **1Sa 26:4** **David** therefore sent out spies, and understood that **Saul** was come in very deed.

1Sa 26:5 And **David** arose, and came to the place where **Saul** had pitched: and **David** beheld the place where **Saul** lay, and **Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host**: and **Saul** lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him.

1Sa 26:6 Then answered **David** and said to **Ahimelech** the **Hittite**, and to **Abishai** the son of Zeruiah, brother to **Joab**, saying, **Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp?** And **Abishai** said, **I will go down with thee.**

1Sa 26:7 So **David** and **Abishai** came to the people by night: and, behold, **Saul** lay sleeping within the trench, and his spear stuck in the ground at his bolster: but **Abner** and the people lay round about him.

1Sa 26:8 Then said **Abishai** to **David**, **God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time.**

1Sa 26:9 And **David** said to **Abishai**, **Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD'S anointed, and be guiltless?**

1Sa 26:10 **David** said furthermore, **As the LORD liveth,**

- the LORD shall smite him;
- or his day shall come to die;
- or he shall descend into battle, and perish.

1Sa 26:11 **The LORD** forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against **the LORD'S** anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that *is* at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go.

1Sa 26:12 So **David** took the spear and the cruse of water from **Saul's** bolster; and they gat them away, and no man saw *it*, nor knew *it*, neither awaked: for they *were* all asleep; **because a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them.**

David taunts Saul's Commander

1Sa 26:13 Then **David** went over to the other side, and stood on the top of an hill afar off; a great space *being* between them:

1Sa 26:14 And **David** cried to the people, and to **Abner the son of Ner**, saying, Answerest thou not, **Abner**? Then **Abner** answered and said, *Who art thou that criest to the king?*

1Sa 26:15 And **David** said to **Abner**, *Art not thou a valiant man? and who is like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord.*

1Sa 26:16 This thing *is* not good that thou hast done. *As the LORD liveth, ye are worthy to die, because ye have not kept your master, the LORD'S anointed. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his bolster.*

Saul's deceitful religiosity when never having repented

1Sa 26:17 And **Saul** knew **David's** voice, and said, *Is this thy voice, my son David?* And **David** said, *It is my voice, my lord, O king.*

1Sa 26:18 And he said, *Wherefore doth my lord thus pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in mine hand?*

1Sa 26:19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant.

- If **the LORD** have stirred thee up against me, let him accept an offering:
- but if *they be* the children of men, cursed *be* they before **the LORD**; for they have driven me out this day from abiding in the inheritance of **the LORD**, saying, Go, serve other gods.

1Sa 26:20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of **the LORD**: for the king of **Israel** is come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

1Sa 26:21 Then said **Saul**, *I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.*

1Sa 26:22 And **David** answered and said,

Behold the king's spear! and let one of the young men come over and fetch it.

1Sa 26:23 **The LORD** render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: for **the LORD** delivered thee into *my* hand to day, **but I would not stretch forth mine hand against the LORD'S anointed.**

1Sa 26:24 And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of **the LORD**, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation.

1Sa 26:25 Then **Saul** said to **David**, *Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail.* So **David** went on his way, and **Saul** returned to his place.

David flees to the Philistines in Gath

1Sa 27:1 And **David** said in his heart, *I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.*

1Sa 27:2 And **David** arose, and he passed over with the *six hundred men* that *were* with him unto **Achish**, the son of **Maoch**, king of **Gath**.

1Sa 27:3 And **David** dwelt with **Achish** at **Gath**, he and his men, every man with his household, *even David* with his two wives,

- Ahinoam the **Jezeelitess**,
- and **Abigail** the **Carmelitess**, **Nabal's** wife [widow].

1Sa 27:4 And it was told **Saul** that **David** was fled to **Gath**: and he sought no more again for him.

1Sa 27:5 And **David** said unto **Achish**, *If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee?*

1Sa 27:6 Then **Achish** gave him **Ziklag** that day: wherefore **Ziklag** pertaineth unto the kings of **Judah** unto this day.

1Sa 27:7 And the time that **David** dwelt in the country of the **Philistines** was a full year and four months.

David covers up his raids against the Geshurites and the Girzites and the Amalekites

1Sa 27:8 And **David** and his men went up, and invaded the **Geshurites**, and the **Gezrites**, and the **Amalekites**: for those *nations were* of old the inhabitants of the land, as thou goest to **Shur**, even unto the land of **Egypt**.

1Sa 27:9 And **David** smote the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel,

and returned, and came to **Achish**.

1Sa 27:10 And **Achish** said, *Whither have ye made a road to day?* And **David** said, *Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jerahmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites.*

1Sa 27:11 And **David** saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring *tidings* to **Gath**, saying, *Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so will be his manner all the while he dwelleth in the country of the Philistines.*

1Sa 27:12 And **Achish** believed **David**, saying, *He hath made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.*

Philistines make war on Saul and Israel

1Sa 28:1 And it came to pass in those days, that the **Philistines** gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with **Israel**. And **Achish** said unto **David**, *Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.*

1Sa 28:2 And **David** said to **Achish**, *Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do.* And **Achish** said to **David**, *Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.*

Sidenotes

1Sa 28:3 Now **Samuel** was dead, and all **Israel** had lamented him, and buried him in **Ramah**, even in his own city.

And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

1Sa 28:4 And the **Philistines** gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and **Saul** gathered all **Israel** together, and they pitched in **Gilboa**. (Note: Scholars speculate the location is near the Jordan River on the west side in upper Manasseh)

1Sa 28:5 And when **Saul** saw the host of the **Philistines**, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

1Sa 28:6 And when **Saul** enquired of **the LORD**, **the LORD** answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

Saul's fear makes him seek a medium to conjure up Samuel

1Sa 28:7 Then said **Saul** unto his servants, *Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her.* And his servants said to him, *Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.* (Note: En-dor is located on the north border of Manasseh west)

1Sa 28:8 And **Saul** disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, **I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.**

1Sa 28:9 And the woman said unto him, **Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?**

1Sa 28:10 And **Saul** sware to her by **the LORD**, saying, **As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing.**

1Sa 28:11 Then said the woman, **Whom shall I bring up unto thee?** And he said, **Bring me up Samuel.**

1Sa 28:12 And when the woman saw **Samuel**, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to **Saul**, saying, **Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul.**

1Sa 28:13 And the king said unto her, **Be not afraid: for what sawest thou?** And the woman said unto **Saul**, **I saw gods ascending out of the earth.**

1Sa 28:14 And he said unto her, **What form is he of?** And she said, **An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle.** And **Saul** perceived that it was **Samuel**, and he stooped with *his* face to the ground, and bowed himself.

Saul and Israel to be given over to the Philistines

1Sa 28:15 And **Samuel** said to **Saul**, **Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up?** And **Saul** answered, **I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.**

1Sa 28:16 Then said **Samuel**, **Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?**

1Sa 28:17 **And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:**

1Sa 28:18 **Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.**

1Sa 28:19 **Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.**

1Sa 28:20 Then **Saul** fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of **Samuel**: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.

1Sa 28:21 And the woman came unto **Saul**, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, **Behold, thine handmaid hath obeyed thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me.**

1Sa 28:22 **Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way.**

1Sa 28:23 **But he refused, and said, I will not eat.** But his servants, together with the woman, compelled him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed.

1Sa 28:24 **And the woman had a fat calf in the house; and she hastened, and killed it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof:**

1Sa 28:25 **And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.**

1Sa 29:1 Now the **Philistines** gathered together all their armies to **Aphék**: and the **Israelites** pitched by a fountain which is in **Jezeel**. (Note: This is the Jezeel bordering Manasseh and Issachar, not the Jezeel in **Judah** - Joshua 19:18-22)

1Sa 29:2 **And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: but David and his men passed on in the reeward [rear] with Achish.**

The Philistine commanders do not trust David who came with King Achish

1Sa 29:3 Then said the princes of the **Philistines**, *What do these Hebrews here?* And **Achish** said unto the princes of the **Philistines**, *Is not this David*, the servant of **Saul** the king of **Israel**, which hath been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell *unto me* unto this day?

1Sa 29:4 And the princes of the **Philistines** were wroth with him; and the princes of the **Philistines** said unto him, *Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? should it not be with the heads of these men?*

1Sa 29:5 *Is not this David*, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, **Saul** slew his thousands, and **David** his ten thousands?

1Sa 29:6 Then **Achish** called **David**, and said unto him, Surely, *as the LORD* liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host *is* good in my sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the lords favour thee not.

1Sa 29:7 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the **Philistines**.

1Sa 29:8 And **David** said unto **Achish**, *But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been with thee unto this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king?*

1Sa 29:9 And **Achish** answered and said to **David**, I know that thou *art* good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the **Philistines** have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle.

1Sa 29:10 Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with thy master's servants that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart.

1Sa 29:11 So **David** and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the **Philistines**. And the **Philistines** went up to **Jezreel**.

Amalekites raid the Philistine town of Ziklag set aside for David and his men and their families

1Sa 30:1 And it came to pass, when **David** and his men were come to **Ziklag** on the third day, that the **Amalekites** had invaded the south, and **Ziklag**, and smitten **Ziklag**, and burned it with fire;

1Sa 30:2 And had taken the women captives, that *were* therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried *them* away, and went on their way.

1Sa 30:3 So **David** and his men came to the city, and, behold, *it was* burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.

1Sa 30:4 Then **David** and the people that *were* with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.

1Sa 30:5 And **David's** two wives were taken captives,

- **Ahinoam** the **Jezreelitess**,
- and **Abigail** the wife of **Nabal** the **Carmelite**.

1Sa 30:6 And **David** was greatly distressed; for **the people spake of stoning him**, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but **David** encouraged himself in **the LORD** his God.

David rescues women and children kidnapped by the Amalekites

1Sa 30:7 And **David** said to **Abiathar the priest**, **Ahimelech's** son, *I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod*. And **Abiathar** brought thither the ephod to **David**.

1Sa 30:8 And **David** enquired at **the LORD**, saying, *Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them?* And he answered him, *Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all*.

1Sa 30:9 So **David** went, he and the **six hundred men** that *were* with him, and came to **the brook Besor**, where those that were left behind stayed.

1Sa 30:10 But **David** pursued, he and **four hundred men**: for **two hundred** abode behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor.

1Sa 30:11 And they found an **Egyptian** in the field, and brought him to **David**, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they made him drink water;

1Sa 30:12 And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk *any* water, three days and three nights.

1Sa 30:13 And **David** said unto him, *To whom **belongest thou?** and whence **art thou?***

An Egyptian servant of an Amalekite aids David

And he said, *I am a young man of **Egypt**, servant to an **Amalekite**; and my master left me, because three days ago I fell sick.*

1Sa 30:14 We made an invasion *upon the south of the Cherethites*, and upon *the coast* [territory] which *belongeth to **Judah***, and upon *the south of Caleb*; and we burned **Ziklag** with fire.

1Sa 30:15 And **David** said to him, *Canst thou bring me down to this company?* And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this company.

1Sa 30:16 And when he had brought him down, behold, *they were* spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the **Philistines**, and out of the land of **Judah**.

David recovers all that the Amalekites took from the Philistines

1Sa 30:17 And **David** smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.

1Sa 30:18 And **David** recovered all that the Amalekites had carried away: and **David** rescued his two wives.

1Sa 30:19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any *thing* that they had taken to them: **David** recovered all.

1Sa 30:20 And **David** took all the flocks and the herds, *which* they drave before those *other* cattle, and said, This *is* **David's** spoil.

1Sa 30:21 And **David** came to the **two hundred men**, which were so faint that they could not follow **David**, whom they had made also to abide at **the brook Besor**: and they went forth to meet **David**, and to meet the people that *were* with him: and when **David** came near to the people, he saluted them.

1Sa 30:22 Then answered all the **wicked men and men of Belial**, of those that went with **David**, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them *ought* of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they may lead *them* away, and depart.

1Sa 30:23 Then said **David**, *Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the **LORD** hath given us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the company that came against us into our hand.*

1Sa 30:24 For who will hearken unto you in this matter?

but as his part is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his part be that tarrieth by the stuff: they shall part alike.

1Sa 30:25 *And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for **Israel** unto this day.*

1Sa 30:26 **And when David came to Ziklag**, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of **Judah**, *even* to his friends, saying, Behold a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of **the LORD**;

- 1Sa 30:27 To *them* which *were* in **Bethel**,
- and to *them* which *were* in south **Ramoth**,
- and to *them* which *were* in **Jattir**,
- 1Sa 30:28 And to *them* which *were* in **Aroer**,
- and to *them* which *were* in **Siphmoth**, (Note: only mentioned once in the entire Bible)
- and to *them* which *were* in **Eshtemoa**, (Note: allotted to the sons of Aaron - Joshua 21)
- 1Sa 30:29 And to *them* which *were* in **Rachal**, (Note: only mentioned once in the entire Bible)
- and to *them* which *were* in the cities of the **Jerahmeelites**,
- and to *them* which *were* in the cities of the **Kenites**,

- 1Sa 30:30 And to *them* which *were* in **Hormah**,
- and to *them* which *were* in **Chorashan [Bor-ashan]**, (Note: only mentioned once in the entire Bible)
- and to *them* which *were* in **Athach**, (Note: only mentioned once in the entire Bible)
- 1Sa 30:31 And to *them* which *were* in **Hebron**,
- and to all the places where **David** himself and his men were wont to haunt [accustomed to go].

Philistines slay and plunder Israel Jonathan is killed in battle Saul commits suicide falling on his sword

1Sa 31:1 Now the **Philistines** fought against **Israel**: and **the men of Israel** fled from before the **Philistines**, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.

1Sa 31:2 And the **Philistines** followed hard upon **Saul** and upon his sons; and the **Philistines** slew **Jonathan**, and **Abinadab**, and **Malchishua**, **Saul's** sons.

1Sa 31:3 And the battle went sore against **Saul**, and the archers hit him; and he was sore wounded of the archers.

1Sa 31:4 Then said **Saul** unto his armourbearer, **Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me.** But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore **Saul** took a sword, and fell upon it.

1Sa 31:5 And when his armourbearer saw that **Saul** was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.

1Sa 31:6 So **Saul** died, and **his three sons**, and his **armourbearer**, and all his men, that same day together.

1Sa 31:7 And when **the men of Israel** that *were* on the other side of the valley, and *they* that *were* on the other side Jordan, saw that **the men of Israel** fled, and that **Saul** and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the **Philistines** came and dwelt in them.

1Sa 31:8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the **Philistines** came to strip the slain, that they found **Saul** and **his three sons** fallen in **mount Gilboa**.

1Sa 31:9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the **Philistines** round about, to publish *it in* the house of their idols, and among the people.

1Sa 31:10 And they put his armour in the house of **Ashtaroth**: (Note: **Ashtaroth** are phallic obelisks dedicated to a mother goddess) and they fastened his body to the wall of **Bethshan**.

1Sa 31:11 And when the inhabitants of **Jabeshgilead** heard of that which the **Philistines** had done to **Saul**;

1Sa 31:12 All the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of **Saul** and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan, and came to Jabesh, and burnt them there.

1Ch 10:1 Now the **Philistines** fought against **Israel**; and **the men of Israel** fled from before the **Philistines**, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.

1Ch 10:2 And the **Philistines** followed hard after **Saul**, and after his sons; and the **Philistines** slew **Jonathan**, and **Abinadab**, and **Malchishua**, the sons of **Saul**.

1Ch 10:3 And the battle went sore against **Saul**, and the archers hit him, and he was wounded of the archers.

1Ch 10:4 Then said **Saul** to his armourbearer, **Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me.** But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. So **Saul** took a sword, and fell upon it.

1Ch 10:5 And when his armourbearer saw that **Saul** was dead, he fell likewise on the sword, and died.

1Ch 10:6 So **Saul** died, and **his three sons**, and all his house died together.

1Ch 10:7 And when all **the men of Israel** that *were* in the valley saw that they fled, and that **Saul** and his sons were dead, then they forsook their cities, and fled: and the **Philistines** came and dwelt in them.

1Ch 10:8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the **Philistines** came to strip the slain, that they found **Saul** and his sons fallen in **mount Gilboa**.

1Ch 10:9 And when they had stripped him, they took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the **Philistines** round about, to carry tidings unto their idols, and to the people.

1Ch 10:10 And they put his armour in the house of their gods,

and fastened his head in the **temple of Dagon**.

1Ch 10:11 And when all **Jabeshgilead** heard all that the **Philistines** had done to **Saul**,

1Ch 10:12 They arose, all the valiant men, and took away the body of **Saul**, and the bodies of his sons,

1Sa 31:13 And they took their bones, and buried *them* under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted **seven days**.

and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones under the oak in Jabesh, and fasted **seven days**.

1Ch 10:13

So **Saul** died

- for his transgression which he committed against **the LORD**, *even* against the word of **the LORD**, which he kept not,
- and also for asking *counsel of one that had* a familiar spirit, to enquire *of it*; 1Ch 10:14 and did not inquire of **the LORD**.

Therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom to **David** the son of **Jesse**.

Psa 121:1

A Song of degrees.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

Psa 121:2 My help *cometh* from **the LORD**, which made heaven and earth.

Psa 121:3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Psa 121:4 Behold, he that keepeth **Israel** shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Psa 121:5 **The LORD** *is* thy keeper: **the LORD** *is* thy shade upon thy right hand.

Psa 121:6 The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

Psa 121:7 **The LORD** shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

Psa 121:8 **The LORD** shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psa 123:1

A Song of degrees.

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Psa 123:2 Behold, as the eyes of servants *look* unto the hand of their masters, *and* as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes *wait* upon **the LORD** our God, until that he have mercy upon us.

Psa 123:3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us: for we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

Psa 123:4 Our soul is exceedingly filled with the scorning of those that are at ease, *and* with the contempt of the proud.

Psa 124:1

A Song of degrees of David.

If *it had not been* **the LORD** who was on our side, now may **Israel** say;

Psa 124:2 If *it had not been* **the LORD** who was on our side, when men rose up against us:

Psa 124:3 Then they had swallowed us up quick, when their wrath was kindled against us:

Psa 124:4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us, the stream had gone over our soul:

Psa 124:5 Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.

Psa 124:6 Blessed *be* **the LORD**, who hath not given us *as* a prey to their teeth.

Psa 124:7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped.

Psa 124:8 Our help *is* in the name of **the LORD**, who made heaven and earth.

Psa 125:1

A Song of degrees.

They that trust in **the LORD** shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

Psa 125:2 As the mountains are round about **Jerusalem**, so **the LORD** is round about his people from henceforth even for ever.

Psa 125:3 For the rod of the wicked shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; lest the righteous put forth their hands unto iniquity.

Psa 125:4 Do good, O LORD, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in their hearts.

Psa 125:5 As for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, **the LORD** shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity: but peace shall be upon **Israel**.

Psa 129:1

A Song of degrees.

Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth, may **Israel** now say:

Psa 129:2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth: yet they have not prevailed against me.

Psa 129:3 The plowers plowed upon my back: they made long their furrows.

Psa 129:4 **The LORD** is righteous: he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

Psa 129:5 Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.

Psa 129:6 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops, which withereth afore it groweth up:

Psa 129:7 Wherewith the mower filleth not his hand; nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.

Psa 129:8 Neither do they which go by say, The blessing of **the LORD** be upon you: we bless you in the name of **the LORD**.

2Sa 1:1 Now it came to pass after the death of **Saul**, when **David** was returned from the slaughter of the **Amalekites**, and **David** had abode two days in **Ziklag**;

David hears of Saul and Jonathan's death

2Sa 1:2 It came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from **Saul** with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to **David**, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance.

2Sa 1:3 And **David** said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of **Israel** am I escaped.

2Sa 1:4 And **David** said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, That the people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and **Saul** and **Jonathan** his son are dead also.

2Sa 1:5 And **David** said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that **Saul and Jonathan his son be dead**?

2Sa 1:6 And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon **mount Gilboa**, behold, **Saul** leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him.

2Sa 1:7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, Here am I.

2Sa 1:8 And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an **Amalekite**.

2Sa 1:9 He said unto me again, Stand, I pray thee, upon me, and slay me: for anguish is come upon me, because my life is yet whole in me.

2Sa 1:10 So I stood upon him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.

2Sa 1:11 Then **David** took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with him:

2Sa 1:12 And they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for **Saul**, and for **Jonathan** his son, and for the people of **the LORD**, and for the house of **Israel**; because they were fallen by the sword.

2Sa 1:13 And **David** said unto the young man that told him, Whence *art* thou? And he answered, I *am* the son of a stranger, an **Amalekite**.

2Sa 1:14 And **David** said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thine hand to destroy **the LORD'S** anointed?

2Sa 1:15 And **David** called one of the young men, and said, Go near, *and* fall upon him. And he smote him that he died.

2Sa 1:16 And **David** said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain **the LORD'S** anointed.

Song of the bow

2Sa 1:18 (Also he bade them teach the children of **Judah** the use of the bow: behold, *it is* written in the book of Jasher.)

Note:

Jasher's narrative ends long before the time of **David**. However, as part of his lamentation over the death of **Saul** and **Jonathan**, **David** referred to a comment by Jacob that is quoted in the Book of Jasher. **David** is referring to the dying words of Jacob to **Judah** in Jasher 56:9,

"...only teach thy sons the use of the bow and all weapons of war, in order that they may fight the battles of their brother who will rule over his enemies."

This passage in the Bible has no reference to anything in the Bible itself, but it is made clear from the passage in Jasher.

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A Lamentation of David

2Sa 1:17 And **David** lamented with this lamentation over **Saul** and over **Jonathan** his son:

2Sa 1:19 The beauty of **Israel** is slain upon thy high places: how are the mighty fallen!

2Sa 1:20 Tell *it* not in **Gath**, publish *it* not in the streets of **Askelon**; lest the daughters of the **Philistines** rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

2Sa 1:21 Ye **mountains of Gilboa**, let there be no dew, neither let there be rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings: for there the shield of the mighty is vilely cast away, the shield of **Saul**, as though he had not been anointed with oil.

2Sa 1:22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of **Jonathan** turned not back, and the sword of **Saul** returned not empty.

2Sa 1:23 **Saul** and **Jonathan** were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided: they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions.

2Sa 1:24 Ye daughters of **Israel**, weep over **Saul**, who clothed you in scarlet, with other delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

2Sa 1:25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O **Jonathan**, thou wast slain in thine high places.

2Sa 1:26 I am distressed for thee, my brother **Jonathan**: very pleasant hast thou been unto me: thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women.

2Sa 1:27 How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!