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# Life in Another Kingdom

## Lessons: From the Life of King David Pt. 8



# Life in a Foreign Kingdom

(Outside the Place of God's Provision)

1 Samuel 27-30

# The Back Story

# David as Fugitive



Saul considered David as his mortal enemy



7½ years sought him to kill him



# David Spares Saul

As the Lord lives, the Lord shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish. The Lord forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the Lord's anointed.

1 Samuel 26:10-11



# David lapse from faith

Now I shall perish someday by the hand of Saul.  
There is nothing better for me than that I should  
speedily escape to the land of the Philistines;  
and Saul will despair of me, to seek me anymore ...”

1 Samuel 27:1



# David lapse from faith

So David and his six hundred men left Israel and went to Achish son of Maoch, king of Gath. David, his men, and their families made their home in Gath with Achish. David had his two wives with him—Ahinoam of Jezreel and Abigail of Carmel, the widow of Nabal.

1 Samuel 27:1





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# Life In a Foreign Kingdom



**So David and his six hundred men left Israel**

1 Samuel 27:2

**Now the time that David dwelt in the country of  
the Philistines was one full year and four months.**

1 Samuel 27:7

# Life In a Foreign Kingdom



Away from the Promise Land – The Kingdom of God

Moving to a Kingdom of Men

1 Samuel 27-30



# Life In the Kingdoms of Men



# With the Leaders

Went to King of Gath – Achish (1 Samuel 27:1-7)

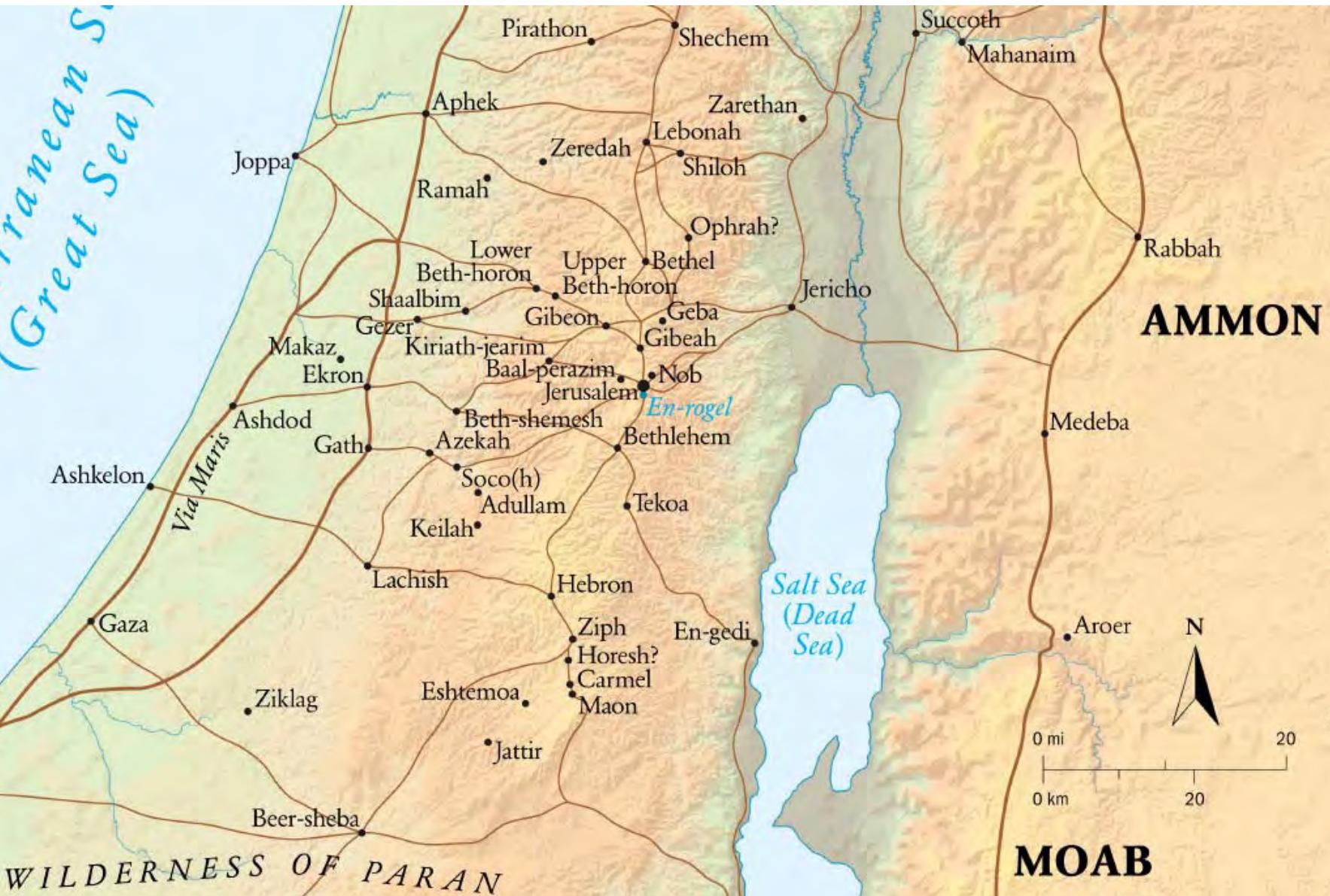
Received his protection - (Saul quit seeking him)

Received his provisions - (Moved to Ziklag)

Became his servant – (Obligated to the enemy)

(Now Achish has certain expectations of David)

*Mediterranean S.  
(Great Sea)*





# With David's Warriors

The Need for Provisions in Ziklag (1 Samuel 27:8-12)

Attacked people dwelling in various areas

They were enemies of Israel and the Philistines

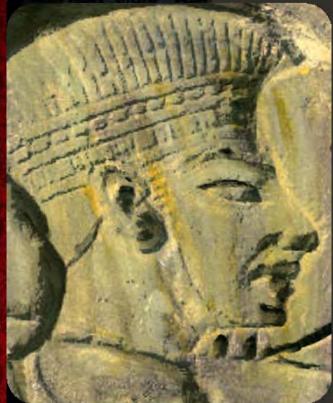
Lied to Achish to make his position look good

(Achish had certain expectations of David)



# Life in the Kingdom of Men

*And thus was his behavior all the time he dwelt in  
the country of the Philistines.*



*So Achish believed David, saying,  
“He has made his people Israel utterly abhor  
him; therefore he will be my servant forever.”*

1 Samuel 27:11-12



# Life in the Kingdom of Men

*1 Samuel 28:1-2*

*Situations you cannot control # 1*



*Battle against Israel and Saul*

*Achish commands David to battle.*



# Life in the Kingdom of Men

*1 Samuel 29:1-11*

*Princes of Philistines reject David*



*10 year old song*

*Fear he will turn against them in battle*



# Life in the Kingdom of Men

*1 Samuel 30:1-25*

*Situations you cannot control #2*

*Capture and Destruction of Ziklag*

*(Sowing & Reaping)*

# Capture & Destruction of Ziklag



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# The Psalms of King David

Psalm 56



# **Psalm 56:1-2**



**Be merciful to me, O God,  
for man would swallow me up;  
Fighting all day he oppresses me.  
  
My enemies would hound me all day,  
For there are many who fight against me, O Most High.**

# **Psalm 56:3-4**



**Whenever I am afraid,  
I will trust in You.  
  
In God (I will praise His word),  
In God I have put my trust;  
  
I will not fear.  
  
What can flesh do to me?**

# **Psalm 56:8-9**



**You number my wanderings;  
Put my tears into Your bottle;  
Are they not in Your book?  
When I cry out to You,  
Then my enemies will turn back;  
This I know, because God is for me.**

# **Psalm 56:10-11**



**In God (I will praise His word),**

**In the Lord (I will praise His word),**

**In God I have put my trust;**

**I will not be afraid.**

**What can man do to me?**

# The Psalms of King David

Psalm 103



# **Psalm 103:1-2**



**Bless the Lord, O my soul;  
And all that is within me, bless His holy name!**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
And forget not all His benefits**

# **Psalm 103:3-4**



**Who forgives all your iniquities,  
Who heals all your diseases,  
  
Who redeems your life from destruction,  
Who crowns you with lovingkindness  
and tender mercies,**

# **Psalm 103:5-6**



**Who satisfies your mouth with good things,  
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**The Lord executes righteousness  
And justice for all who are oppressed.**

# **Psalm 103:7-8**



**He made known His ways to Moses,**

**His acts to the children of Israel.**

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,**

**Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.**

# **Psalm 103:9-10**



**He will not always strive with us,  
Nor will He keep His anger forever.**

**He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
Nor punished us according to our iniquities.**

# **Psalm 103:11-12**



**For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;**

**As far as the east is from the west,  
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.**

**Psalm 103:13-14**



**As a father pities his children,  
So the Lord pities those who fear Him.**

**For He knows our frame;  
He remembers that we are dust.**

# Capture & Destruction of Ziklag



*David sought direction  
from the Lord*

*1 Samuel 30:7*



# The Psalms of King David

Psalm 5



# **Psalm 5:1-2**



**Give ear to my words, O Lord,  
Consider my meditation.**

**Give heed to the voice of my cry,  
My King and my God,  
For to You I will pray.**

# Psalm 5:8



**Lead me, O Lord, in Your righteousness  
because of my enemies;  
Make Your way straight before my face.**

## **Psalm 5:11-12**



**Let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;  
Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them;  
Let those also who love Your name  
Be joyful in You.  
For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous;  
With favor You will surround him as with a shield.**



# The Result of Turning to God

*David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken;  
and David rescued his two wives.*

*Nothing was missing, whether small or great, sons or  
daughters, spoil or anything that had been taken;*

*David brought back everything.*

1 Samule 30:18-19



# The Result of Turning to God

*When David came to Ziklag, he sent part of the spoil to his friends, the elders of Judah, saying,*

*“Here is a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD”;*

*it was for those in Bethel, in Ramoth of the Negeb... in all the places where David and his men had roamed.*

1 Samule 26-31



# The Result of Turning to God

Recovery of what was taken

Reconnecting with people of the past.



# Life in the Kingdoms of Men

There is a way that seems right to a man,  
But its end is the way of death.

Proverbs 14:12

Safety from Saul – Obligations to Achish

Leaving provisions of God – Ways of man

# Lessons



From living life in Kingdoms of Men

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We are to be in the world but not of the world

*I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*

*John 17:14-16*

# Lessons

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## We have a special citizenship

*For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...*

*Philippians 4:20*

# Lessons

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## 1. Sources of obligation change from God to man.

*My God shall supply all your need according to his riches  
in glory in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 4:19

# Lessons

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2. Use ways of man to live life – rather than God's ways

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His  
righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

Matthew 6:33

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## 3. Compromise what we know is right

*So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails*

*to do it, for him it is sin.*

James 4:17

# Lessons

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## 4. What sow unrighteousness which we will reap

*...whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.  
For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*

Galatians 6:7-8

# Lessons

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## 5. There is a way back

Strengthen self in the Lord  
Seek the guidance of the Lord.

# Lessons

From life in Kingdoms of Men



1. Source of obligation changes from God to man
2. Use the ways of man to live
3. Compromise the right
4. Reap Unrighteousness we sow
5. There is a way back



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