

**“Historical Books Of The Bible”**  
**1 Samuel 29:1-11**  
**Wednesday November 19, 2014**

**1 Samuel 21-31 – David Exiled By Saul**

**1 Samuel 24-26 Go Together – David Spares Saul’s Life; Also Spares Nabal’s Life.**

**1 Samuel 27-31 Go Together – David Crosses Over To The Philistines, And The Battle That Takes Saul’s Life.**

**1. Verses 1-2 – Drawn Into Battle**

**2. Verses 3-5 – Excluded From Battle**

**3. Verses 6-11 – Sent Home From Battle**

**1. Verses 1-2 – Drawn Into Battle:**

1 Samuel 29:1

“Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Aphek,” – This is what is called an “all out massive ground assault against Israel!”

The context of this battle goes back to 1 Samuel 28:1.

David is lapsing in his faith with God. 1 Samuel 27:2

1 Samuel 27:8-10

1 Samuel 27:7 – “a year and four months”

1 Samuel 28:1-2

Saul Seeks Counsel Through A Medium. Saul Has A Witch Call Up Samuel From The Dead: 1 Samuel 28:15-19.

1 Samuel 29:1 – “Aphek,” – “Fortress” – 30 miles North of Gath.

1 Samuel 4:1.

Psalms 20:6-9

1 Samuel 28:5

1 Samuel 29:2

“the lords of the Philistines” – This would be “The Lords Of The Philistines”, the rulers of the 5 Philistine cities. Achish is 1 of the 5 rulers.

## **2. Verses 3-5 – Excluded From Battle:**

1 Samuel 29: 3

Verse 3 – The Challenge: “What are these Hebrews doing here?”

1 Samuel 21: 11

“who has been with me these days, or rather these years,” – (Exaggeration these years!) 1 Samuel 27: 7 – 1 year and 4 months.

1 Samuel 27: 12

1 Samuel 29: 4

Verses 4-5 – The Verdict: “But the commanders of the Philistines were angry with him,”

“angry with him,” – “the anger of a superior toward an inferior”; reversed order here, these commanders had no respect for this ruler.

“or in the battle he may become an adversary to us.”

1 Samuel 14: 21

2 Corinthians 6: 14-18

NLT 1 Samuel 29: 4 – “Is there any better way for him to reconcile himself with his master than by handing our heads over to him?”

1 Samuel 29: 5

1 Samuel 18: 6-9

1 Samuel 21: 11 – “David his ten thousands?” These ten-thousands are Philistines.

## **3. Verses 6-11 – Sent Home From Battle:**

1 Samuel 29: 6-8

Verses 8-11 – David’s Complaint: “David said to Achish, ‘But what have I done?’”

God providentially provided a way of escape for David. Free from loosing the trust of Achish or his righteousness towards his people. Good to Saul without becoming bad to Achish!

1 Samuel 29: 9

1 Samuel 29: 10-11

Warren Wiersbe said, "Though the Lord was gracious to deliver David and his men from participating in this battle, He isn't obligated to step in and extricate His people from situations caused by their own sinful decisions. We reap what we sow, and in later years, David suffered from being deceived by members of his staff and even of his own family."

1 Samuel 30 – David escapes this battle by God's grace – David comes home only to find that his city has been raided and his family taken.

### **Application:**

1. David Suffered A Lapse Of Faith By Not Fully Trusting In God For His Protection. This Led To David Taking Matters Into His Own Hands And Crossing Over To The Enemy. Then Being Expected To Fight With The Philistines Against Israel. Thus Making David's New Situation Worse Than The First.
2. The Lord Was Gracious To Deliver David And His Men From Participating In This Battle. God Isn't Obligated To Step In And Rescue His People From Situations Caused By Their Own Sinful Decisions.

**Psalm 103:10-14**