

1 Samuel 22

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22 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. (David was hurting at this time. He wrote of it in Psalms-34, 52 & 56) (David's family joined him, for fear of Saul's revenge. Adullam was a cave in southern Judah)

²And 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. (These are those that were not doing well and those that hated Saul's corrupt kingship. They must have felt the presence of God, with David. They could see that he was a natural leader)

³And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me. (Moab – descendants of Lot; Ruth, a Moabitess married to Boaz, was a judge of Israel, many years earlier. She was David's grandmother on his father's side. Boaz was Jesse's father)

⁴And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold. (While he was hiding out from Saul)

⁵And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hareth. (God wanted David out of hiding)

⁶When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah, having his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him;) (tree in Ramah = groves in a high place, used for Ashtaroth worship – This is a bad translation) (Saul is involved in idol worship in Gibeah, as are many of his men)

⁷Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds; (Saul has become paranoid and thinks that everyone is

plotting against him. He's recounting to the men that he has been good to them since he became king)

⁸That 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? (Saul is accusing the men of not telling him that his own son, Jonathan, is even helping David. His guilt of having defied God is feeding his paranoia. David has no intention of killing Saul)

⁹Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. (Doeg, a scumbag, wants a reward for himself by telling David's location to Saul)

¹⁰And he enquired of the LORD for him, and gave him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

¹¹Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father's house, the priests that were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king.

¹²And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here I am, my lord.

¹³And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? (He now calls David "the son of Jesse") (Saul is accusing Ahimelech of treason for helping David)

¹⁴Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son in law, and goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house? (Ahimelech is saying that he had no reason to not trust David, who is a loyal subject of the king. Everyone but Saul knows that David is no traitor. David has been loyal to Saul since the beginning)

¹⁵Did I then begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king impute any thing unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father: for thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more. (Ahimelech is innocent. He is telling the truth)

¹⁶ And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house. (Saul is completely out of his mind. He is willing to kill anyone who helps David whether they are guilty or innocent)

¹⁷ And the king said unto the footmen that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of the LORD: because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not shew it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD. (They're not stupid. They see through Saul's BS. God warned them that a man king could become corrupt and ruin their lives, but they still picked the man over God)

(Never let an evil leader force you to you commit a crime. You'll answer for the crime in the end; not the one who forced your hand. The rich and powerful usually get away with all sorts of crimes)

¹⁸ And the king said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon the priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and slew on that day fourscore and five persons that did wear a linen ephod. (If the Israelites won't commit murder for Saul, he'll find someone who will. Doeg is a dirtbag Edomite murderer. He wants rewards from Saul for committing these 85 murders; of priests, no less)

See Samuel-2:31, 3:12 (This was prophesied concerning Eli's corrupt house. Also these priests were descended from Ithamar, the 4th son of Aaron. The priest line was supposed to be descended from Eleazar, his 3rd son. Their deaths will put the priest line back to the sons of Eleazar)

¹⁹ And Nob, the city of the priests, smote he with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword. (Saul is falsely invoking the law against treason that is written in Deuteronomy-13. These people never betrayed Israel. Saul sees anyone as possible traitors whether they do anything for David, or not. This is typical behavior of dictators who are trying to hold on to power, at any cost. They become paranoid and lose all reason)

²⁰ And one of the sons of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David. (He was the only survivor of Eli's progeny. This puts the Urim and Thumum in the hands of David's new priest. Now he can enquire of God on issues and decisions)

²¹ And Abiathar shewed David that Saul had slain the LORD's priests.

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. (Occasioned = caused – better translation) (David realizes that he should have killed Doeg right then)

²³ Abide thou with me, fear not: for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: but with me thou shalt be in safeguard. (God is protecting David, so Abiathar will be safe if he sticks with David)