

NOON BIBLE STUDY: 1 SAMUEL 26-27

1 SAMUEL 26:1-4 - SAUL PURSUES DAVID AGAIN

V. 1 - THE ZIPHITES SELL DAVID OUT, AGAIN (CP. 1 SAMUEL 23:19)

V. 2 - SAUL TRAVELING WITH 3000 MEN

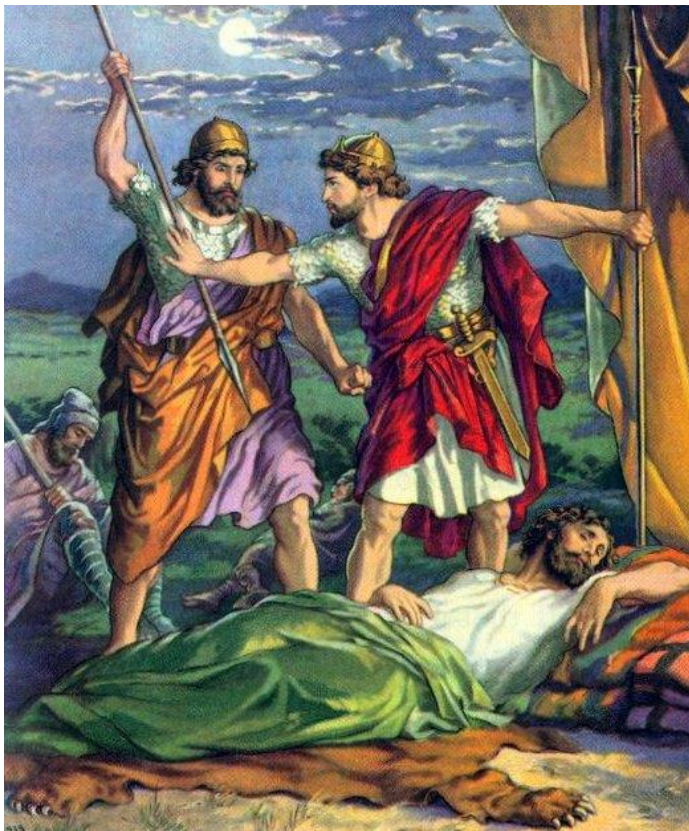
"THIS CHAPTER RESEMBLES CH. 24, BUT THERE ARE TOO MANY DIFFERENCES TO SAY THAT THEY ARE DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF THE SAME EVENT. THE LOCATION IS DIFFERENT, AND IT IS DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW AN ENCAMPMENT IN THE OPEN AIR COULD BE THE SAME AS ONE THAT OCCURRED IN A CAVE." (ESV STUDY BIBLE, 1 SAMUEL 26)

1 SAMUEL 26:5-7 - DAVID SNEAKS INTO SAUL'S CAMP

V. 6 - 1 CHRONICLES 2:12-16 GIVES THE GENEALOGY FOR DAVID. HE WAS THE YOUNGEST (7TH) SON OF JESSE AND ALSO HAD TWO SISTERS. ONE OF HIS SISTERS WAS NAMED ZERUIAH.

1 CHRONICLES 2:16B - AND THE THREE SONS OF ZERUIAH WERE ABISHAI, JOAB AND ASAHIEL.

ABISHAI (AND JOAB WHO WE WILL MEET IN 2 SAMUEL) WERE DAVID'S NEPHEW'S AND CHIEF MILITARY LEADERS. ABISHAI WILL BE THE LEADERS OF WHAT ESSENTIALLY WOULD BE DAVID'S SPECIAL FORCES WHEN HE BECOMES KING.



1 SAMUEL 26:8-12 - DAVID AND ABISHAI SNEAK INTO SAUL'S CAMP

V. 10-11 - DAVID WAS SURE THAT HIS FUTURE WAS IN GOD'S HANDS. CERTAINLY HE DIDN'T WANT TO BE PURSUED BY SAUL ANY LONGER, BUT HE ALSO KNEW IT WOULD BE WRONG FOR HIM TO TAKE SAUL'S LIFE. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THIS LESSON IS COMING OFF THE HEELS OF THE LORD AVENGING DAVID OF NABAL AND THE LESSON DAVID LEARNED IN THAT ENCOUNTER. GOD'S PROMISE AND FAITHFULNESS IS WHAT SUPPORTS US WHEN WE ARE BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE.

V. 12 - DAVID TOOK SAUL'S SPEAR AND WATER JUG. WE ALSO LEARN THAT THE LORD'S HAND WAS INVOLVED IN THE SOUND SLEEP OF THE SOLDIERS.

1 SAMUEL 26:13-16 - DAVID CALLS OUT ABNER AND OTHER SOLDIERS

V. 15 - DAVID TAUNTS GENERAL ABNER - NLT - "WELL, ABNER, YOU'RE A GREAT MAN, AREN'T YOU?" DAVID TAUNTED. "WHERE IN ALL ISRAEL IS THERE ANYONE AS MIGHTY? SO WHY HAVEN'T YOU GUARDED YOUR MASTER THE KING WHEN SOMEONE CAME TO KILL HIM?"

1 SAMUEL 26:17-20 - DAVID CONFRONTS SAUL

1 SAMUEL 26:21-25 - SAUL "HUMBLY" RETREATS

V. 23 - THE LORD SEES AND IS "KEEPING SCORE". THIS IS WHAT MATTERED MOST TO DAVID IN THIS STAGE OF HIS LIFE.

1 SAMUEL 27:1-7 - DAVID FLEES TO THE LAND OF THE PHILISTINES

THOUGH SAUL SHOWS ANOTHER MOMENT OF APPARENT HUMILITY AND CONTRITION, DAVID IS WISE TO REMAIN ON GUARD AND AT A DISTANCE. REMEMBER, SAUL HAD EXPERIENCED A SIMILAR "CHANGE" AFTER DAVID SPARES HIM IN THE CAVE (1 SAMUEL 24). DAVID WOULD HAVE BEEN WELCOMED BY KING ACHISH BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE "THE ENEMY OF MY ENEMY IS MY FRIEND". HEARING THIS, SAUL NO LONGER SEARCHES FOR HIM (V. 4). ACHISH WAS THE KING THAT DAVID HAD PREVIOUSLY PRETENDED TO BE CRAZY BEFORE (1 SAM. 21).

1 SAMUEL 27:8-12 - DAVID & ACHISH

DAVID RAIDS SOME CITIES SOUTH OF PHILISTIA AS YOU MAKE YOUR WAY TOWARDS EGYPT. THESE PEOPLE WERE NOT PHILISTINES BUT THEY ARE NOT ISRAELITE'S EITHER. THE PEOPLE DAVID TELLS THE KING THAT HE DEFEATED WERE SOME PEOPLE ALIGNED WITH ISRAEL WHO LIVED WITHIN THEIR BORDERS (EX: THE KENITES WERE THE DESCENDANTS OF MOSES' FATHER-IN-LAW AND THEY APPEARED IN 1 SAM. 15). HOWEVER, DAVID DOES NOT TELL THE TRUTH WHEN ASKED BY ACHISH. THOUGH HE ACTUALLY DEFEATED SOME GENTILE NATIONS TO THE SOUTH OF PHILISTIA, HE TELLS ACHISH SOMETHING ELSE. IRONICALLY THROUGH HIS LIE, HE GAINS ACHISH'S TRUST.

1 SAMUEL 27:10-12 (NLT) - "WHERE DID YOU MAKE YOUR RAID TODAY?" ACHISH WOULD ASK. AND DAVID WOULD REPLY, "AGAINST THE SOUTH OF JUDAH, THE JERAHMEELITES, AND THE KENITES." 11 NO ONE WAS LEFT ALIVE TO COME TO GATH AND TELL WHERE HE HAD REALLY BEEN. THIS HAPPENED AGAIN AND AGAIN WHILE HE WAS LIVING AMONG THE PHILISTINES. 12 ACHISH BELIEVED DAVID AND THOUGHT TO HIMSELF, "BY NOW THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL MUST HATE HIM BITTERLY. NOW HE WILL HAVE TO STAY HERE AND SERVE ME FOREVER!"

THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW SEASON IN DAVID'S LIFE (1 YEAR AND 4 MONTHS) WHERE HE IS LIVING AMONGST THE PHILISTINES. THIS WILL BE THE FINAL STRETCH BEFORE HE IS ABLE TO RETURN TO ISRAEL AND ASCEND TO THE THRONE.