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# II-C. Saul's Rebellion and Tragic Decline

*(1 Samuel 16b-27)*

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## Samuel Anoints David as King

*(1 Samuel 16a)*

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- *Samuel Goes to Bethlehem to Anoint a Son of Jesse as King (16:1-5)*

[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 Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. [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. [3]And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

[4]And Samuel did that which the Lord spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? [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.

- *The Lord Rejects Jesse's Older Sons (16:6-10)*

[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. [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.

[8]Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this. [9]Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the Lord chosen this. [10]Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The Lord hath not chosen these.

- *Samuel Anoints David as King (16:11-13)*

[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. [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. [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.

## David Plays Harp for Saul

(1 Samuel 16b / 16:14-21)

[14]***But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord troubled him.*** And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. [15]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.

[17]And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. [18]Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, 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.

[19]Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep. [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. [21]And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armourbearer.

[22]And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight. [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

(A Samuel 17-18a)

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- *Philistines Gather to Battle against Israel (17:1-3)*

[17:1]Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shoch0, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Shoch0 and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. [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. [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.

- *Philistine Giant Goliath Challenges a Champion of Israel to Single Combat (17:4-11)*

[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. [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. [6]And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a target of brass between his shoulders. [7]And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and one bearing a shield went before him.

[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. [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 slay him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. [10]And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. [11]When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

- *David Takes Provisions to His Brothers (17:12-19)*

[12]Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-Judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul. [13]And the three elder 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. [14]And David was the youngest: and the three eldest followed Saul. [15]But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Beth-lehem.

[16]And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days. [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; [18]And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge. [19]Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines.

- *David Hears Goliath's Challenge (17:20-27)*

[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. [21]For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, array against army. [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.

[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.

[24]And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were sore afraid. [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, and make his father's house free in Israel.

[26]And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that slayeth 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? [27]And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

- *David Volunteers to Saul to Fight Goliath (17:28-37)*

[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. [29]And David said, What have I now done? Is there not a cause?

[30]And he turned from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner. [31]And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him.

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

[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: [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. [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. [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.

- *David Slays Goliath in the Name of God but without the Usual Implements of War (17:38-51a)*

[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. [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.

[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; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. [41]And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him. [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.

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

[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. [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 carcases of the host 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. [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.

[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. [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. [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. [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.

- *Philistines Flee and Are Beaten (17:51b-54)*

[51b]And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled. [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. [53]And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents. [54]And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

- *Saul Is Introduced to David (17:55-58)*

[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. [56]And the king said, Inquire thou whose son the stripling is. [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. [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 Beth-lehemite.

- *Bond between David and Jonathan (18:1-4)*

[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. [2]And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father. [3]Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. [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 Becomes Jealous of David, then Afraid

(1 Samuel 18b-19)

- *Saul Jealous of Greater Popular Praise Given to David (18:5-9)*

[5]And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: 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. [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, with joy, and with instruments of musick. [7]And the women answered one another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands. [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? [9]And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

- *Saul Casts a Javelin at David (18:10-11)*

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

- *Israel Loves David but Saul Is Afraid of David (18:12-16)*

[12]Now Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, and was departed from Saul. [13]Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. [14]And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the Lord was with him. [15]Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him. [16]But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

- *Saul Promises Daughter to Marry His Older Daughter to David (18:17-19)*

[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. [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?

[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.

- *Saul Uses His Younger Daughter as a Snare to Lure David into Danger, but David Kills 200 Philistines (18:20-27)*

[20]And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. [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.

[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. [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?

[24]And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David. [25]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. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. [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. [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.

- *Saul Fears David Even More (18:28-30)*

[28]And Saul saw and knew that the Lord was with David, and that Michal Saul's daughter loved him. [29]And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David's enemy continually. [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.

- *Jonathan Defends David before Saul, Saul Swears that David Will Not Be Hurt (19:1-7)*

[19:1]And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David. 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: [2]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.

[3]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: [4]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? [5]And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the Lord liveth, he shall not be slain. [6]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.

- *Saul Casts a Javelin at David #2 (19:8-10)*

- *c.1015 BC*
*(Steinmann 115)*

[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. [9]And the evil spirit from the Lord came upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand. [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.

- *Saul's Daughter Helps David to Flee from Saul (19:11-17)*

[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, tomorrow thou shalt be slain. [12]So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

[13]And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth. [14]And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. [15]And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. [16]And when the messengers came in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster. [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?

- *David Dwells with Samuel, Saul among the Prophets #2 (19:18-24)*

[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. [19]And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.

[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.

[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.

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

## David and Jonathan

(1 Samuel 20)

- *Covenant of Peace between David and Jonathan (20:1-23)*

[20]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? [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.

[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 grieved: but truly as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death.

[4]Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee. [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. [6]If thy father at all miss me, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city: for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family. [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. [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: why shouldest thou bring me to thy father?

[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? [10]Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? or what if thy father answer thee roughly?

[11]And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field. [12]And Jonathan said unto David, O Lord God of Israel, when I have sounded my father about to-morrow, any time, and, behold, if there be good toward David, and I then send not unto thee, and shew it thee; [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. [14]And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the Lord, that I die not: [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. [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. [17]And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

[18]Then Jonathan said to David, To-morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty. [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. [20]And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark. [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. [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. [23]And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the Lord be between thee and me for ever.

- *Saul Casts a Javelin at Jonathan for Defending David (20:24-34)*

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

[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, neither yesterday, nor to day? [28]And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Beth-lehem: [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.

[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? [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.

[32]And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done? [33]And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David. [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.

- *David and Jonathan Part (20:35-42)*

[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. [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. [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? [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. [39]But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter. [40]And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city.

[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. [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.

## David Flees from Saul

(1 Samuel 21-22a)

- *David Takes the Shewbread from Ahimelech at Nob (21:1-6)*

[21:1]Then came David to Nob 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? [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 whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed my servants to such and such a place.

[3]Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or what there is present. [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. [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. [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.

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.

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

- *David Flees to Gath and Feigns Madness (21:10-15)*

[10]And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath. [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 slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

[12]And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of the king of Gath. [13]And he changed his behaviour before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scribbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard. [14]Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad: wherefore then have ye brought him to me? [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?

- *David Dwells in Adullam (22:1-2)*

[22]David therefore departed there, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. [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.

- *David Moves His Parents to Moab (22:3-4)*

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

- *Prophet Tells David to Return to Judah (22:5)*

[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.

## David Flees from Saul

(1 Samuel 22b-23)

- *Saul Kills the Priests of Nob (1 Samuel 22b)*

[6]When Saul heard that David was discovered, and that 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;) 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; [7]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?

- *Doeg Reports that David Was Helped by the Priests by Nob (22:9-10)*

[8]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. [9]And he inquired of the Lord for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

- *Saul Interrogates Ahimelech (22:11-16)*

[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. [12]And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I am, my lord. [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 inquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? [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? [15]Did I then begin to inquire 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. [16]And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house.

- *Saul Kills the Priests of Nob (22:17-19)*

[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. [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 eighty and five persons that did wear a linen ephod. [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.

- *Abiathar Escapes to David (22:20-23)*

[20]And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. [21]And Abiathar shewed David that Saul had slain the Lord's priests. [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. [23]Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh my life: but with me thou shalt be in safeguard.

## David Flees from Saul

(1 Samuel 23)

- *David Defeats the Philistines Who Attacked Keilah (23:1-6)*

[23:1]Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors. [2]Therefore David inquired 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.

[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? [4]Then David inquired 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.

[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. [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.

- *David Leaves Keilah to Avoid Being Handed over to Saul by the Residents (23:7-13)*

[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. [8]And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men. [9]Knew David that Saul secretly practised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod. [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. [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. [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.

[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 forbare to go forth. [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. [15]And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a wood.

- *David and Jonathan (23:16-18)*

[16]And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. [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. [18]And they two made a covenant before the Lord: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house.

- *The Residents of Ziph Promise to Hand over David to Saul (23:19-23)*

[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? [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.

[21]And Saul said, Blessed be ye of Lord; for ye have compassion on me. [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. [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.

- *David Almost Captured in Wilderness of Maon (23:24-29)*

[24]And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the plain on the south side of Jeshimon. [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. [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.

[27]But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land. [28]Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place Sela-hammahlekoth.

[29]And David went up from thence, and dwelt in strong holds at En-gedi.

## David Spares Saul in a Cave

(1 Samuel 24)

- *David Cuts the Hem of Saul's Robe While Sleeping in a Cave (24:1-7)*

[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 En-gedi. [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. [3]And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.

[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.

[5]And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt. [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. [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.

- *David Pleads His Case to Saul (24:8-15)*

[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.

[9]And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearest thou men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt? [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.

[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 hunterest my soul to take it. [12]The Lord judge between me and thee, and the Lord avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee. [13]As saith the proverb of the ancients, Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked: but mine hand shall not be upon