

DAVID FLEES TO GATH—AGAIN

(1 Samuel 27)

I. SAMUEL (1 Samuel 1-7)

II. SAUL (1 Samuel 8-15)

III. DAVID (1 Samuel 16-31)

A. David in EXILE in the land of the PHILISTINES (1 Samuel 27:1-12)

1. After years in the wilderness, in the heart of David there was doubt. (27:1)

- a. David thought that if he remained in _____, that one day Saul would eventually capture and _____ him.

* Have you ever felt the emotions of despair or doubt while in a difficult trial?

- b. David had his eyes on his _____ rather than on the _____ who had _____ delivered him out of the hand of Saul.

* What past experiences did David have to substantiate his lack of faith in Jehovah?

2. David and his band of 600 men left the land of Judah and went into Gath. (27:2-6)

- a. David and each of his men according to _____ were given a place to live by the _____ king, Achish.

- b. Because David now _____ in the Philistine city of Gath, Saul stopped _____ him for good.

- c. Rather than live in the _____, David asked the king for his own _____; and he and his men were rewarded with the city of Ziklag.

* How long did David and his men live in the land of the Philistines (v. 7)?

3. While living in Ziklag, David and his small army of men raided three separate groups of pagan people...including the *Geshurites*, the *Girzites*, and the *Amalekites*. (27:8-9)

* Joshua 13:1-3, 13; Exodus 17:15-16; Deut. 25:17-19; 1 Samuel 15:2-9; Deut. 20:10-18

- a. One purpose of these raids by David was used by the Lord to _____ the pagan _____ of Israel that Joshua did not rout from the Promised Land.
- b. A second purpose of these raids was very practical in nature, i.e., to provide _____ and other needed _____ for David and his 600 men, their spouses and children.
- c. A third purpose of these raids was to continue to build a base of _____ among fellow Judahites that David liberated, so that he would essentially win their _____ and their “_____” before he took the throne.

4. Periodically David came to Gath to answer to King Achish (27:9-12)

- a. When Achish inquired of David where he got all of the _____ of war, David _____ Achish into thinking that he had raided _____ territories.

* How was David able to keep the truth from the king?

- b. Achish believed the _____, and he thought that the people of Israel would eventually _____ David like a stinking, rotting _____.

* Can the conduct of David during these 16 months be condoned?

* What can you learn from this chapter?