

"Historical Books Of The Bible"
1 Samuel 21:1-15
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1 Samuel 21:1-6

1 Samuel 16-17 – Saul Loved David

1 Samuel 18-20 – Saul Envied David

1 Samuel 21-31 – Saul Exiled David

1 Samuel 21 – David in this chapter is at an all time low.

1. Verses 1-9 – Running To The Priest

2. Verses 10-15 – Running To The Enemy

1. Verses 1-9 – Running To The Priest:

1 Samuel 21:1

"Then David" – 1 Samuel 20:42 – "Then he rose and departed, while Jonathan went into the city."

David now begins his life of exile because of Saul. This period of time is approximately 10 years. 1/3 of 1 Samuel is dedicated to David on the run!

There are 7 Psalms regarding this incident: Psalm 34, 52, 54, 56, 57, 59, 142.

David wrote 20 Psalms during this 10 year period. Psalm 7:1

Psalm 31:1

Psalm 34:1-6

Psalm 142:1-2

David learned prayer, trusting God, and how to praise God!

"came to Nob" – "knoll or hill"; Mount Scopus, North of Jerusalem (1 mile); David left Gibeah and traveled three miles to the priestly city of Nob.

Nob became the location for the Ark. Shiloh destroyed in 1 Samuel 4 when the Philistines came, took the Ark, killed Eli's two sons. City of the priests, 1 Samuel 22:19.

"Ahimelech the priest;" – (Chief priest) "brother of the King" or "my brother is king"; Great grandson of Eli.

"trembling" – "profound fear, terror"

1 Samuel 20: 3

1 Samuel 20 – God had an arrow from Heaven

God was refining David. God wanted David to draw from the Lord, to trust in God.

1 Samuel 21: 2

"David said to Ahimelech the priest, 'The king has commissioned me with a matter'" (The Bible Contains Both Descriptive And Prescriptive).

Aaron: Exodus 32: 22-24

Verse 3 – David Requests Bread: 1 Samuel 21: 3

1 Samuel 21: 4

"consecrated bread;" – The Showbread – Leviticus 24: 5-9

1 Samuel 21: 5-6

Matthew 12: 1-8

God's purpose in giving the Law was to reveal sin and the need for holiness.

Leviticus – manual for priesthood – showed how God was to be approached.

David teaches us: "The meeting of human need has priority over mere ritual observance."

Ceremonial Laws must yield to a higher law of human need. The Moral Law must never be violated. Moral Law reflects God's character.

1 Samuel 21: 7

"Now one of the servants of Saul was there that day," – 1 Samuel 19: 1

"Doeg" – "anxiety, or concern"

"Doeg the Edomite," – this man was a descendent of Esau, Jacob's brother.

"chief" – "strong one"; suggests his violent nature. 1 Samuel 22:18-19 – murders the priests.

1 Samuel 22:22

Verses 8-9 – David Requests A Weapon: 1 Samuel 21:8-9

"The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom you killed in the valley of Elah,"

Wonder what went through David's head? Remember? ~ young boy took on a 9 1/2 foot tall Giant – by God ~ Now lying – looking for battle gear.

This lying of David to the priest is going to be costly. 1 Samuel 22:9-18 – The result will be the murder of 85 priests.

2. Verses 10-15 – Running To The Enemy:

1 Samuel 21:10

Psalms 34 – Praise when the event is over! Psalm 56 – David crying for the terrible situation he was in.

"fled from Saul," – "from the presence of Saul"; Saul's presence could be felt, so David fled!

"and went to Achish king of Gath." – Distance of 25 miles Southwest of Nob coastal plain.

"Achish" – Psalm 34 – Abimelech a Philistine king Gath – One of the five Philistine City/States.

This is both bold and reckless!

Psalm 1

1 Samuel 21:11

David Recognized: "But the servants of Achish said to him, 'Is this not David the king of the land?'"

1 Samuel 18:7

1 Samuel 21:12

Psalm 56:1-6

Romans 8:31

1 Samuel 21:13

Psalm 34:1-22

"and acted insanely in their hands," – Achish's men had seized David.

"and scribbled on the doors of the gate," – scraping the door with his fingernails.

"and let his saliva run down into his beard." – David is drooling all over his beard.

1 Samuel 21:14-15

"Shall this one come into my house?" – The joke was on Achish.

1 Samuel 22:1

Application: We are all going to experience trials. We should expect them, we need to glorify God in them.

1 Peter 4:12-19