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David – The FUGITIVE

- *In his pursuit of David, Saul committed series of sins:*
  1. ***Almost killed his son Jonathan for trying to intercede in behalf of his friend David*** *(I Sam 20:33).*

I Sam 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?*

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.*

Saul's Self-Pity
The soul of the backsliden believer:

I Sam 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?*

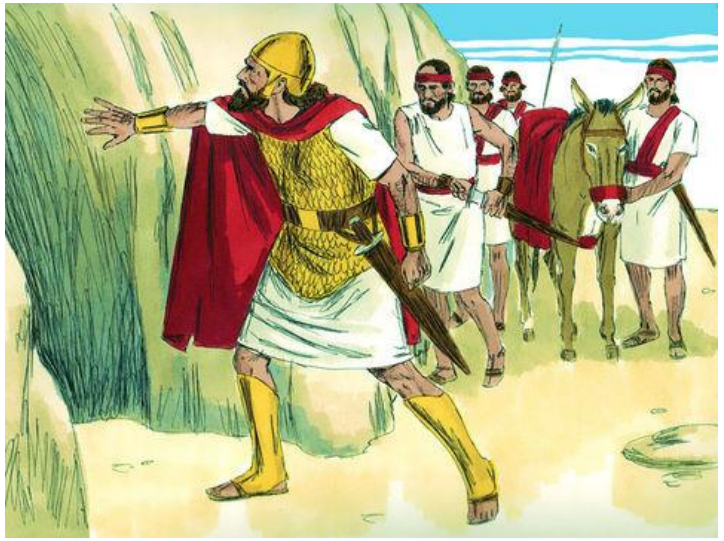
In Chapter 23, when the Ziphites declared intention to deliver David, … ***blessed be the Lord, for ye have compassion on me.***

I Sam 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.*



Saul's Changed Attitude Towards David:

- ***On two (2) occasions, David could have killed Saul, but didn't since he regarded him as the "Lord's Anointed"***.



- ***First occasion***: *in* ***I Samuel 24 in the wilderness of Engedi***

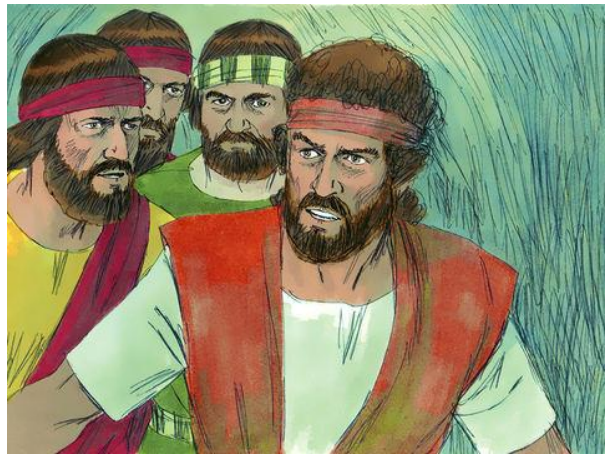
2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.
3 And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.

Saul's Changed Attitude Towards David:

- *David's men:* ***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.***

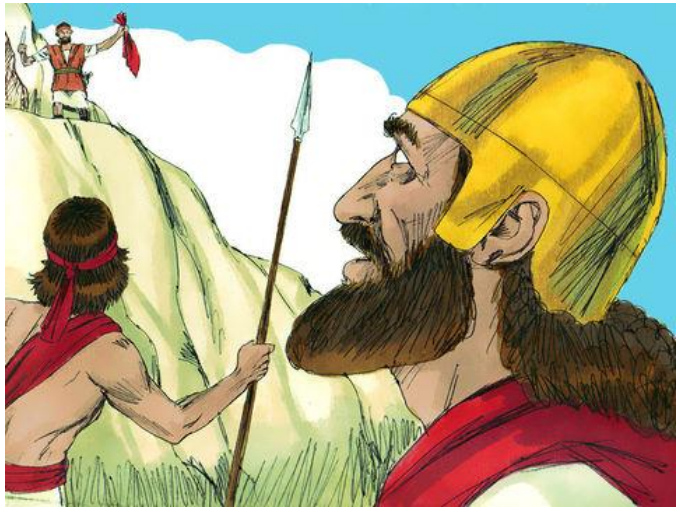
- ***6 And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.***





David Called Out King Saul:

■*I Sam 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.***

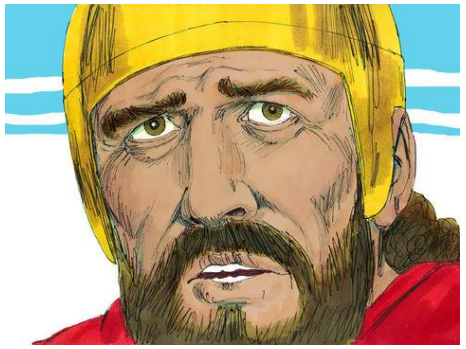


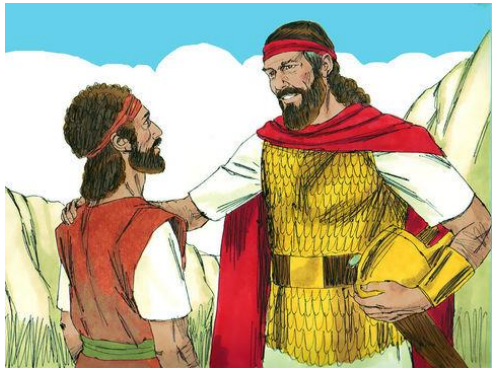
■***11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it.***

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

Saul's Changed Attitude Towards David:

■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.*
17 … ***Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.***
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.***
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.***
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.***





Saul's Changed Attitude Towards David:

❑ ***2nd occasion***: *in Samuel 26 at the hill of Hachilah.*

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

*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.***

*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.*



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8 ***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.*

9 ***David said to Abishai,** Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?*
10 … *As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.*

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.*

Saul’s Changed Attitude Towards David:

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***

13 Then ***David went over to the other side****, and* ***stood on the top of an hil****l afar off; a great space being between them:*
14 And ***David cried to the people****, and to* ***Abne****r the son of Ner,*



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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.***

21 ***Saul to David :*** ***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 hav played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.***

25 …. ***Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail.***

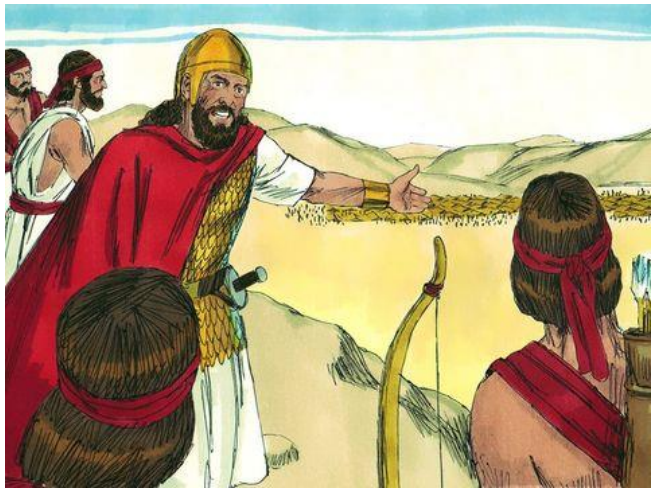
So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

SAUL : His Last Days

❑ *Saul visits the witch of En-dor in a desperate attempt to call up Samuel from the dead in order to receive advice concerning a fearful Philistine military threat (28:1-11).*

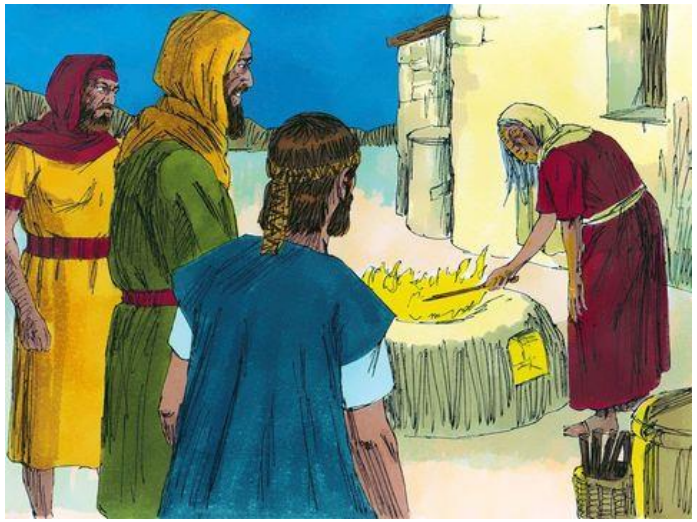
*4 And the **Philistines gathered themselves together,** and came and pitched in Shunem: and **Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.***
*5 And when **Saul saw the host of the Philistines,** he **was afraid**, and his heart greatly trembled.*





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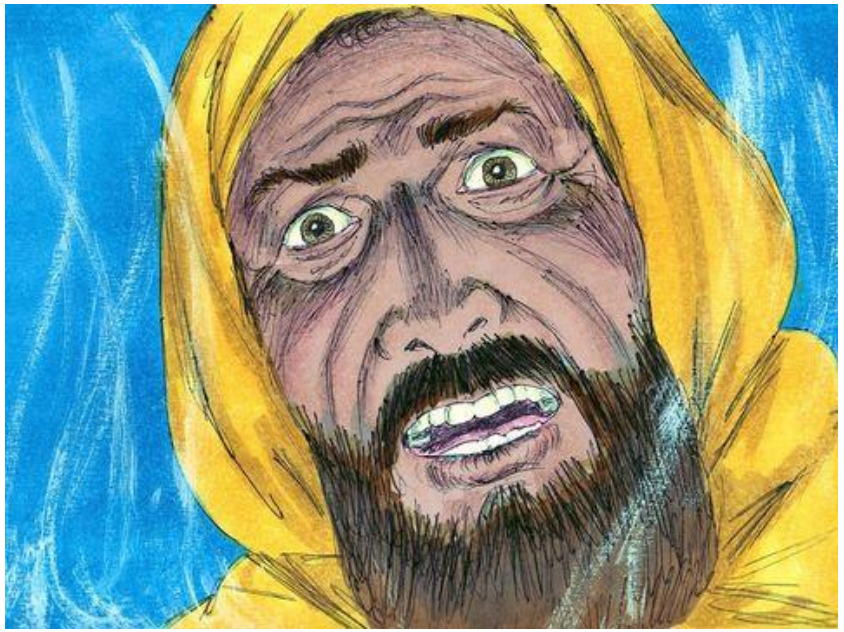
I Samuel 28: 6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.
7 Then said Saul unto his servants, ***Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit,*** *that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants*





SAUL : His Last Days - I Sam 28

Samuel to Saul ***:*** ***Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up?***



Saul ***:*** ***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.***

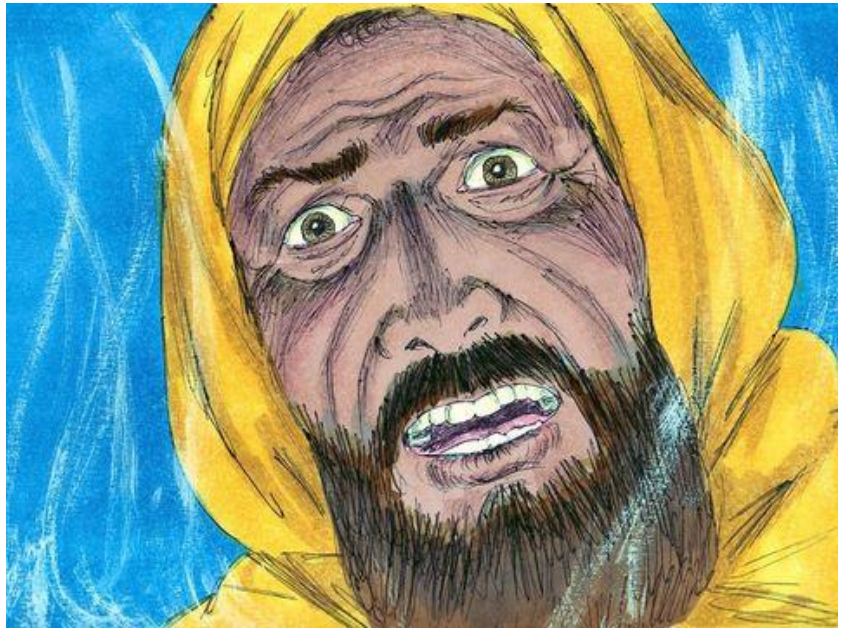
Samuel: ***Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?***

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:

SAUL : His Last Days - I Sam 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.*

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.*

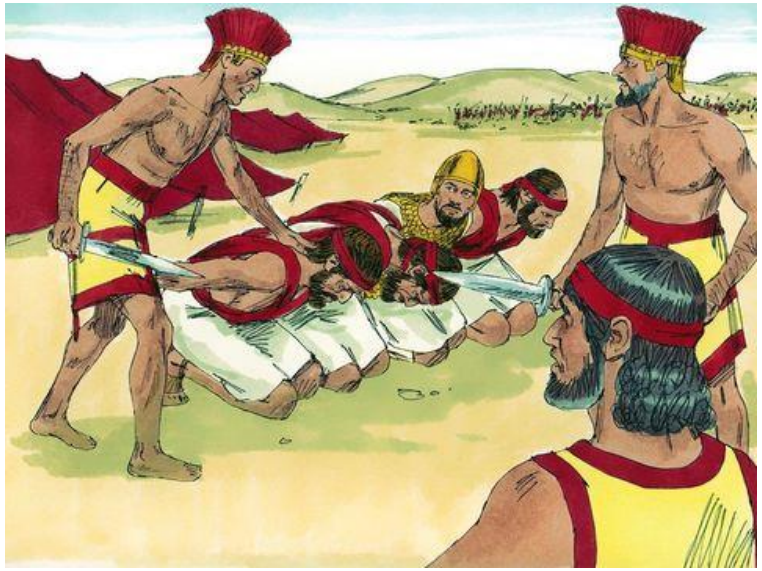


- *What was the purpose of God in bringing Samuel back for this appearance?*
- *This unusual act on the part of God was certainly designed to emphasize the doom of Saul and God's displeasure for his coming to a necromancer.*

SAUL : His Last Days - I Sam 31

- *Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the **men of Israel fled from before the Philistines**, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.*

- *2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the **Philistines slew Jonathan**, and **Abinadab**, and **Melchishua**, **Saul's sons.***



SAUL : His Last Days - I Sam 31

▪[3] *And the battle went sore against* ***Saul****, and the* ***archers hit him****; and he* ***was sore wounded of the archers****.*

▪[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.*

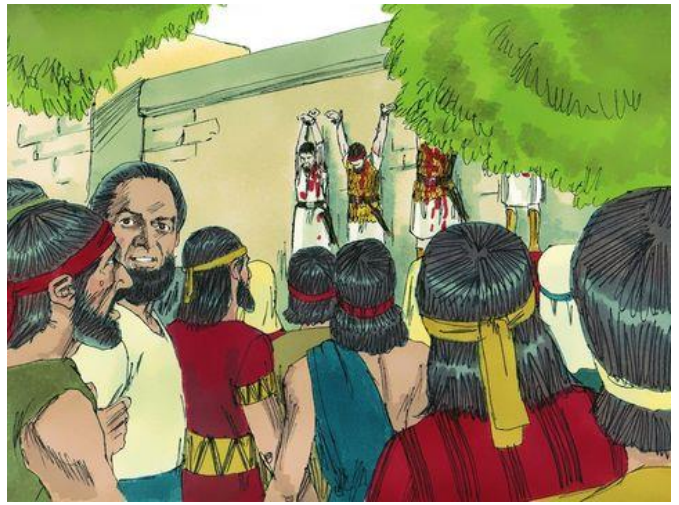
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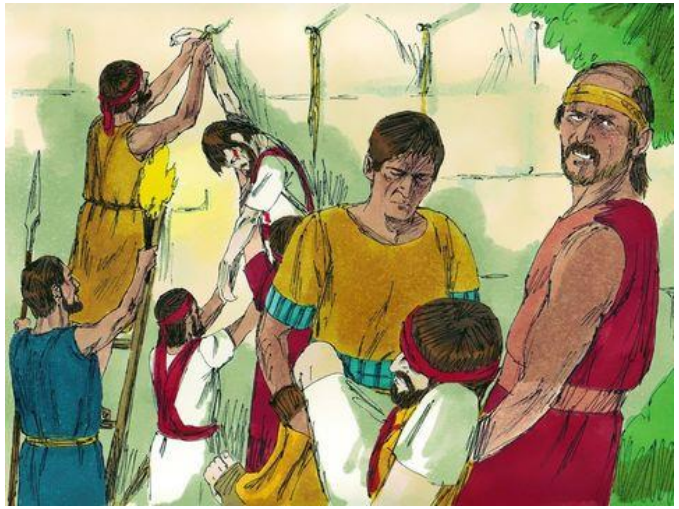
▪[5] *And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.*

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- *The next day when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they **found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa**.*

- *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.*
- *And they put his **armour in the house of Ashtaroth**: and they **fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan.***

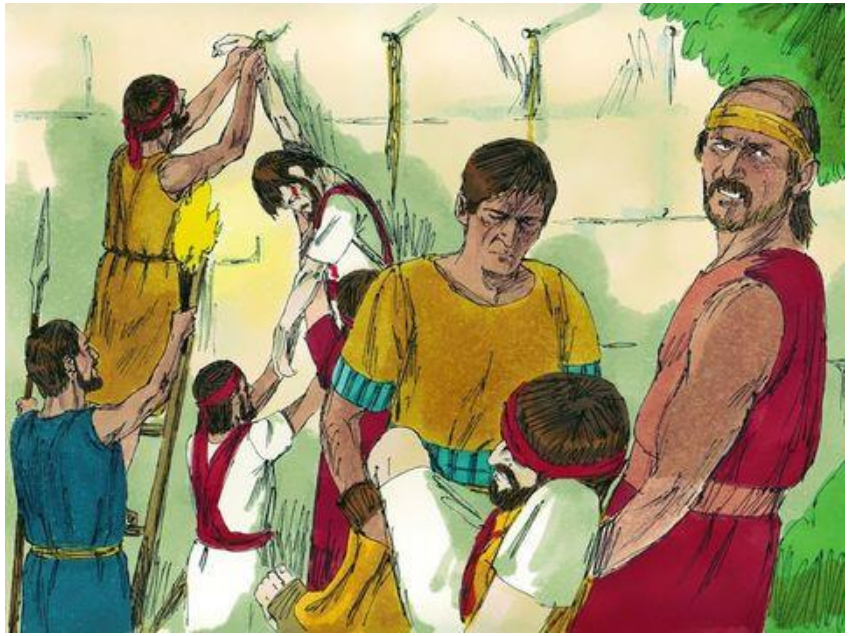




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- ***Valiant men from Jabeshgilead*** *arose, and went all night, and* ***took the body of Saul*** *and the* ***bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan****, and came to Jabesh, and* ***burnt them there****.*

- *And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.*



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King Saul: Sin Unto Death

- ***Psalm 118***

17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
18 The LORD hath chastened me sore: but he hath not given me over unto death.

I John 5:16 If any man see his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is **a sin unto death**: I do not say that he shall pray for it.

Note: Not caused by a believer's particular sin but by the believer's continual rejection of Bible truths/doctrines.

King Saul: Sin Unto Death

I Chronicles 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;

14 And enquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

- **DAVID, Runnning from King Saul**

David – the FUGITIVE

- **Some mistakes David made while fleeing from Saul:**

  When David FEARED….

- Fled to Nob, the city of priests; and **lied to Ahimelech;**
- King Saul heard of it , and had all the priests killed for "conspiring" against the king.

I Sam 21: 1 *When 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….***



David's REMORSE:

I Sam 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.***

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- In I Sam 21: 10-15, sought to take refuge before Achish, king of Gath, when recognized, he ***feigned madness*** for fear of his life.

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?***

12 *And David …* ***was sore afraid of Achish*** *the king of Gath.*

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“When FEAR sets in, FAITH departs”.

David – the FUGITIVE

❑ Some mistakes David made while fleeing from Saul:

When David FEARED….

- **Fled to enemy territory:** (so King Saul would not pursue after him anymore)

I Sam 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.***

3 *And* ***David dwelt with Achish at Gath****, he and his men, every man with his household, …*

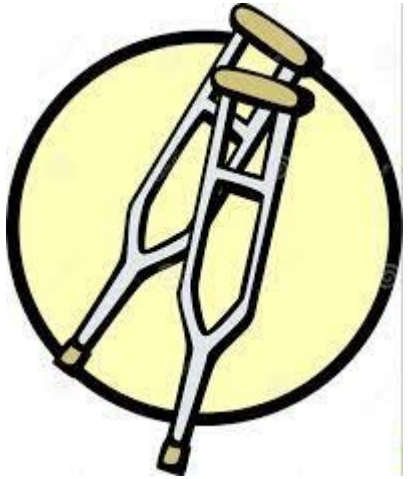
During this time, a period of 16 months, David carries out numerous plundering raids upon various non-Israelite cities, but convinces the Philistine king, Achish, that the cities are indeed Israelite ones. (See 1 Sam. 27:8-12.)

A Lesson on EMOTIONAL CRUTCHES: (copied)

Spiritually speaking:

- Not every one has broken a leg, yet we all have some broken places in our "emotional bones".
- We got weaknesses,
- Vulnerabilities
- Cracks in our character..**that make us lean on emotional crutches .**

David has his share of Emotional Crutches; and God will remove these one by one , until he came to a point where he will lean on God alone:



Some of our emotional crutches:

- Relationships
- Friends
- Family
- Spouse/children
- Our own wisdom and education
- Career
- Fat Savings account/Resources
- Position/Title
- Achievements



REVIEW: David's rise to fame and fortune:

- *A "lowly" shepherd boy*
- *Became known as the "giant killer'*

- *1 Sam 17:25 "…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.*
- *Became the king's son – in law (through Michal)*
- *Became the best friend of the king's son.*

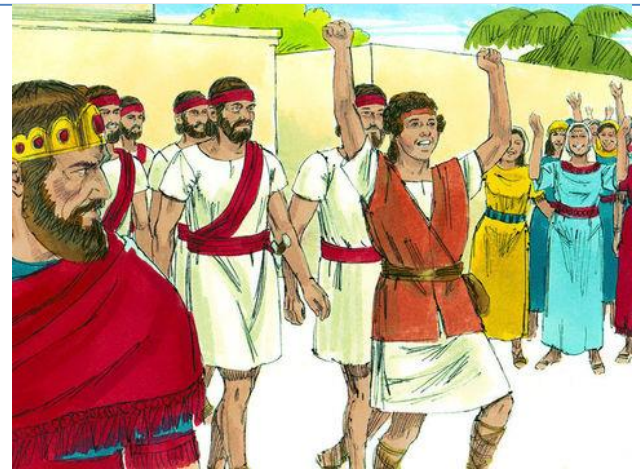
REVIEW : David's crises:

- *King Saul, David's superior, due to envy had turned against him (I Sam 18).*
- *Twice he attempted to kill him with a javelin (I Sam 18: 10-11, 19:10)*
- *Saul sent him to dangerous military expeditions (18:13-17)*
- *Saul sought to kill him everyday.*
- *David fled for his life.*

DAVID : Every Crutch Removed:

*Crutch # 1: **David's Position.***

- *Promoted to a place of military leadership; Saul's trusted officer; a respected leader and soldier.*
- ***Now a fugitive from Saul's sword (I Sam 19:8-10); never to return to his position as the king's heroic soldier.***



Crutch # 2 : David's Wife

- *Saul pursued David right to his home, where he was with Michal, his wife.*
- *Michal helped him escape (vv 11-12).*
- *Michal betrayed David, looking out for her own interests.*
- ***Never offered one word in his defence; "David threatened to kill me!" (vs. 17)***
- ***Another crutch knocked out from under him.***

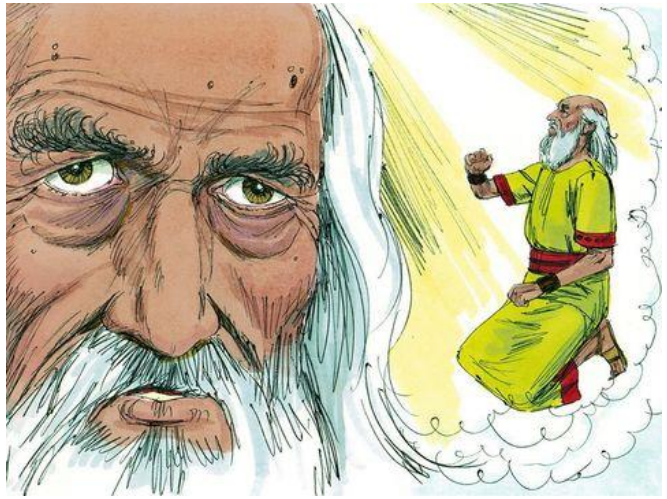


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Crutch # 3. ***David's mentor .***

- *David fled straight to Samuel.*
- *Both – Samuel and David fled to Naioth at Ramah*

- ***But Saul discovered their hiding place So again David fled (20:1a), leaving behind the security of his mentor, Samuel.***



DAVID : Every Crutch Removed:

Crutch # 4 : ***David's friend***

- *From Naioth, David fled to Jonathan his closest friend.*
- *1 Sam 20:1 "**What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life?***
- *Vs. 3 …**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.***

- **Because of the danger, Jonathan and David decided to part.**
- **Perhaps this was David's most painful loss – separation from his closest friend.**



DAVID : Every Crutch Removed:

Crutch # 5 ***Self- Respect***

- *David fled to enemy territory - Gath – Goliath's hometown (vs. 10).*
- *Was immediately recognized as the giant's killer,* ***"Is not this David the king of the land?"***
- *David's desperation swelled as he once again was seized by* ***fear.***

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- **David lost his final crutch – he could no longer lean on the simple support of even his own self-respect.**





CAVE OF ADULLAM

Where light & hope arise

Every Crutch Removed, DAVID LEARNED to FULLY TRUST in the LORD his GOD

- **Saw the support of his family**.

I Sam 22: 1 *David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him.*



- **Saw the support of other "*loyalists*" - was able to gather an army of 400**.

I Sam 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**.*



❑ The army of 400 increased to 600 in I Sam 27:2.

- **Every Crutch Removed, DAVID LEARNED to Strengthen his faith in God:**

I Samuel 30

- *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;*

- *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.*

- *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**.*

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  - *4 Then **David and the people** that were with him **lifted up their voice and wept**, until they had no more power to weep.*
  - **5** *And David's two wives were taken captives…*

  - *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 practiced generosity** when he distributed the spoils from the Amalakites among the 400 who went to war as well as to the 200 who were faint and did not go to war.

- Proved his integrity once more when he **mourned and lamented** for the death of Saul and Jonathan :

- II Sam 1: 23 : ***Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided*** : …

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, thou wast slain in thine high places.

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.

DAVID, Publicy Crowned King , first at Hebron, Judah (for 7-1/2 years)

- At this time David gets **Michal**, his first wife, back.
- *He then marries four more women, for a grand total of **seven wives, while in Hebron** (2 Sam. 3:2-5; 1 Chron. 3:1-4).*

- **2 Samuel 3: 2 Ahinoam** the Jezreelitess;
- **3 Abigail** the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; **Maacah** the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; (Absalom's mother)
- **4 Haggith**
- **Abital;**
- **Eglah**

- *I**t was in Hebron that three (of his many) children were born who would later bring sorrow to his life**. They were:*

1. ***Amnon**, who would rape his half-sister Tamar (2 Sam. 13:1-14)*

2. ***Absalom**, who would kill Amnon for this and later lead a revolt against the king himself (2 Sam. 13:28; 15:13, 14)*

3. ***Adonijah**, who also would later attempt to steal David's throne while the old king lay dying (1 Ki. 1)*

David – the Sovereign KING:

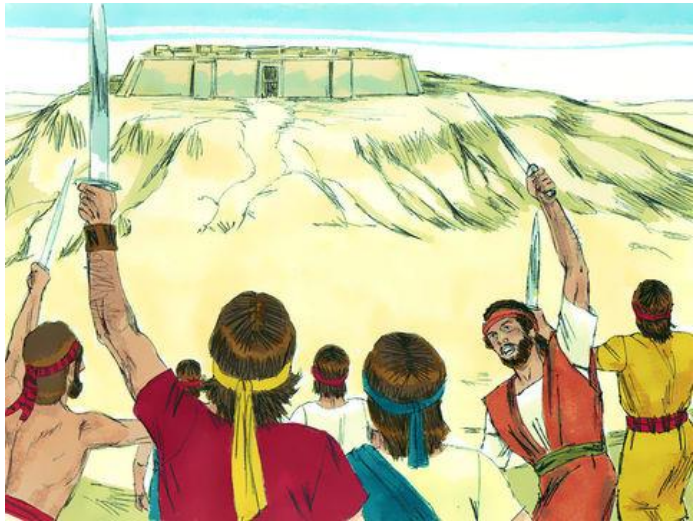
	LOCATION	BY WHOM	No. Of Years
PRIVATELY	Bethlehem	Samuel	
PUBLICLY	At Hebron	By men of Judah	7 ½ years
PUBLICLY	At Hebron	By all Israel and Judah	33 years

- David was 30 years old when he began to reign publicly and he reigned for 40 years.

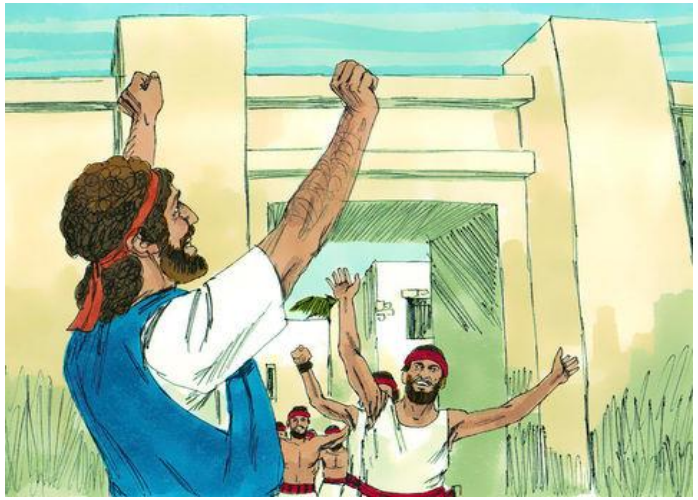
- A period of civil war since Abner- Saul's general - makes **ISHBOSHETH** king over the eleven tribes (2:8- 10).
- After a long war between Saul's house and David's house, Abner breaks with Ishbosheth and attempts to negotiate with David (3:1, 21).
- David agrees to cooperate.

DAVID's Achievements as King of all Israel and Judah:

- David **captured Jerusalem** from the Jebusites and made it his permanent capital. *(II Sam 5: 6-9)*



6 *And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying,* ***Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither:*** *thinking, David cannot come in hither.*

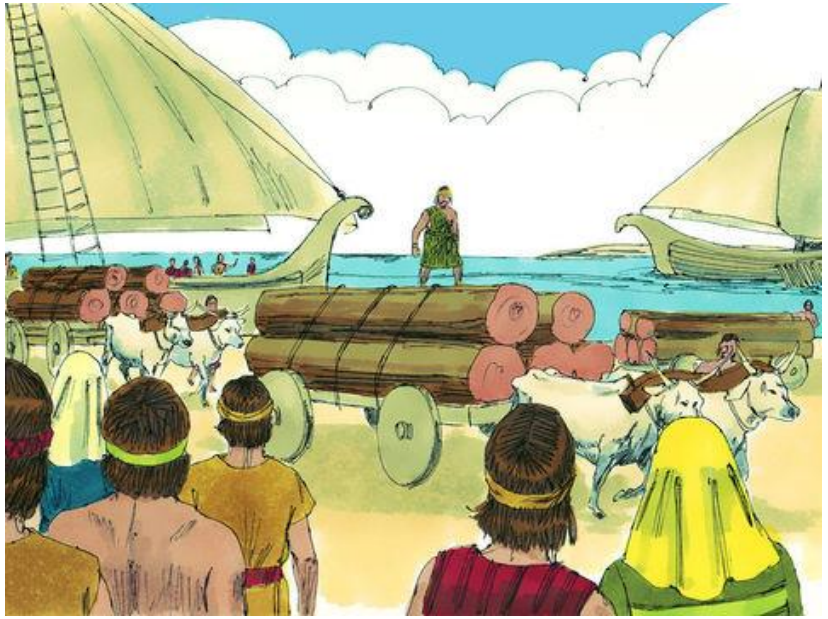


7 ***Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: the same is the city of David.***

- He started developing the land around the fortress and the Lord was with him in all he did.

2 Samuel 5: 10 *And David went on, and* ***grew great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.***

11 And ***Hiram king of Tyre*** *sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they built David an house.*



He enlarges his kingdom, hires Hiram, the King of Tyre, to build him a palace.

DAVID's Achievements as King of all Israel and Judah:

Victories against the Philistines: (2 Sam. 5:17-25).

- *He is victorious over the Philistines **twice** during this time. **Both victories were at the hand of God ; and each time, David inquires from the Lord.***

- *Vs. 19 And **David enquired of the LORD,** saying, **Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand?***
- *And the LORD said unto David, **Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand.***

- *22 And the **Philistines came up yet again,** and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim.*

- *23 And **when David enquired of the LORD**, he said, Thou shalt not go up; but fetch a compass behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees.*
- *24 And let it be, when thou hearest the sound of a going in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then shall the LORD go out before thee, to smite the host of the Philistines.*

- *25 And **David did so, as the LORD had commanded him; and smote the Philistines** from Geba until thou come to Gazer.*

❑ DAVID's Achievements as King of all Israel:

He desires to Bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem:

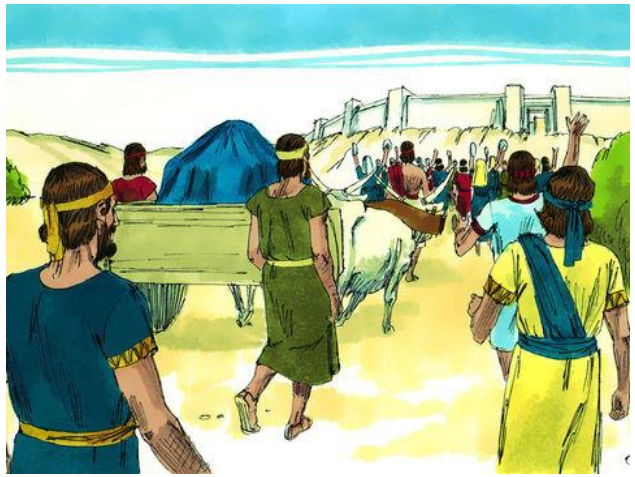
2 Sam. 6:1-19; 1 Chron. 13:1-14; 15:1–16:43).

- The Ark of the Covenant had been at the house of Abinadab at **Kirath-jearim (Baalah)** for the **last 92 years**.

- David wanted to bring it to Jerusalem and put it in a new tabernacle he had.

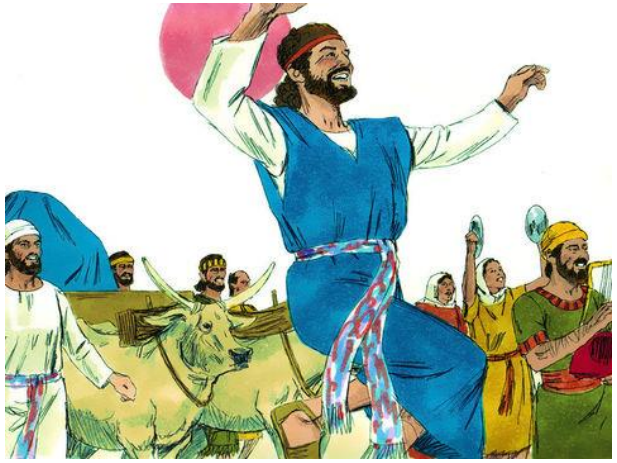


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2 Sam 6 : 2 *And **David** arose, **and went with all the people** that were with him from Baale of Judah, **to bring up from thence the ark of God,***

3 *And **they set the ark of God upon a new cart,** and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and **Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart.***



5 *And **David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD** on all manner of instruments made of fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries, and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.*

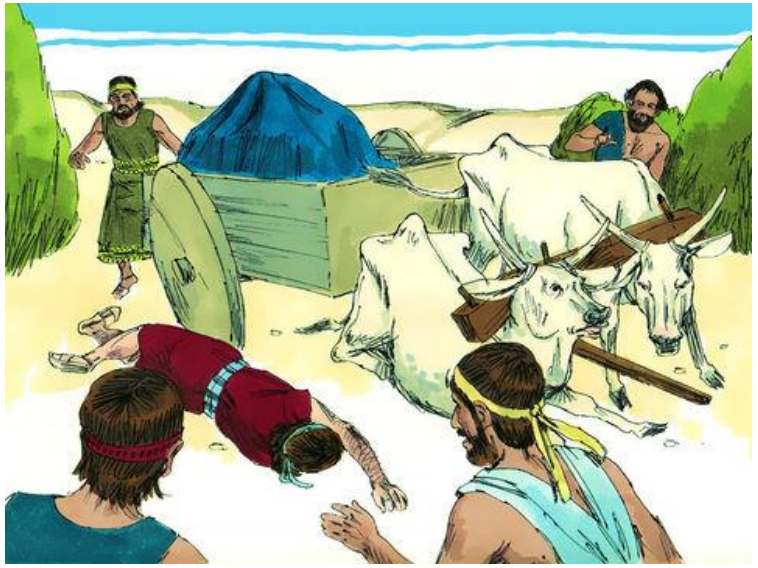
Note: They did not think it was important to obey God's instruction that the Ark was only to be moved by the Levites

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- [6] *And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor,* ***Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it.***

- [7] *And the* ***anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah****; and* ***God smote him*** *there for his error; and there* ***he died by the ark of God.***

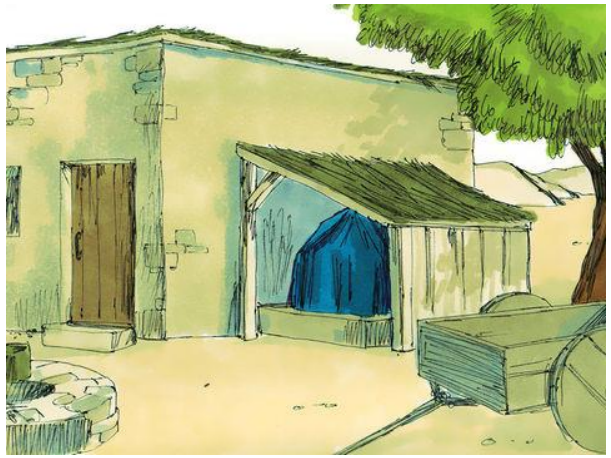
- [9] *And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said,* ***How shall the ark of the LORD come to me?***



Uzzah killed by God

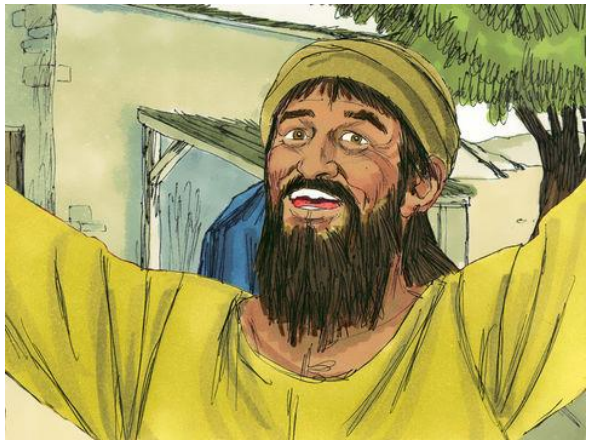
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- The Ark was taken to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite where it stayed for the next three months.

- While the Ark was at his **house the Lord blessed Obed-Edom and his family.**



- 2 Sam 6: [11] *And the ark of the LORD continued in the house of Obededom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obededom, and all his household.*

- **2 Samuel 6:** [12] *And it was told king David, saying,*
  The LORD hath blessed the house of Obededom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God.

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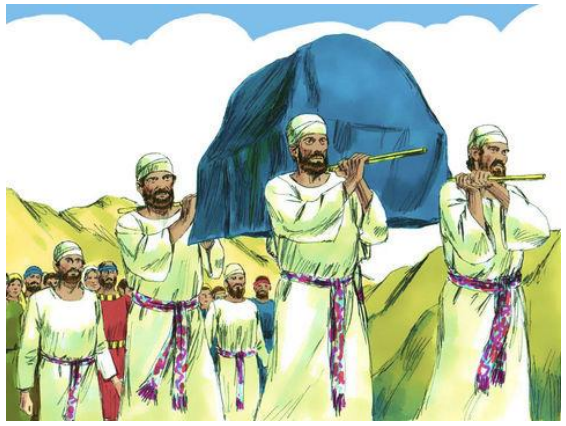
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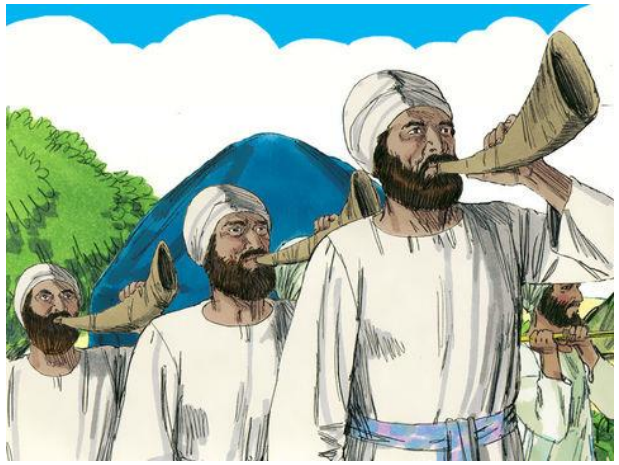
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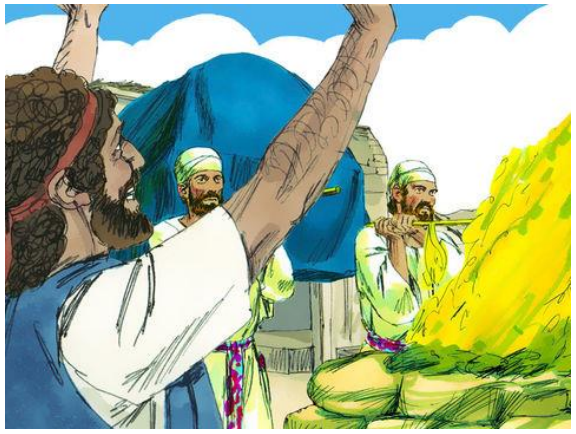
12b … So ***David went and brought up the ark of God*** *from the house of Obededom* ***into the city of David with gladness.***

13 *And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the* LORD *had gone six paces, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings.*

14 *And* ***David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.***







The Ark Brought to Jerusalem:

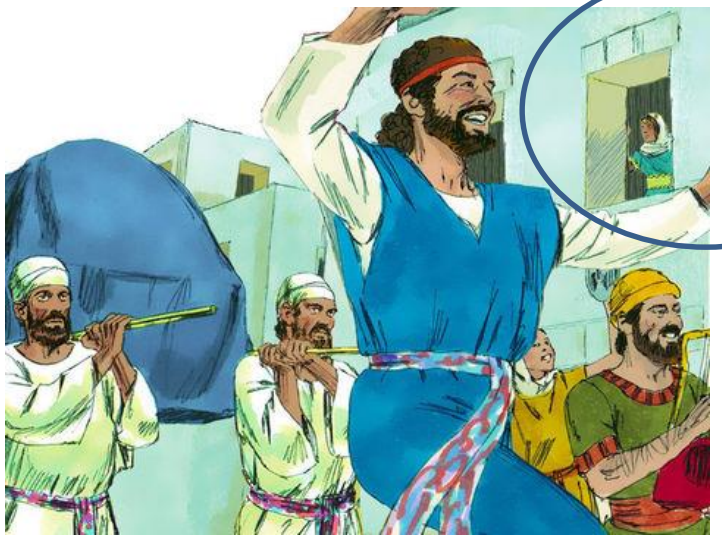
- 17 *And they brought in the ark of the* LORD*, and set it in his place,* ***in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it****: and* ***David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the*** LORD*.*

- 18 *And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings,* ***he blessed the people in the name of the*** LORD ***of hosts.***

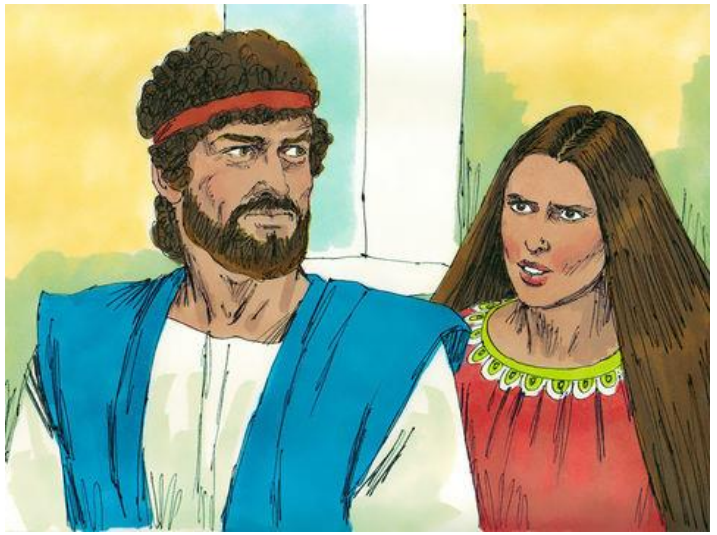


DAVID's Achievements as King of all Israel:

- *Upon returning home, he is **severely rebuked for all this "religious emotional nonsense" by his wife Michal** (2 Sam. 6:20-23).*



MICHAL ***: How glorious was the king of Israel to day, who uncovered himself to day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself!***



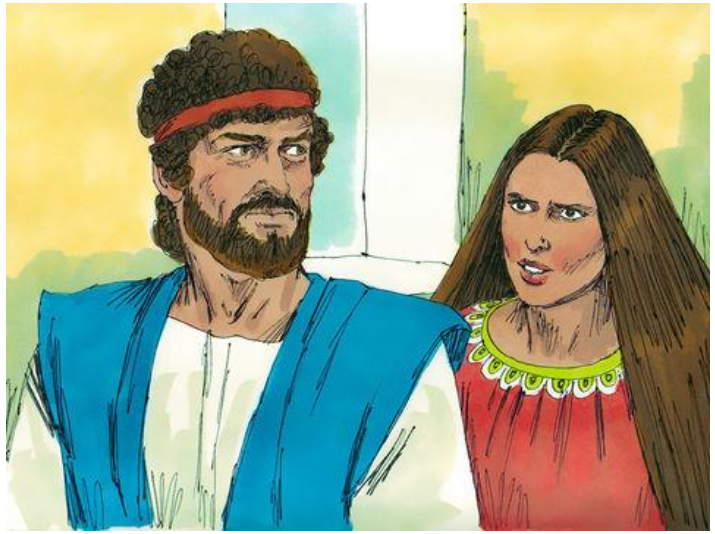
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❑ 21 **DAVID** *to Michal,*

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It was before the LORD, which chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD.

22 And I will yet be more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: and of the maidservants which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour.



23 Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

DAVID's Achievements as King of all Israel:

- David then appointed some of the Levites to "***minister before the ark of the Lord, and to record, and to thank and praise the Lord God of Israel***" (1 Chron. 16:4; 25:7).

- This **choir**, numbering **288**, was to do nothing but praise and thank the Lord.

- David now delivers his first recorded Psalm (1 Chron. 16:7-36).

DAVID's Achievements as King of all Israel:

- He **desires to build a temple**, but this request is not allowed by God (2 Sam. 7:17; 1 Chron. 17:4).

- 2 Sam 7 : 1 *And it came to pass,* ***when the king sat in his house****, and the* ***LORD had given him rest*** *round about from all his enemies;*

- *2 That the king said unto Nathan the prophet,* ***See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains****.*

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- *4 Go and tell David my servant,* ***Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in:***

- **Not David but his son Solomon:**

12 *And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers,* ***I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels****, and I will establish his kingdom.* ***13 He shall build an house for my name****, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.*

DAVID's Achievements as King of all Israel:

- David is given the **Davidic Covenant from God** (2 Sam. 7:8-17).

This all-important covenant stated:

- **David is to have a child**, yet to be born, **who will succeed him and establish his kingdom.**
- His son (Solomon) **shall build the Temple** instead of David.
- The throne of his kingdom **shall be established forever.**
- The t**hrone will not be taken away from him** (Solomon) even though his sins justify chastisement. (See Ps. 89:33-37.)

- **David's house, throne, and kingdom shall be established forever (has reference to the coming Messiah** (See also Lk. 1:28-33, 68-75; Acts 15:13-18.)

DAVID – the SOVEREIGN KING over all Israel and Judah:

- David now consolidates his kingdom by **defeating** in rapid succession the **Philistines,** the **Moabites**, the **Syrians,** and the **Edomites** (2 Sam. 8:1-14).
- 15 *And **David reigned over all Israel**; …*
- 16 *And **Joab** the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder;*
- 17 *And **Zadok** the son of Ahitub, and **Ahimelech the son of Abiathar,** were the priests; and **Seraiah** was the scribe;*
- 18 *And **Benaiah** the son of Jehoiada was over both the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief rulers.*

DAVID – the SOVEREIGN KING over all Israel:



- David remembered the promise he had made to King Saul's son, Jonathan, to show kindness to his family and descendants.

- Jonathan and Saul had both died in battle against the Philistines.

- **In those days a new ruler would often kill the relatives of a previous king as they might be a threat to his rule.**

DAVID – the SOVEREIGN KING over all Israel:

- *He seeks out and shows kindness to **MEPHIBOSHETH**, Jonathan's lame son (2 Sam. 9:1-13)*

- Vs **3 David :** ***Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him***?

- **Ziba :** ***Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet***.



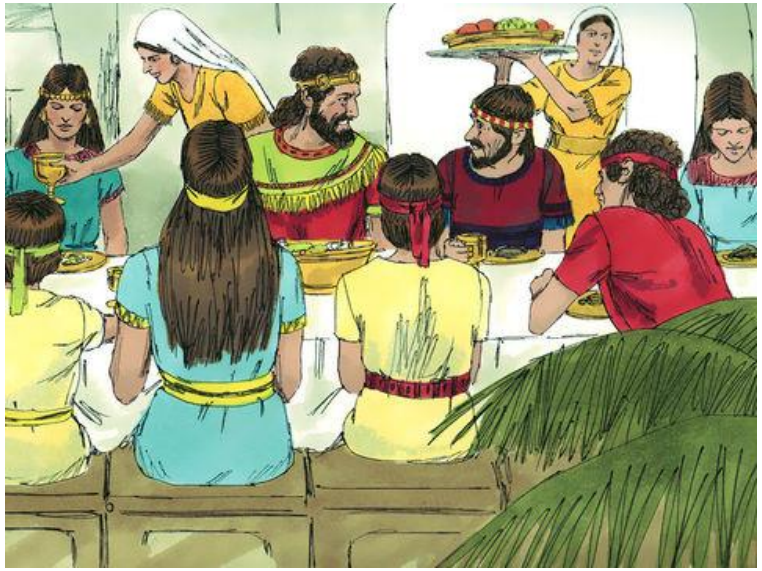
- Mephibosheth had been a young child at the palace when a messenger ran to announce news of King Saul's death and that the Philistines were coming.
- His nurse picked him up and fled, but as she hurried to leave, he fell and became disabled. (2 Samuel 4:4). –

DAVID – the SOVEREIGN KING over all Israel :

- **Mephibosheth**: *Behold thy servant!*
- **David :** ***Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.***

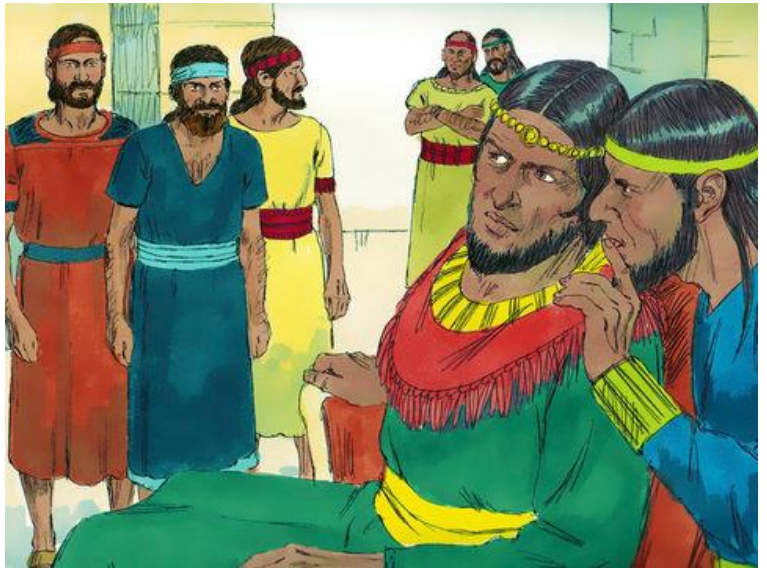


- **Mephibosheth**: *What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?*
- **David *to Ziba , Saul's servant*:** ***Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table.***



DAVID – the SOVEREIGN KING over all Israel:

- ***He seeks to show kindness to HANUN , when his father NAHASH died:*** ***2 Samuel 10***



- **David**: *I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me.*

David's kindness spurned:

- 3 And the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, ***Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David rather sent his servants unto thee, to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it?***

DAVID – the SOVEREIGN KING over all Israel:

- Wherefore **HANUN** took David's servants, and **shaved off the one half of their beards**, and **cut off their garments in the middle**, even to their buttocks, and **sent them away**.

- The **Ammonites hired 33,000 Arameans** knowing David would retaliate for his shamed men.
- The **Arameans were routed**; David's soldiers killed 700 of their charioteers and 40,000 of their foot soldiers.

- When all the Kings of the **Arameans saw they were defeated they made peace with the Israelites** and became subject to them.

