



# VILLAINS OF THE BIBLE

## STUDY QUESTIONS AND CONVERSATION GUIDE

Every story of intrigue has a villain - those people who plot and scheme treachery in a feeble attempt to thwart noble plans and pursuits. In this series, we consider some of the most insidious n'er-do-wells, who because of their influence, cause strife and destruction against the people of God. Can God's people overcome these forces of evil or will the causers of catastrophe prevail?

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### DOEG THE RAVENOUS WOLF

There are none more dangerous than an opportunist bent on unchecked self-exaltation. Doeg the Edomite was evil and unscrupulous, eager to prove his metal by hacking scores of priests to bits for the sake of gaining favor to a mad king.

### QUESTIONS

- Who was Doeg, and what is an Edomite? Why is there so much animosity between Jacob and Esau?
- Let's discuss the story in 1 Samuel 21. It seems David is evasive at best, and outright lying to the priest. Is he justified in doing so?
- Why is Doeg so treacherous at this point? Why did he wait so long before notifying Saul.
- It seems out of character that a mere shepherd would be given such soldier-like responsibility. How was it possible for him to murder 85 priests? In fact, Doeg utterly destroyed the city of Nob including animals, women and children!
- Does the Bible ever tell us that Doeg gets his comeuppance? How can this account inform us in our walk with God today?

## **SPRINGBOARD VERSE**

1 Samuel 22:18 ESV Then the king said to Doeg, "You turn and strike the priests." And Doeg the Edomite turned and struck down the priests, and he killed on that day eighty-five persons who wore the linen ephod