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Shalom, and welcome to Via Haftah Israel, a Hebrew phrase which means, 'You shall love Israel. We hope you'll stay with us for the next 30 minutes as our teacher, Dr. Baruch, shares his expository teaching from the Bible. Dr. Baruch is the senior lecturer at the Zara Avraham Institute, based in Israel, although all courses are taught in Hebrew at the institute, Dr. Baruch is pleased to share this weekly address in English. To find out more about our work in Israel, please visit us on the web@loveisrael.org That's one word, loveisrael.org Now here's Baruch with today's lesson

in this installment, we're going to see that David is going to be rejected by the Philistines. Now, in one sense, that is a very wise decision, because David has proved over and over that he is loyal to God. I can say that differently, that he demonstrates faithfulness to God, and therefore even at those times when David went out in order to wage war, he did not do so as he said against the children of Israel, but rather he did it in actuality against the Philistines, bringing God's judgment upon this wicked people, these people who engage in idolatry, who reject the biblical God, the God of Israel. So, with that said, take out your Bible and look with me to First Samuel and chapter 29 the book of First Samuel, and chapter 29 Now, again, what is going to happen? There is going to be a war that is fought, and we're going to see that again. David is going to be rejected by the Philistines. Look with me, if you would, to verse one again, First Samuel, chapter 29 and verse one, where it says, and I'm going to translate this very literally, where it says, and the Philistines were gathered together, and all their camps. Now, I realize that many Bibles will say their armies, and indeed in these camps are soldiers, but the literal word is their camps, and they were located where it says towards Aphek, and then we're told in Israel, so the armies of Israel, they are camping in, and we have a word, Ain, which means a well or a spring of water, which is at Israel. Now, Israel is in the lower Galilee, and it's an area where the children of Israel fought bitterly in order to secure the land of Israel, so it's a very important place within the geography of the land of Israel. Move now to verse two. We see that the lords of the Philistines, and these were the noblemen, men of both means and position, so the lords of the Philistines, they were passing, and notice what it says, by the hundreds and by the 1000. Now, some Bibles understand this as passing as a way of an inspection for the armies to be reviewed, but the literal word simply means to pass by or to pass before, and it says keep reading, and David and his men are passing, and we have the word at the end with ahish, so at this time we see something within the armies of the Philistines were the Philistines, obviously, but also David and his men. Now, remember that, because that's going to become very important in a moment. Remember what I said. I said in this passage of scripture, we're going to see that David is going to be rejected by the Philistines. Look, if you would, to verse three, and again we have a term which means the high officials of the Philistines notice they were asking a question, What are these Hebrews and Achish, the King of God, who was with David? He answered, and notice what he said. Achish said to the high officials of the Philistines, surely this is David, a servant of King Shaul of Israel, whom. Has been with me these days, meaning for an extended period of time, and then we have the term these years, and he says, in regard to this, I have not found in him anything, and the implication is any fault, any blameless thing. David is a loyal man, so he says, I have not found in him anything from the day, and we have an expression, naflo, which means from the day that he fell, meaning that he left Israel unto this day. So Achish, the king of God, is very clear, David has been loyal. He has not seen any fault, any blemish within David whatsoever in how he has behaved before him. And what happens? Look now to verse four, and the high officials of the Philistines, they became angry at him, and they said to him, Who's that? The high officials of the Philistine return the man that he should go to his place, meaning return to his place, which he has been deposited there, meaning that he would go to this place, that he should not go down with us into the war, that there will not be him among us as an adversary.

The word is Satan, not an adversary in the war in which he might reconcile himself to his lord, referring to King Shaul, that he might do something to regain the favor of Shaul, and certainly it says that he is not at the heads of these people, meaning that he would not lead or be in regard to this group of people, these soldiers. So they did not want him in the armies of the Philistines. Why? Very simply, they did not trust him. And again, in actuality, they shouldn't have trusted David. Why? Because David has proved over and over that he is loyal to the things of God, that he is committed to the purposes of God, the priorities of God. And this is something that David has demonstrated over and over. Look now to the next portion of scripture, look with me to verse five, where it says, certainly this David, who has been answered concerning meaning, there's been a response concerning this David with dancing saying Saul has slain his 1000s, but David his 10 1000s. So they are remembering this important saying when the women went out in order to praise David for the victory that he provided when he slayed who the giant of the Philistines, and of course we're talking about Galileo or Goliath in English, so we see that this, this victory that David won for who, for the children of Israel, is still very much in the people's thoughts, and they remind Achish, the King of God, of this victory that David won for the children of Israel. And look now to verse six. And Achish called to David and said to him, As the Lord lives, that you have been upright, meaning you have behaved in a proper manner, in an upright way, and good in my eyes were your going forth, meaning when you led the armies out and when you brought them back with me. He's saying, I have seen nothing evil but only good, from how you have conducted yourself in the camp, meaning in the battle. For I have not found in you, and he says it again, Raah, any evil from the day that you came unto me until this day, but he says, in the eyes of the lords, and we're talking about the lords of the Philistines, obviously it says you are not good, meaning they are not willing to accept you in this battle, they have rejected you, and they do not want. You part of the armies of the Philistines. Now, again, Achish has had a very different perspective, and why? Because he has heard reports from who, from David, that David has gone out and he has waged war against who, against the children of Israel in various places in the land of Israel. Now, was that true? It was not. What we know is simply this: that David was saying these things, but in actuality he was going out and bringing the Lord's judgment upon the Philistines. It differed of their communities, but this was never exposed by any of the people. So the lords of the Philistines, they're saying in regard to David, he is not good. Look now to verse seven, and now return and go in peace, but you will not do evil in the eyes of the lords of the Philistines. Again, now evil, that is from their perspective. David would never do anything that's evil. David did what he did, that which is good. What does that mean? That he did that which was good in the eyes of the Lord, he was faithful to God's will always, and this is what's being stated over and over concerning David. Look again, Achish is saying, and now return and go in peace, that you shall not do evil in the eyes of the lords of the Philistines. Verse eight. And David said to Achish, Because of what have I done, and what have you found among your servants, meaning David himself, from the day that I was with you until this day, for I have not come. Have I not come and fought against the enemies of my Lord the King? Meaning, have I not acted in a way against your enemies? And I've done so in a faithful way. Well, let's look at Aphishis response.

Look now at verse nine, and Achish answered, and he said to David, I have known that good are you in my eyes. And then he says something very strong, as an angel of God, but in the high officials of the Philistines, they have said that you will not go up with us, meaning he will not go up, David with us into war. So, what is he going to have to do? Well, we're going to see that it's the desire of Achish, because he was being influenced by the lords of the Philistines and other high commanders among the Philistines, that David is not welcomed into this battle, and you know what, David is always faithful to the will of God. David is always going to fight against the enemies of the God of Israel. Therefore, they, meaning the Philistines, they did not want David to be included with their armies. Well, let's wrap up. Look now, if you would, to verse 10. Now, in verse 10, we see something. What is going to be emphasized is the light of morning, and I've shared with you something. When the Bible speaks about Bokr, that is the Hebrew word for morning, it speaks about something that is transparent, something that is revealed something that's going to be documented, something that is transparent, and this is what's going to be seen in verse 10. Look at it, he says, "And now get up early in the morning, and the servants of your Lord, meaning David, the your servants, when they come with you, they shall also, meaning you shall also rise up early in the morning with the ore, meaning the light that will be to you, and you shall go. So, what is he saying? Is this he's saying that in the morning you need to demonstrate something, you need to manifest, you need to be transparent and manifest that you are going to go away, not because Achish wants that, but because the lords of the Philistines and those high officials, they have demanded that they will not. Let David be in the battle with them against the children of Israel. So again, notice the end of verse 10, he says, and you shall get up early in the morning with the light that is to you, and you shall go, meaning go all of you, David, and his people, and what happens. Look at verse 11. And David got up, he and his men, and they went. When did they go? To go in the morning to return to the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel. Now I want to talk a few minutes about this important location we've seen at the beginning of this chapter, and now at the end of this chapter, a very significant place is mentioned, Israel, or Jezreel in English. And where is that place located well, it's very close to what's known as Emek Jehoshaphat. Emek is the Hebrew word for a valley, and Jehoshaphat means the Lord will judge. Now this is important because it's very near a place that we call in Hebrew Megiddo. Now you might know that name differently as Har Megiddo or Armageddon. And why is that important? That is a place where something is going to happen. It is going to be in the Jezreel Valley that Messiah is going to return, and He is going to wage war against who the enemies of Israel, and the enemies of Israel are going to suffer a crushing defeat, so much so that they will not be able to go up to Jerusalem to capture that city. That's what they want to do, that's what they are attempting to do, but they are going to fail. Why? Very simply, because God is in charge. He is the sovereign God, and in the same way that the Philistines, referring to the enemies of Israel, that they did not want David to be in that battle. Who is David? Well, we need to remember a very important term that relates to Messiah. It's Ben David, or the Son of David. We see that term frequently in the Gospels. When Messiah is spoken of, he is called the Son of David. Why that expression, the Son of David refers to the Messiah, and what's happening is this. This is a typology for understanding something at that time among the Philistines.

David was not allowed to be in this battle that was going to take place well in Jezreel, but there's a future time when the son of David, meaning the Messiah, that he is going to come to that same location, what is called Emeth Jehoshaphat, the valley of Jehoshaphat, and remember what Jehoshaphat means, the Lord will judge, so it's going to be a place that ultimately God judges, and how does He judge through the coming of Messiah? In fact, we need to realize something when we look at scripture. This place, Armageddon, is also the same location that we read about in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 where there's going to be what's called Melhemet, Gog and Magog, the war of Gog and Magog, the war of Gog and Magog, and the war called Armageddon are in the same location, and they are the same war. It's very important that we see this, and what's going to happen. Well, if we're good students of prophecy, we're going to learn something. We're going to learn that Messiah's second coming, not dealing with the rapture, not speaking about the first time He came, but hear that carefully, His second coming is going to come to this location in the Jezreel Valley, known as Armageddon, near this place called in Hebrew Megiddo, and by the way, what does the term Megiddo mean? Well, it means his proclamation, and this is what's going to happen at that location in the Jezreel Valley, in this place called the Valley of Yahusha Fat, God will judge, God will make such a proclamation that He will destroy the enemies of Israel, and it's very significant, because when David is spoken of by Achish, how's he called, He's called the angel. Angel of God. Now, an angel is a messenger. An angel carries out the plans, the purposes, the will of God. And when we talk about the angel of God again, we need to remember something. That term God is very important because it relates to God, who is judge, and this is what's going to happen here. David is called like the angel of God. Why? Because David is about something, and the son of David, meaning Messiah, will do the same thing. They will be an instrument, be used by God in order to bring God's judgment upon the enemies of Israel. That's what's going to happen, and that's why I'm amazed that there are more and more so-called Christians that are saying that Yeshua was not not Jewish. How ridiculous. Fact, a good friend of mine, Christian Barrio Nuevo, just produced a video that's also on our channel that speaks about how there is this tendency among people who are false believers to say that, well, you know, Yeshua, that is Jesus of Nazareth, isn't really Jewish, he's greater than that. No, God sent him into this world. He is from the tribe of Judah, remember that expression, the Lion of Judah. Who's that, Messiah? So, when we look at the scripture, we see over and over this emphasis from the word of God, not the foolishness of man, but the truth of scripture that presents Messiah as Jewish. Now, what's important about that? Well, he is that son of David that came from the tribe of Judah, who is.. and we need to remember something. What does the scripture say? Salvation is of the Jews, meaning there is a connection between salvation, or we could be more precise, the Savior and the Jewish people, that salvation comes out of Israel, and that is why, and we see this very carefully in the scripture when it was time for Messiah to enter into this world, what was necessary? Well, let me tell you, what was necessary. It was necessary for the Jewish people to come back to the land, and therefore, after the Babylonian captivity, God worked it out according to His perfect timing to bring the people back out of Babylon back to the land of Judah. Why? So he could come the first time. And what are we seeing today? We're seeing once more the faithfulness of God, that God is faithful. And what is He doing? He is bringing the people back to the land of Israel.

In fact, I've shared this a few times, but in this past year I'm talking about 2024 I realize this is 2026 when this is being recorded, but if you go back to the previous year, 2024 we see something. We see that Jewish people came back to the land of Israel from 95 different nations. That has never happened before. We normally have seen Jewish people return to land from a few different nations, but we're seeing it increasing more and more. Why God is faithful, God keeps His word. God says in the last days He is going to bring the people back to the land. Why? Well, just like it was necessary for the Jewish people to return to the land, so that Messiah could come the first time. Well, what are we seeing? We're seeing that God is bringing the people back to the land, so Messiah can come a second time, and what is the purpose of that second time? It is to bring God's judgment. God's judgment has a wonderful purpose. It brings about the order of God, and this is what's happening today. God is at work. God is moving. He's bringing the people back to the land, and it's amazing to me how many people are not friends of Israel. What does the scripture say? If you bless Israel, you'll be blessed, but if you curse Israel, that means if you become an enemy of Israel, what will you be? God will curse you. Israel is foundational. Therefore, if we're going to be found faithful, we are going to be committed to the purposes and plans of God for that land of Israel, and that's why it's so grievous to me. To hear people say, and it's foolish, it's folly. What do they say? God's not interested any longer in the land of Israel. Of course, He is. There's evidence, biblical evidence of that. What is it that He's bringing the people back to the land? Why? In order to bring this world to a conclusion. A very important fundamental principle in the scripture is the significance of the land of Israel. We see that for Messiah to come the first time, the people had to be in the land, and for Messiah to come the second time, and God to pour out His wrath, and God to set things in perfect order, His order. The people need to return to the land. It's happening. Understand the significance of the times. We are living in a very, very important time where we see God at work in this world, but where God is at work, understand, so too will the enemy be at work, and we see that as well with all of this hatred for the Jewish people and for the existence of the nation of Israel. What is so sad, not surprising, but what is so sad is that there are people who call themselves believers who are against the nation of Israel, its existence, and they always speak whenever they can. They speak negatively towards the nation of Israel, the leaders of Israel, and what they're doing. Understand, such a perspective is one that is most displeasing to God. God has done something. He has made it very clear that salvation, and salvation is related to entering into the kingdom. That term, salvation, is a word of deliverance, and it's a word of relationship, salvation puts us into an eternal covenant with God. It's a wonderful thing. And what does the scripture say? Salvation is of the Jews, and who is Messiah? He is the King of Israel, that's what the term Messiah means in Hebrew, Meshech, the anointed one, it speaks about who Messiah is, why he was sent into this world, why he came the first time to provide salvation, to shed his blood for redemption, that we could have eternal redemption, and he is coming again, and he will defeat who the enemies of Israel, that's what the scriptures say. So don't be an enemy of Israel, don't be foolish, but have a sure expectation that Messiah is coming. He's going to come again, and He is going to set things in God's order. I'll close with that. Shalom.



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