

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
1 Samuel 22:1-23
Wednesday August 13, 2014

1 Samuel 22:1-2

1 Samuel 22:11-18

1 Samuel 16-31 – The Rise Of David: Saul to David

1 Samuel 16-17 – Saul Loved David

1 Samuel 18-20 – Saul Envied David

1 Samuel 21-31 – Saul Exiled David

1. Verses 1-5 – David’s Flight To Moab

2. Verses 6-23 – Saul Murders The Priests

1. Verses 1-5 – David’s Flight To Moab:

1 Samuel 22: 1

“So David departed from there” – 1 Samuel 21:10

1 Samuel 21:12-15

“and escaped to the cave of Adullam;” – 10 miles South of Gath, 15 miles from Bethlehem.

David, in a cave, compiled Psalm 57, 142.

1 Samuel 22:2

“distressed” – those in fear – confusion, hassled by the world, flesh, devil.

“debt” – bankrupt – beggarly poor – have nothing – are in great need.

“discontented” – bitter of soul, disappointed, frustrated.

“gathered to him;” – We come to Jesus: distressed, in debt, discontented.

1 Chron. 12:8 – Some of his mighty men and their leaders are listed in 2 Sam. 23:8-39 and 1 Chron. 11:10-41.

1 Samuel 22:3

"Mizpah" – "watchtower or watchman"; Probably a fortress in Moab.

"Moab;" – Moabites were not a people favored by the Jews, Deuteronomy 23:3-6; 1 Samuel 14:47.

David had family ties; this is the homeland of David's great grandmother Ruth who was a Moabite. Ruth 1:4-18; 4:21-22

Psalm 57:1-2

1 Samuel 22:4

"stronghold." – Mesudah – may refer to Masada towering 1,320 feet above the Dead Sea. 35 miles Southwest of Adullam. Psalm's 18:2; 62:2

1 Samuel 22:5

"The prophet Gad said to David," – 2 Sam. 24:11-19; 1 Chron. 21:9-19; 2 Chron. 29:25; 1 Chron. 29:29.

"forest of Hereth." – A few miles southeast of Adullam.

2. Verses 6-23 – Saul Murders The Priests:

1 Samuel 22:6

1 Samuel 14:2 – "Gibeah, under the pomegranate tree"

1 Samuel 22:7

David attracted men who were willing to risk their lives for him, but Saul had to use bribery and fear to keep his forces together.

1 Samuel 22:8

Saul Charges His Captains With Disloyalty.

Saul Charges His Son Jonathan With Treason: "my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse,"

1 Samuel 18:1-4 – Covenant Of David And Jonathan Established.

1 Samuel 20:14-17 – Covenant Of David And Jonathan Extending To Saul's Family.

Saul Charges David With Conspiracy: "my servant against me to lie in ambush, as it is this day."

1 Samuel 22:9

"Doeg the Edomite," – the name Doeg – "anxiety, or concern"; Edomite – this man was a descendent of Esau, Jacob's brother.

1 Samuel 21:7

Psalm 52:1-9

1 Samuel 22:10

1 Samuel 21:2

Verses 11-15 – The Priests Trial: 1 Samuel 22:11-12

"Saul said, 'Listen now, son of Ahitub.'" Saul did not call him by his name Ahimelech – "brother of the king".

"And he answered, 'Here I am, my lord.'" Notice the respect for Saul by Ahimelech; Does not drop to Saul's level.

1 Samuel 22:13

Saul levels 4 charges against Ahimelech:

1. "you have given him bread"
2. "and a sword"
3. "and have inquired of God for him,"
4. "so that he would rise up against me by lying in ambush as it is this day?"

1 Samuel 22:14 – The same argument Jonathan had previously used
1 Samuel 19:4-5.

1 Samuel 22:15

Verses 16-19 – The Unjust Sentence: 1 Samuel 22:16 (Deut. 24:16)

1 Samuel 22:17

1 Samuel 14:45 – soldiers refused to kill Jonathan.

1 Samuel 22:18-19

1 Samuel 15:9

Partial fulfillment of the prophecy on Eli's house; Abimelech's great grandfather Phinehas. (1 Samuel 2:27-36; 4:10-18), for God promised to replace the house of Eli with the house of Zadok (1 Kings 2:26-27; 4:2).

Verses 20-23 – God Protects The Priest: 1 Samuel 22:20

"named Abiathar," – revealed in the prophecy – 1 Samuel 2:33

"Abiathar" – "my father remains"; what irony!

1 Samuel 23:6

1 Samuel 22:21-22

Note How David Takes Responsibility; The Opposite Of Saul.

1 Samuel 22:23

Application:

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