

1 Samuel 27:1-12

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1 Samuel / David; Philistines; Achish (king of Gath) / 1 Samuel 27:1-12

1. David fled to _____ and is given Ziklag. (1 Samuel 27:1-7)
 - A. Achish allowed David to reside with him at _____.
 - B. David asked Achish to give him _____.
2. David's _____ (1 Samuel 27:8-12)
 - A. David raided Judah's desert _____.
 - B. David's raid were _____ in military terms.
 - C. David _____ Achish as to the targets of his raids.
 - D. Achish thought that David was burning _____ with his former people.

Discussion Questions

1. What were the factors and emotions driving David's decision to seek refuge with the Philistines?
2. In 1 Samuel 27:8-12, David and his men conducted raids on various tribes and towns. How do you view David's ruthless raids?
3. What can we learn about the complexities of leadership from David's interactions with King Achish in 1 Samuel 27?
4. How did he manage his dual loyalty to both the Philistines and his own people, the Israelites?
5. What does 1 Samuel 27 reveal about the consequences of fear and desperation in decision-making? How might this apply to our own lives when facing difficult circumstances?
6. How is God's providence evident in David's life during this period, even when he is not mentioned by name?
7. What ethical questions does David's deception of Achish raise?