

David: Moab...Nob... Kei'lah

1 Sam 22:3-23:14

1 Sam 22: 3

Why king of Moab?

- Couldn't trust any other leader
- King of Moab protect enemy of his enemy, Saul
- King of Moab want his services in attacking Judah
- King of Moab a relative

Jamiesson: *The king of Moab was an enemy of Saul ([1 Samuel 14:47](#)), and the great-grandson of Ruth, of course, was related to the family of Jesse*

1 Sam 22:4

Hold: Stronghold, strong place, fortress, castle, net, snare, place of defense. ...*till I know what God will do for me.*

Needed God do something on his behalf.

Until an individual reaches rock bottom, he has no chance of ever reaching the Rock of Ages.

A man must realize that he can't do it in order for him to realize that God can do it.

1 Sam 22:5

Gad came at right time.

Came as answer to David's prayer.

Forest of Hareth: southwest of Jerusalem

1 Sam 22:6

Oriental princes frequently sit with court under shady canopy in open air.

Spear was early scepter.

1 Sam 22:7

If stay loyal to me I guarantee you positions of leadership in royal army. David prejudice. From tribe of Judah and will pick own tribesmen for leadership.

Saul tries to divide nation of Israel into two factions.

1 Sam 22:8

No one tells me when my son makes covenant with son of Jesse.

1 Sam 22:9-10

Doeg lied.

He was an alien to nation of Israel and God of Israel.

Don't expect your enemies to tell others the whole truth about you.

Powell: *With a sinister smile on his face, he poured, as it were, gasoline on the fires of hate already burning in the king's soul. Treachery and a*

desire for revenge made Doeg a brutal murderer. Since he thought only of himself, he damned his soul.

Psa 52:1 -7 ...7 Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

Results of Saul's jealousy.

1 Sam 22:11-15

I didn't know anything of this whole affair.

New Commentary... The unfortunate priest, located only a few miles from Saul's capital at Gibeah, knew literally nothing of what Saul was talking about. Such was the state of communications in Israel three thousand years ago

1 Sam 22:16-17

Soldiers stood in horror at request.

Didn't act upon it.

Wouldn't kill God's anointed.

Why?

- Secretly loyal to David.
- Afraid of judgment of God.
- Saw through Saul.

Regarding Doeg

New Commentary: As a non-Israelite, he probably did not have any qualms about killing the priests, as did Saul's other men. Thus was fulfilled the prophesied doom of the house of Eli (1 Sam. 2:31). But Saul, in addition to his disagreements with Samuel and David, has now lost the support of the other priests of Israel.

1 Sam 22:18

Within minutes blood everywhere.

Josephus—385 men in all...85 were priests

1 Sam 22:19

Carnage everywhere.

Fulfillment of prophesy given by Samuel to Eli the priest.

These priests of Nob descendents of Eli. 1 Sam 2:31-32

Move tabernacle to Gibeon 1 Chr 16:39; 1 Kin 3:4

1 Sam 22:20

He carries ephod and sacred garments

1 Sam 22:21-22

I have been cause of destruction.

1 Sam 22:23

How escape? Maybe attending to duties in sanctuary ... heard scurrying and the screams and hid himself.

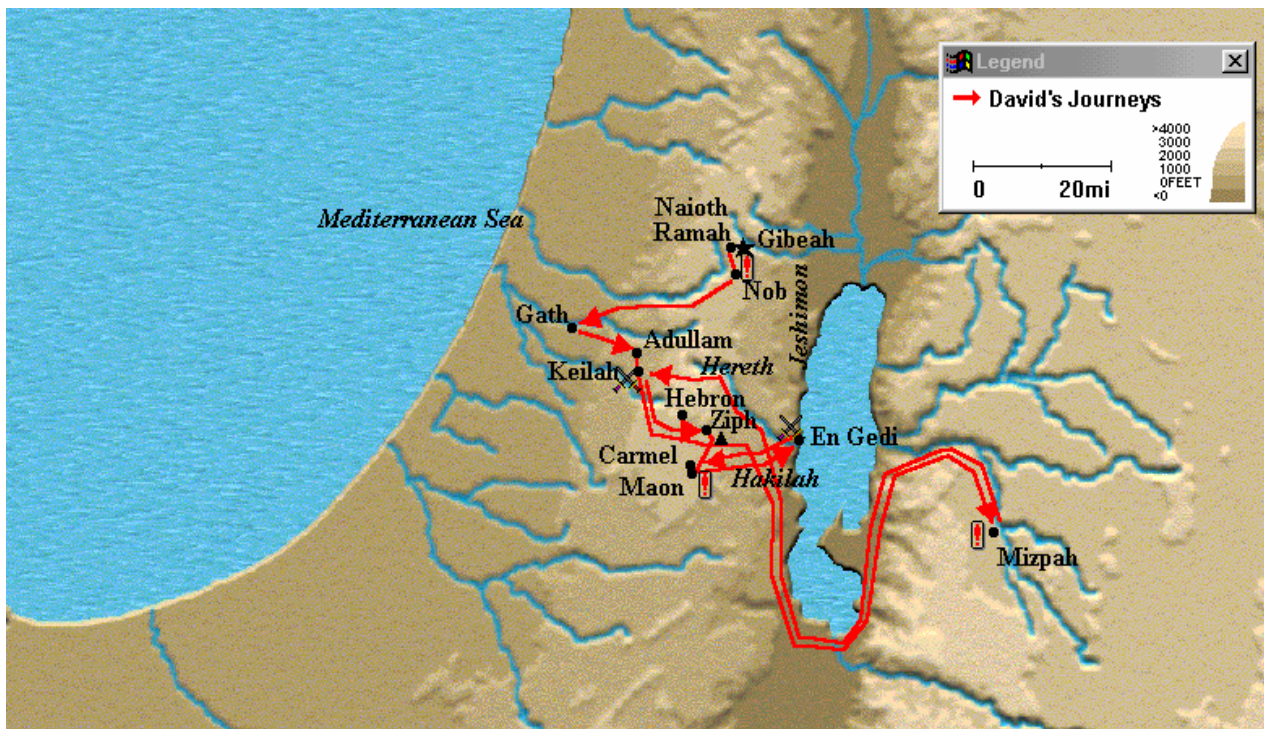
Maybe cleaning garments of priests.

1 Sam 23:1

Time of harvest

Philistines appear to steal harvest and cattle from people of Kei'lah.

Philistines raid threshing floors after Israelites done work of harvesting and processing grain.



1 Sam 23:2

David's back!

Inquiring of Lord

1 Sam 23:3

David's 400 mighty men speak out

1 Sam 23:4-5

David with hand of God upon him.

Living life from God's perspective.

Now, instead of living in caves and dens, they had a city to live in Psa 27:1-6

1 Sam 23:6

Abi'athar High Priest.

David delighted because of ephod in hand.

Urim and Thummin.

Used by High Priest in determining will of God.

F.B. Meyer: *The high priest's inner garment was a white linen tunic, over which he wore a blue robe, and above this the ephod, made of white interwoven linen, with blue and purple and scarlet and gold threads. To this was affixed the breastplate, in which were twelve precious stones, corresponding to the twelve tribes of Israel. In this breastplate were probably either one or two very beautiful and resplendent diamonds, through which God manifested His will. If to any question reverently put to Him by the priest the answer was no, the light in these precious stones dimmed; if on the contrary, it was yes, they flashed with splendor.*

Rev 2:17 Jesus saying to church-- He will give to each and every child of God their own Urim and Thummim "*which is a conscience void of offense, a heart cleansed in the blood of Christ, a spiritual nature that is pervaded by the Holy Spirit of God.*" FB Meyer, Great Men of the Bible, Zondervan, p 33.

Gad, prophet of God, with him.

Now Abi'athar, High Priest, with him.

Abi'athar and ephod represented most precious and privileged rights and privileges of priesthood.

1 Sam 30:6-7

1 Sam 23:7-8

Saul--on prowl again.

1 Sam 23:9-11

God didn't answer first request

God answered second request

1 Sam 23:12

Will the men of Kei'lah betray me?

God says, ***They will deliver thee up.***

1 Sam 23:13

Saul gave up search.

1 Sam 23:14

Pressure! Suffering? 1 Pet 1:6-7

The Fire: Kristine Wyrzten

I've been through a fire that has deepened my desire, to know the living God more and more.

It hasn't been much fun, but the work that it has done in my life has been worth the hurt.

You see sometimes we need the hard times to bring us to our knees, otherwise we do as we please and never heed him.

For he always knows what's best and it's when we are distressed that we really come to know God as he is.

David

- ❖ As young shepherd boy chosen to be next king of Israel.
- ❖ Went back to tending sheep for father.
- ❖ Father gave assignment--see how brothers doing in battle..Take food
- ❖ Goliath
- ❖ God one platform after another.
- ❖ Becomes national hero.
- ❖ God allows all platforms to be taken out from underneath him.
- ❖ God allows go through suffering.
- ❖ Headed toward wilderness of Ziph.