





Ziklag





1 Samuel 27: 1-6 (Select Portions) NIV

27 But David thought to himself, "One of these days I will be destroyed by the hand of Saul. The best thing I can do is to escape to the land of the Philistines. 2 So David and the six hundred men with him left and went over to Achish son of Maok king of Gath. 4 When Saul was told that David had fled to Gath, he no longer searched for him.





has belonged to the kings of Judah ever since.



5 Then David said to Achish, "If I have found favor in your eyes, let a place be assigned to me in one of the country towns, that I may live there. 6 So on that day Achish gave him Ziklag, and it



1 Samuel 29 New International Version

29 The Philistines gathered all their forces at Aphek, and Israel camped by the spring in Jezreel. 2 As the Philistine rulers marched with their units of hundreds and thousands, David and his men were marching at the rear with Achish. 3 The commanders of the Philistines asked, "What about these Hebrews?"





Achish replied, "Is this not David, who was an officer of Saul king of Israel? He has already been with me for over a year, and from the day he left Saul until now, I have found no fault in him."

4 But the Philistine commanders were angry with Achish and said, "Send the man back, that he may return to the place you assigned him. He must not go with us into battle, or he will turn against us during the fighting.





the heads of our own men? 5 Isn't this the David they sang about in their dances:

"Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands'?"



How better could he regain his master's favor than by taking







Your worst nightmare





1 Samuel 30 New International Version

30 David and his men reached Ziklag on the third day. Now the Amalekites had raided the Negev and Ziklag. They had attacked Ziklag and burned it, 2 and had taken captive the women and everyone else in it, both young and old. They killed none of them, but carried them off as they went on their way. 3 When David and his men reached Ziklag, they found it destroyed by fire and their wives and sons and daughters taken captive. 4 So David and his men wept aloud until they had no strength left to weep.





1 Samuel 30:6 King James Version

6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.





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inquired of the Lord, "Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?"



7 Then David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelek, "Bring me the ephod." Abiathar brought it to him, 8 and David



David inquired of the Lord



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1 Samuel 28:5-7 New International Version

5 When Saul saw the Philistine army, he was afraid; terror filled his heart. 6 He inquired of the Lord, but the Lord did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets. 7 Saul then said to his attendants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, so I may go and inquire of her."

"There is one in Endor," they said.





said, "and bring up for me the one I name." have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?"



- 8 So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. "Consult a spirit for me," he
- 9 But the woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the mediums and spiritists from the land. Why



10 Saul swore to her by the Lord, "As surely as the Lord lives, you will not be punished for this." 11 Then the woman asked, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" "Bring up Samuel," he said.





12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out at the top of her voice and said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!"

13 The king said to her, "Don't be afraid. What do you see?" The woman said, "I see a ghostly figure[a] coming up out of the earth."

14 "What does he look like?" he asked. "An old man wearing a robe is coming up," she said.





Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.

me up?"

against me, and God has departed from me. He no longer you to tell me what to do."



- 15 Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing

"I am in great distress," Saul said. "The Philistines are fighting answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So I have called on



16 Samuel said, "Why do you consult me, now that the Lord has departed from you and become your enemy? 17 The Lord has done what he predicted through me. The Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hands and given it to one of your neighbors to David.

18 Because you did not obey the Lord or carry out his fierce wrath against the Amalekites, the Lord has done this to you today. 19 The Lord will deliver both Israel and you into the hands of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me.





"Pursue them," He answered. "You will certainly overtake them and succeed in the rescue."



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Isaiah 40:31 New King James Version

31

But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.







The Lord answered



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"he answered"



18 David recovered everything the Amalekites had taken, including his two wives. 19 Nothing was missing











Colossians 1:9-12

Father, may they clearly know Your will and achieve the height and depth of spiritual wisdom and understanding. 10 May their lives be a credit to You, Lord; and what's more, may they continue to delight You by doing every good work and growing in the true knowledge that comes from being close to You. 11 Strengthen them with Your infinite power, according to Your glorious might, so that they will have everything they need to hold on and endure hardship patiently and joyfully. 12 Thank You, Father, as You have made us eligible to receive our portion of the inheritance given to all those set apart by the light. 13 You have rescued us from dark powers and brought us safely into the kingdom of Your Son, whom You love 14 and in whom we are redeemed and forgiven of our sins [through His blood].





Ephesians 3:14-21

14 When I think of all this, I pray to you Father, 15 Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. 16 I pray that from Your glorious, unlimited resources You will empower with inner strength through Your Spirit. 17 That Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. That Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.





18 And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. 19 May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power to do exceedingly and abundantly above and beyond ... 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.



