

# I Samuel 21-31

## Chapter Breakdown

*This chapter breakdown forms part of the marking homework for Lessons 22-23*

### **David - A Fugitive before the King (1 Sam 21-31)**

#### **A. David Flees to Abimelech, Achish and Adullam (1 Samuel 21:1-22:4)**

- 21:1-7 - David pleads the help of Ahimelech.
- 21:8-9 - David acquires Goliath's Sword.
- 21:10-15 - David seeks refuge in Gath.
- 22:1-2 - David Gathers Supporters at Adullam
- 22:3-4 - David secures refuge for his parents in Moab.

#### **B. Saul's Pursuit of David (1 Samuel 22:5-23:29)**

- 22:5 - David warned to Depart.
- 22:6-8 - Saul threatens the Benjamites.
- 22:9-19 - Doeg incites Saul to murder the priests.
- 22:20-23 - Abiather Seeks Refuge with David.
- 23:1-6 - David rescues besieged Keilah.
- 23:7-12 - Treachery of the Men of Keilah.
- 23:13-15 - David: A Fugitive in Ziph.
- 23:16-18 - Jonathan's message of encouragement.
- 23:19-26 - David's flight to Maon following Treachery of the Ziphites.
- 23:27-29 - Israel invaded: Saul forced to depart.

#### **C. David Spares Two Fools (1 Samuel 24-26)**

##### **i. David's Mercy to Saul at Engedi (1 Samuel 24)**

- 24:1-2 - Saul takes an army to seek David.
- 24:3-7 - David Spares Saul.
- 24:8-15 - David Pleads with Saul.
- 24:16-22 - David's promise not to cut off Saul's descendants and name.

##### **ii. David Spares Nabal's Life (1 Samuel 25)**

- 25:1 - Samuel dies
- 25:2-9 - David's request of Nabal.
- 25:10-13 - Nabal's foolish response to David.
- 25:14-17 - A servant's appeal to Abigail.
- 25:18-22 - Abigail's preparations for appealing to David.
- 25:23-31 - Abigail's appeal to David.
- 25:32-35 - David's response to Abigail's appeal.
- 25:36-38 - Nabal's response to the news of Abigail's appeal.
- 25:39-43 - David's marriage to Abigail and Ahinoam.
- 25:44 - Saul takes away David's other wife (Michal).

##### **iii. David's Last Meeting with Saul (1 Samuel 26)**

- 26:1-4 - Ziphites betray David to Saul.
- 26:5-12 - David prevents Abishai from slaying Saul.
- 26:13-20 - David Reproves Abner and Saul.
- 26:21-25 - Reconciliation between David and Saul.

D. The End of Saul's Reign (1 Samuel 27-31)

i. David Returns to the Philistines (1 Samuel 27:1-28:2)

- 27:1-4 - David Seeks Refuge at Gath.
- 27:5-7 - David is given Ziklag.
- 27:8-12 - David wages secret war on Philistines.
- 28:1-2 - The Philistines' preparations for war against Israel.

ii. Saul's Desperate Plight - Turns to a Witch (1 Samuel 28:3-25)

- 28:3-6 - Saul's Dilemma as the Philistines Gather.
- 28:7-14 - Saul Consults the Witch of Endor.
- 28:15-20 - Saul's fate foretold.
- 28:21-25 - The witch ministers to the distressed king.

iii. Yahweh's providential protection of David (1 Samuel 29)

- 29:1-2 - Philistines muster at Aphek.
- 29:3-5 - David's services rejected.
- 29:6-7 - Achish Dismisses David.
- 29:8-11 - David returns to Ziklag.

iv. David's Wise Leadership under Great Trial (1 Samuel 30)

- 30:1-2 - Ziklag destroyed by the Amalekites.
- 30:3-8 - In Distress David seeks Yahweh for help.
- 30:9-10 - David Pursues the Amalekites
- 30:11-15 - David's kindness to the Egyptian servant.
- 30:16-20 - The Raiders destroyed and the Spoil Recovered.
- 30:21-25 - David honourably shares the spoil.
- 30:26-31 - David Sends a present to Judah's Elders.

v. Death of Saul and Jonathan (1 Samuel 31)

- 31:1-6 - Death of Saul and His Sons on Mt Gilboa.
- 31:7-10 - Mutilation of Saul by the Philistines.
- 31:11-13 - Saul's body rescued by the men of Jabesh.