

NOON BIBLE STUDY: 1 SAMUEL 21-22

1 SAMUEL 21:1-6 - DAVID EATS THE CONSECRATED BREAD

EXODUS 25:30 - "YOU SHALL SET THE BREAD OF THE PRESENCE ON THE TABLE BEFORE ME AT ALL TIMES. (ALSO SEE LEVITICUS 24:5-9)



"THE NAME BASICALLY MEANS THAT THE BREAD IS TO BE SET OUT IN THE PRESENCE OF YAHWEH. THE CUSTOM OF PRESENTING BREAD ON A TABLE AS A THANK OFFERING IS COMMON IN OTHER CULTURES AS WELL. THE BREAD HERE WOULD BE PLACED ON THE TABLE AS A SYMBOL OF THE DIVINE PROVISION FOR THE TWELVE TRIBES — CONTINUALLY, BECAUSE THEY WERE TO EXPRESS THEIR THANKSGIVING CONTINUALLY. PRIESTS COULD EAT THE BREAD AFTER CERTAIN TIMES. FRESH BREAD WOULD BE PUT THERE REGULARLY." (NET STUDY NOTE EX: 25:30)

V. 4-5 - SEXUAL RELATIONS WOULD HAVE BEEN A REASONS WHY A PRIEST WAS UNABLE TO PARTAKE IN THE CONSECRATED BREAD. DAVID INFORMS AHIMELECH THAT HIS MEN HAVE KEPT THEMSELVES FROM WOMEN AS A RESULT OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR CURRENT MISSION.

Q - WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS INCIDENT?

"DAVID DECEIVED AHIMELECH THE PRIEST BY IMPLYING THAT HE (DAVID) WAS ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS FOR THE KING. DAVID'S DECEPTION, HOWEVER, WILL RESULT IN TROUBLE FOR THE PRIESTS IN CHAPTER 22. THOUGH DAVID NORMALLY ACTED AS AN UPRIGHT MAN, THE BIBLE DOES NOT HESITATE TO RECORD HONESTLY HIS INSTANCES OF WRONGDOING." (ESV STUDY BIBLE ON 1 SAM. 21:2)

JESUS REFERENCES THIS INCIDENT: MARK 2:23-28 - SHOWING MERCY IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE STRICTNESS OF THE LAW.

1 SAMUEL 21:7 - DOEG THE EDMITE

ONE OF SAUL'S CHIEF OFFICIALS WAS ALSO IN THE PLACE. THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN PROBLEMATIC FOR DAVID WHO IS ON THE RUN. HE IS A MAN ORIGINALLY FROM EDM, AND NOT AN ISRAELITE. EDM WAS A NATION OFTEN AGAINST ISRAEL.

1 SAMUEL 21:8-9 - DAVID RECEIVES GOLIATH'S SWORD

1 SAMUEL 21:10-15 - DAVID PRETENDS TO BE CRAZY

UPON HEARING OF DAVID'S ARRIVAL IN GATH (THE PHILISTINE HOMETOWN OF GOLIATH), AND THE QUOTE OF THE FAMOUS NATIONAL SONG ABOUT DAVID'S VICTORIES, THE PHILISTINE'S GROW IN THEIR CONCERN. RATHER THAN FIGHTING AGAINST THEM, DAVID PRETENDS TO BE CRAZY. WHEN THE KING OF GATH HEARS THIS HE IS NOT WORRIED, AND DAVID IS IGNORED.

1 SAMUEL 22:1-4 - DAVID IN THE CAVE OF ADULLAM, THEN BRINGS FAMILY TO MOAB

"ADULLAM IS HALFWAY BETWEEN GATH AND BETHLEHEM, AND THE CAVE IS PROBABLY NEARBY. DAVID'S FAMILY IS IN DANGER FROM SAUL, SO THEY JOIN HIM. BUT BECAUSE LIFE IN THE WILDERNESS WOULD BE TOO DIFFICULT FOR DAVID'S AGED PARENTS, HE TAKES THEM TO MOAB, WHERE JESSE'S GRANDMOTHER RUTH HAD COME FROM. IT MUST HAVE BEEN A VERY DIFFICULT JOURNEY, PRESUMABLY INVOLVING A DESCENT OF ABOUT 3,000 FEET (914 M) TO THE DEAD SEA, FOLLOWED BY A SIMILAR ASCENT BACK UP TO THE PLATEAU OF MOAB." (ESV STUDY BIBLE, 1 SAM 22:1-4)

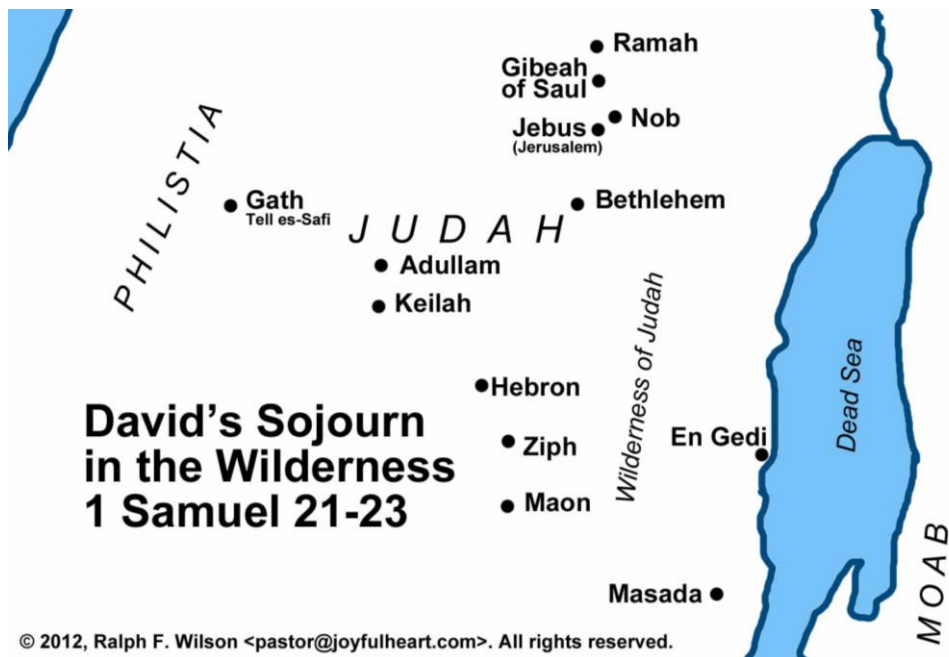
V. 2 - WHAT A GROUP!

V. 3-4 - DAVID LEAVES HIS FAMILY IN MOAB

PSALM 57:1-11 - DAVID'S MINDSET IN THE CAVE

1 SAMUEL 22:5 - THE PROPHET GAD TELLS DAVID TO RETURN TO JUDAH. HE MOVES TO A FOREST (HERE).

1 SAMUEL 22:6-11 - SAUL HEARS OF DAVID'S MOVEMENT. DOEG THE EDMITE TELLS SAUL THAT HE SAW DAVID IN NOB WITH THE PRIEST AHIMELECH.



V. 8 - SAUL'S PERSPECTIVE OF JONATHAN'S DEALINGS WITH DAVID. "THERE IS NONE OF YOU WHO FEEL SORRY FOR ME..."

V. 10 - BASED ON THE WAY DOEG DESCRIBES AHIMELECH'S DEALINGS WITH DAVID, SAUL ASSUMES THE PRIEST'S HELP OF DAVID WAS TO AID HIM IN AN ATTACK AGAINST SAUL. (INQUIRED OF THE LORD FOR HIM, "PROVISIONS", "SWORD").

1 SAMUEL 22:12-15 - SAUL ACCUSES THE PRIEST OF CONSPIRING WITH DAVID. AHIMELECH RESPONDS

1 SAMUEL 12:14-15 (NLT) - "BUT SIR," AHIMELECH REPLIED, "IS ANYONE AMONG ALL YOUR SERVANTS AS FAITHFUL AS DAVID, YOUR SON-IN-LAW? WHY, HE IS THE CAPTAIN OF YOUR BODYGUARD AND A HIGHLY HONORED MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD! 15 THIS WAS CERTAINLY NOT THE FIRST TIME I HAD CONSULTED GOD FOR HIM! MAY THE KING NOT ACCUSE ME AND MY FAMILY IN THIS MATTER, FOR I KNEW NOTHING AT ALL OF ANY PLOT AGAINST YOU."

1 SAMUEL 22:16-19 - SAUL ORDERS THE PRIESTS OF THE LORD KILLED. SAUL'S MEN REFUSE. DOEG THE EDMITE CARRIES OUT THE MURDER

V. 19 - NOT ONLY DOES DOEG THE EDMITE KILL THE PRIESTS, BUT HE SLAUGHTERS MANY IN PRIESTLY CITY OF NOB.

SAUL HAS LOST HIS MIND. HIS JEALOUSY/PARANOID OBSESSION WITH DAVID LEADS HIM TO ORDER THE MURDER OF PRIESTS OF THE LORD.

1 SAMUEL 22:20-23 - ABIATHAR ESCAPES, JOINS DAVID

THE MADNESS OF SAUL HAS REACHED A NEW LEVEL. BUT AS HIS DESIRE FOR VENGEANCE GROWS, THE HEART OF THE PEOPLE (INCLUDING THE NOW THE PRIESTS) WILL TURN TO DAVID.