

# NOON BIBLE STUDY: 1 SAMUEL 19-20

## 1 SAMUEL 19:1-8 - JONATHAN INTERCEDES FOR DAVID

V. 1 - SAUL COMMANDS HIS SERVANTS TO PUT DAVID TO DEATH!

V. 6 - SAUL RESPONDS TO THE TRUTH-FILLED RATIONAL ARGUMENT OF HIS SON.

## 1 SAMUEL 19:9-10 - SAUL CHANGES AGAIN

V. 9 - SAUL IS FILLED WITH FEAR. HE IS SITTING IN HIS OWN HOUSE WITH A SPEAR IN HIS HAND.

V. 9-10 - SAUL TRIES TO SPEAR DAVID AGAIN. THIS WAS A VERY REAL ALTERCATION! NOTICE THE CONTRAST BETWEEN THESE VERSES & V. 6. THIS GIVES US SOME INDICATION THAT WHEN SOMEONE IS INFLUENCED BY EVIL SPIRITS, TRUTH/RATIONAL THINKING ARE SET ASIDE.



## 1 SAMUEL 19:11-18 - MICHAL SAVES DAVID BY TRICKING SAUL

V. 13 - MICHAL TRICKS SAUL'S MEN INTO THINKING DAVID IS SICK IN BED. SHE PLACES A LARGE STATUE WITH GOAT HAIR IN THE BED, FEIGNING DAVID LAYING THERE.

"HOUSEHOLD IDOL" - "TERAPHIM" THESE WERE STATUES THAT REPRESENTED VARIOUS DEITIES. ACCORDING TO 2 KINGS 23:24 THEY WERE PROHIBITED DURING THE TIME OF JOSIAH'S REFORM MOVEMENT IN THE SEVENTH CENTURY. THE IDOL MICHAL PLACED UNDER THE COVERS WAS OF SUFFICIENT SIZE TO GIVE THE MISTAKEN IMPRESSION THAT DAVID LAY IN THE BED, THUS FACILITATING HIS ESCAPE. (NET BIBLE STUDY NOTE 1 SAM 19:13).

MICHAL CLEARLY LIES (SHE ALSO HAS A HOUSEHOLD IDOL). YET THE NARRATIVE GIVES NO COMMENT ON THE MORALITY OF THESE ACTIONS. THIS ISN'T TO SUGGEST HER LIES ARE ACCEPTABLE, BUT INSTEAD THE TEXT GIVES US AN HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF WHAT HAPPENED. WE CAN DRAW OUR OWN CONCLUSIONS. DAVID HAD ALREADY ESCAPED BEFORE SHE LIED ABOUT HIM BEING SICK IN BED (V. 12). SHE LIES A SECOND TIME TO HER FATHER REGARDING HER CONVERSATION WITH DAVID (V. 17).

V. 18 - DAVID MOVES IN WITH SAMUEL

## 1 SAMUEL 19:19-24 - THE SPIRIT OF GOD STOPS SAUL

IN AN UNUSUAL SITUATION, SAUL'S MESSENGERS (AND EVENTUALLY SAUL HIMSELF) ARE HINDERED FROM FINDING AND CAPTURING DAVID WHO IS HELD UP WITH SAMUEL AND THE OTHER PROPHETS IN NAIOTH. UPON ARRIVAL TO THE PROPHETIC ENCLAVE, SAUL'S MEN ARE OVERTAKEN BY THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD AND BEGIN TO PROPHECY, THUS PROHIBITING THEM FROM FULFILLING THEIR MISSION TO APPREHEND DAVID. AFTER 3 UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS BY SAUL'S MEN (V. 20, 21), THE SAME THING HAPPENS WHEN SAUL HIMSELF FINALLY COMES.

V. 24 - SAUL IS HUMBLLED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD.

## 1 SAMUEL 20:1-23 - DAVID & JONATHAN REUNITED. JONATHAN'S PLAN TO HELP DAVID.

DAVID ASKS JONATHAN TO INQUIRE OF SAUL'S MOOD TOWARDS DAVID. IF SAUL'S RESPONSE TO HEARING OF DAVID'S WHEREABOUTS IS ONE OF ANGER, DAVID WILL KNOW THAT SAUL IS DETERMINED TO KILL HIM. IF THIS IS THE CASE, JONATHAN WILL INFORM DAVID AND DAVID WILL FLEE. IF SAUL IS UNMOVED BY HEARING NEWS OF DAVID, JONATHAN WILL INFORM DAVID, AND DAVID WILL REST IN SAFETY. THE FRIENDS WILL DETERMINE SAUL'S OBJECTIVES REGARDING DAVID IN A DISCRETE WAY, FOR THEY SENSE SAUL KNOWS OF JONATHAN'S LOYALTY TO DAVID. SAUL'S EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY ARE A SIGNAL OF HIS INTENTIONS.

V. 1 - DAVID IS UNSURE WHY SAUL HAS SO MUCH ANIMOSITY TOWARDS HIM

V. 20-22 - JONATHAN'S INSTRUCTIONS TO HIS ATTENDANT REGARDING HIS ARROWS WILL BE THE PREARRANGED SIGNAL FOR DAVID.

## 1 SAMUEL 20:24-33 - SAUL'S RESPONSE TO HEARING OF DAVID

V. 26 - SAUL ASSUMES DAVID MUST BE RITUALLY IMPURE, THUS PROHIBITING HIM FROM JOINING THEM FOR THE SPECIAL DINNER AT THE NEW MOON. IT'S INTERESTING TO SEE SAUL ASSUMES DAVID WOULD BE PRESENT, EVEN AFTER ALL THAT SAUL HAS PUT DAVID THROUGH AT THIS POINT. HOWEVER WE DO SEE SAUL'S PARANOIA PRESENT AS HE IS THINKING ABOUT WHERE DAVID MIGHT BE IN HIS HEAD.

V. 27 - AFTER THE SECOND DAY OF DAVID'S ABSENCE, SAUL ASKS ABOUT HIM.

V. 30-31 - SAUL BURSTS WITH ANGER

JONATHAN HAS COME TO TERMS WITH THE FACT THAT THE LORD IS WITH DAVID AND THAT SAUL IS NO LONGER IN LINE WITH THE LORD'S PLANS. JONATHAN'S AMBITIONS ARE NOT IN SUCCEEDING HIS FATHER.

1 SAMUEL 20:13B (NLT) - "MAY THE LORD BE WITH YOU AS HE USED TO BE WITH MY FATHER."

PART OF THE COVENANT THAT IS MADE BETWEEN JONATHAN AND DAVID (V. 14-15) RELATES TO JONATHAN (AND HIS DESCENDANTS) NOT BE DESTROYED WHEN "THE LORD CUTS OFF EVERY ONE OF THE ENEMIES OF DAVID FROM THE FACE OF THE EARTH (V. 15)" (DAVID WILL BE FAITHFUL TO THIS, EVEN AFTER JONATHAN DIES...WE'LL SEE THAT IN 2 SAMUEL 9)

V. 32-33 - JONATHAN DEFENDS DAVID'S INNOCENCE AND GETS A SPEAR THROWN AT HIM BY HIS FATHER.

## 1 SAMUEL 20:34-42 - JONATHAN INFORMS DAVID. THE FRIENDS WEEP TOGETHER.

JONATHAN GIVES THE SIGNAL TO DAVID AND INFORMS HIM OF SAUL'S STATE OF MIND. HE THEN CALLS HIS ATTENDANT TO RETURN TO THE CITY AND HAS A FACE TO FACE MEETING WITH HIS FRIEND DAVID.

V. 23 - "DAVID WEPT THE MORE" - DAVID REALIZES THAT HIS LIFE IS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT NOW. THERE IS NO HOPE FOR HIM RETURNING TO SAUL'S TABLE AND HE WILL BEGIN A SEASON OF LIFE AS AN ON THE RUN OUTLAW. SAUL WILL COMMIT TO CHASING DAVID AT ALL COSTS. LET US NOT FORGET THAT DAVID HAS ALREADY BEEN ANOINTED KING OVER GOD'S PEOPLE (SINCE 1 SAMUEL 16)

V. 24 - JONATHAN & DAVID ARE COMMITTED TO EACH OTHER'S SAFETY AND WELL-BEING. THIS WON'T BE THE LAST TIME THEY MEET.