

Abigail and Nabal

1 Samuel 25

1 Sam 25:1 Samuel died at _____.

In ministry 16-20 years _____ Saul.

House in Ramah: house/sepulchre purchased for _____.

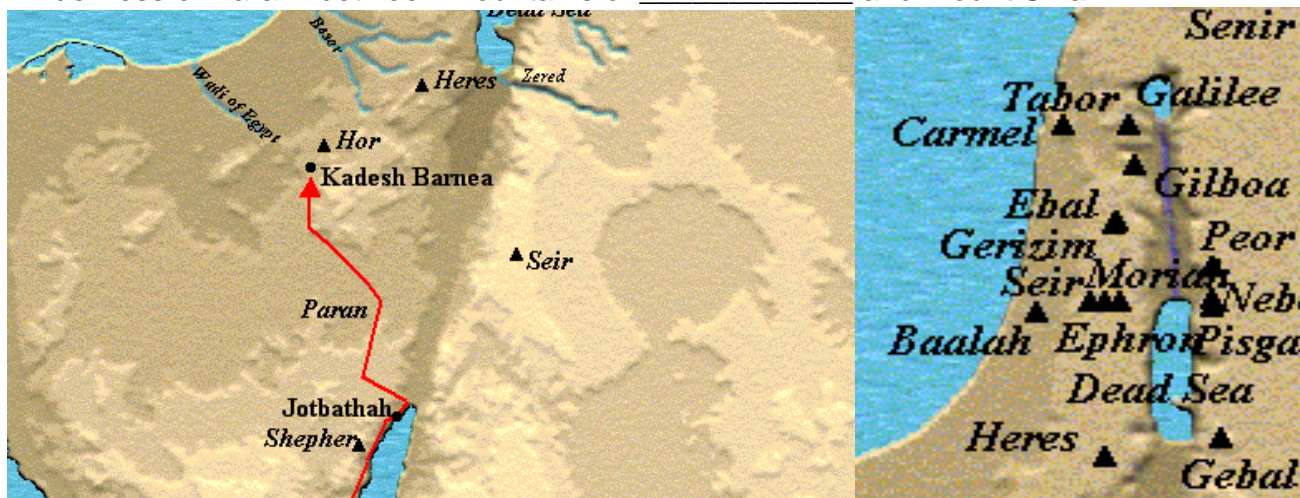
A house for the _____.

Samuel's death--no longer a _____ influence on nation

All Israel gathers together to mourn death-- David, most likely, attended.

Careful not close to Saul

Wilderness of Paran--between mountains of _____ and Mount Sinai.



_____ huge industry.

Someone outside city in fields--_____.

Common for shepherders and shearers _____ by wild tribes.

Customary for large landowners to _____ men to protect properties.

David and men behind scenes fighting _____ tribes.

Custom--landowners lay aside portions to payoff or _____ these protectors

Nabal --self-centered, egotistical and _____ man who won't pay up.

1 Sam 25:2-3 **The man was very great.** _____ —lots of money.

When say "he is a great man" what mean?

- Great in _____
- Great in _____
- Great in _____
- Great in _____

Nabal fits _____ category

Nabal—_____, stupid, vile, base, villainous.

- **Churlish:** harsh, hard, _____, belligerent, cruel, grievous, hard- hearted, impudent, obstinate, vulgar.
- **Evil in his doings**—_____, deceptive, unfair
- **Of the house of Caleb.** From same _____ as David.

Clark: *But as the word signifies a dog, ...implying a man of a canine disposition, he was a doggish man...*

Jamiesson... he was snappish as a _____.

Mt Hen: *Riches make men look great in the eye of the world; but to one that takes right views, Nabal looked very mean. He had no honour or honesty; he was churlish, cross, and ill-humored; evil in his doings, hard and oppressive; a man that cared not what fraud and violence he used in getting and saving. What little reason have we to value the wealth of this world, when so great a churl as Nabal abounds, and so good a man as David suffers want!*

1 Sam 25:3 Abigail...Good understanding: Discerning, able to make present decisions based on future _____.

Evaluate impact of words before speaking.

A person with understanding:

- Seeks Wise _____: Prov 1:5
- Has a personal _____ with God Prov 9:10
- Is able to control his temper Prov 11:12
- Won't follow vain persons Prov 12:11
- Is slow to _____ Prov 14:29
- Has a heart that seeks knowledge Prov 15:14
- Walks _____ Prov 15:21
- Won't make unwise _____ Prov 17:18
- Has an excellent _____ Prov 17:27
- Doesn't speak before _____ it through Prov 17:28
- Will not _____ people Prov 28:16

Beautiful: comely, fair, goodly, _____, well.

Countenance: _____ features,

1 Sam 25:4 David responsible for _____ and managing affairs of at least 600 mighty men.

_____ Nabal's sheep and property.

Customary for men who protected sheep to expect _____ from landowner.

Time of shearing--time of _____.

1 Sam 25:5-6 Customary _____ to friend.

1 Sam 25:7-8 We have protected your men and flocks. You know the custom, sir. Since we have been guarding your stock you need to take care of our _____. At least _____ us! ...Let yourself be a blessing to my young men. We are here on a good day for you. It is a time of celebration and festivities and eating. If you can spare something for my men please give to them and to myself.

1 Sam 25:9-10 *I don't know anything about David. Who does this son of Jesse think he is? There are a lot of servants these days that run away from their _____*

1 Sam 25:11 *Should I take bread and water... and give to band of outlaws who come from who knows where?*

1 Sam 25:12 Nabal implying David and men trying to rip him off...he only feeds men who _____ for a living.

1 Sam 25:13 *Get your _____, men!*

2/3 of his men—_____ warriors.

1 Sam 25:14 Why came to Abigail and not husband?

Maybe she _____

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And he railed on them: express objections or _____ in bitter, harsh, or abusive language.

1 Sam 25:15-17 Son of Belial: worthless, _____

Powell: *This is the story of an astute and courageous woman who was unfortunately married to a foolish man. ...*

She has lived for years with this man who has an _____ problem.

She is extremely ashamed of him and _____

1 Sam 25:18-19 Sometimes it is vital that a wife goes to _____ for husband.

Sometimes she needs to stick up for him without _____ a word.

FB Meyer: *God-fearing women, tender and gentle in their sensibilities, high-minded and noble in their ideals, become tied in an indissoluble union with men for whom they can have no true affinity.*

Why do outstanding Young Ladies Marry Nabals?

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____ Past
- _____ Tie
- _____ Involvement
- _____

1 Sam 25:20 David coming down Mount Paran;

Abigail coming down from _____

1 Sam 25:21-22 Pisseth against the wall. ... *proverbial expression among the Israelites; and may with the utmost propriety be read "any male."* Treasury of Scriptural Knowledge.

1 Sam 25:23-25 Talk about really knowing her husband.

She had him pegged

Regard this man of Belial: Unprofitable, _____; wicked evil, naughty, ungodly. Look at with intelligence this evil and worthless man.

Folly is with him: _____, wickedness; a crime; punishment:--folly, vile, villainy.

Handmaid: bonds slave, servant--_____ times.

My lord: _____ times

1 Sam 25:26-28 Sir, you're next king of Israel.

Don't ruin your _____ by murdering a man.

1 Sam 25:29 He will cast them off from himself as a _____ is cast out from a sling.

1 Sam 25:30-31 If kill my husband--live with this deed the rest of life.

but when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid.

She shows _____.

1 Sam 25:32

Swindoll: *What a guy! Is it any wonder God chose David as a man after His own heart? What a teachable spirit. He's got a sword ready to be unsheathed, and yet he looks at this woman he's never met before and he listens to her without interrupting...and he changes his entire demeanor. Talk about a man after God's heart. That's one of the reasons. He was willing to ...*

1 Sam 25:33

Jamieson: *Transported by passion and blinded by revenge, he was on the eve of perpetrating a great injury.*

1 Sam 25:34-35 Saved _____ life and gained credibility from next king of Israel!

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1 Sam 25:36-37 Drunk!

Clark: *He was thunderstruck, and was so terrified at the apprehension of what he had escaped, that the fear overcame his mind, he became insensible to all things around him, probably refused all kinds of nourishment, and _____ in ten days.*

1 Sam 25:38-39 ... **and hath kept his servant from evil.** The Lord has paid Nabal back **And David sent and communed with Abigail, to take her to him to wife.**

1 Sam 25:40-42 By marriage with Abigail, David became _____ of Nabal's property

1 Sam 25:43 **David also took Ahinoam** (Achiyno'am, akh-ee-no'-am)**of Jezreel; and they were also both of them his wives.**

Of Jezreel—There were two places of this name; one in the tribe of Issachar, the other in the tribe of Judah.

1 Sam 25:44

Observations on Abigail

1. Her _____ Were Good
2. Her _____ Was Better
3. Her _____ Was Best of All
4. Her _____ was one of Frustration.

Observations concerning David:

1. _____ before you act.
2. Don't become _____ attached to your critics.
3. A true friend will at times be an _____. (Jonathan, Abigail)
4. Be willing to _____ yourself
5. Show appreciation to those who protect you. David married her.

Polygamy

1. It was _____ during his day.
2. Specific commands for monogamy (one spouse) and against polygamy (multiple wives) were issued in the _____ of God
Deu 17:16-17 Gen 2:24 Mal 2:15-16 Mark 10:11-12
3. In every case of polygamy in OT the consequences of man's sins were visited down to his future _____.