

## I Samuel 7

**Chapter 22:** David hides in a cave in Adullam. Only tries to protect himself and never tries to harm Saul. His family went there and men gathered there to support him – people that were in debt or discontented. 400 men. Put his aged parents in a safe place – with king of Moab. States that God will do something with him.

Prophet Gad tells David he should go to Judah.

Saul seems totally consumed with getting David. Spear in his hand. Thinks that all are conspiring against him and that no one had told him that Jonathan had made a pact with David. Saul feels that he has given these men things which David could not give them.

Doeg the Edomite tells Saul that David had been with the High Priest, Ahimilech. Got provisions and Goliath's sword.

Calls for all the priest that were there. Gives them no respect. Has no fear of the Lord left at all. High Priest doesn't insist that he should not be tried by Saul. Says there is no better servant than David. He is also the king's son-in-law. He says he is not guilty.

Sentence is death to all of them. "Kill the priests of the LORD!"

Servants would not kill the priests. Doeg kills 85 priests wearing their ephods.

Then the city of Nob. All men, women, children. Ahimilech was descendant of Eli. God had prophesied through Samuel that Eli's family would all be judged. "Ears would tingle."

David blames himself for this. Knew that Doeg was there when he and his men arrived.

**Chapter 23:** Philistines attack city of Keilah. David goes with an army and wins a victory. Told by God that Philistines would be delivered to him.

Saul thinks that David and his men will be trapped in a locked city.

David asks God if Saul is coming and if the people of Keilah would deliver him to Saul. Has the ephod. God tells him that they would so David leaves with army of 600 men. Saul chases David around the wilderness. Saul leaves when Philistines invade again. David hides in En Gedi.

**Chapter 24:** Saul goes into En Gedi with 3000 men. Immediately after fighting the Philistines. Saul is obsessed by this. Should have David fighting with him.

End up in the same cave. David cuts off a piece of Saul's robe. He won't let his men harm Saul because he is the LORD's anointed.

Calls to Saul and bows down. Calls him father. Tells him that he means him no harm. Tells Saul that he is no threat to him. He shows him the piece of the robe. David tells Saul that he could have killed him but did not.

Saul cries and says David is more righteous than he is. Saul repaid evil for goodness. Now he knows that David will be king and Israel will be established under him.

Asks that his family be left alone. David swears it. They part but David hides again.

**Chapter 25 :** Samuel dies and is buried at Ramah. All Israel mourned. David mourned by himself.

Nabal and Abigail - Carmel. Nabal means "fool."

David sends men for food and supplies. He answers "who is David; who is the son of Jesse?" David gets angry and wants to kill Nabal and his men.

Abigail goes to David with food and to apologize and plead. David relents and thanks her for keeping him from killing all the males.

Nabal struck dead.

David marries Abigail.

**Chapter 26 :** Saul goes after David again in the Wilderness of Ziph.

David finds Saul and Abner and all the soldiers asleep in a tent – deep sleep from the LORD. David's man, Abishai, wants to strike Saul dead with one thrust.

David again says he cannot harm the LORD's anointed. The LORD will take care of this and strike Saul. He took Saul's spear and jug of water.

David taunts Abner. Didn't guard the king. He deserves to die.

Speaks to Saul. Tells him he is innocent. He is the LORD's anointed.

Saul repents again. David does NOT go back with him.

**Chapter 27** : David has crisis of faith. Feels that Saul will kill him. But he had been anointed and in God's favor. Was supposed to in Judah. Hides with the Philistines. Saul says he will leave David alone. Gets small piece of land – Ziklag.