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PART 22: LIVING AS A FUGITIVE

RUNNING FOR HIS LIFE

David was chased by King Saul for approximately ten years as the king tried in vain to kill him. When David left Saul's palace, he was all alone and without a weapon, so he decided to visit Ahimelech the priest for food and prayer. Ahimelech was not excited to see David since he knew of Saul's hate toward him. **1 Samuel 21:1-6**

There was an Edomite present at the house of Ahimelech. Doeg was cursed by God because of his lineage to Esau. He was a vile man, a supporter of King Saul and eventually he betrayed Ahimelech for helping David. **verse 7**

It is ironic that the only sword Ahimelech had to offer David was the one he took from Goliath after killing him. David lied when he stated that he was on the king's business that was so urgent he had failed to take his personal weapons. **verses 8-9**

David sinned and opened the door for the spirit of lies and the spirit of fear to enter his life. **verse 10**

SEEKING HELP FROM THE DEVIL'S PEOPLE

Fear drove David to travel to the city of Gath, the hometown of the legendary Philistine giants. When the people of Gath realized that David had fled to their city, they remembered the many Philistines he had killed in battle, not to mention the 200 Philistines he murdered as a dowry to King Saul. **verses 11**

The fear in David doubled and he decided the only way to save himself was to act like he was mentally sick. **verses 12-15**

HIDING IN THE CAVE OF ADULLAM

There is no doubt that David felt defeated and humiliated for seeking help from the Philistines even though he had been anointed to be the king of Israel. The cave of Adullam was a dark place where he could nurse his depression and his family came to visit once they knew where he was located. **1 Samuel 22:1**

News spread among Saul's enemies that David had fled to Adullam and every misfit in Israel came to join David's rebellion and soon he had 400 men who had joined him. This meant that David needed to feed these men and take care of their daily needs and he became a captain over them. **verse 2**

David did not trust Saul and sent his parents to the city of Mizpeh, asking the king of Moab to protect his parents. **verses 3-4**

God warned David to leave Adullam and move to the land of Judah. **verse 5**



King Saul wanted to make sure that the people in Israel knew that anyone who aided and abetted David would be executed. It was Doeg the Edomite that did the dirty work and murdered the priest and his family. **verses 9-23**

SEEKING THE LORD

When David learned that the Philistines were attacking the city of Keilah and the surrounding area, he sought the Lord whether to attack the Philistines. **1 Samuel 23:1-2**

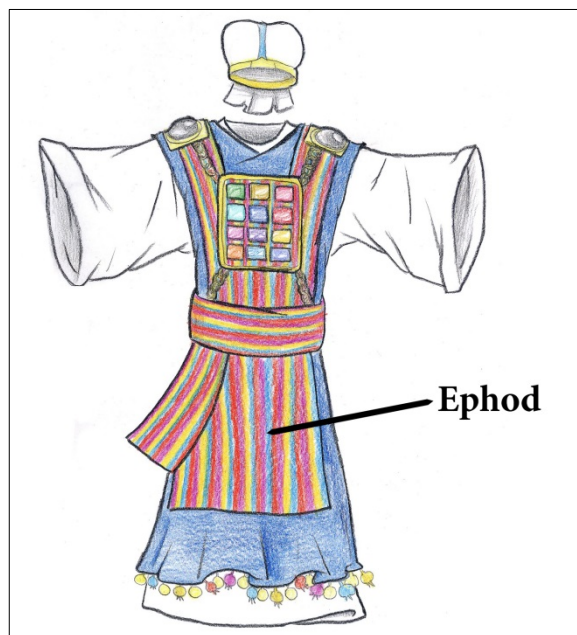
The men with David told him that they feared being in Judah but it would be worse fighting the Philistines in Keilah, which was located in the lowland of Judah. **verse 3**

David sought the Lord again and once again God said that he would prevail in battle with the Philistines. **verses 4-5**

David felt horrible over the fact that Saul killed the entire family of the Ahimelech along with the entire population of the city Nob. Abiathar was the only surviving member of Ahimelech's family and he came to David at Keilah for protection, bringing with him an ephod that was used to enquire a word from the Lord. **verse 6**

Saul did not rejoice when he found out that David had defeated the Philistines and saved the city of Keilah since he did not care about the people of Israel, he was only interested in keeping his job as king and set out to capture David. **verses 7-8**

David used the ephod and asked the Lord what to do. **verses 9-12**



David believed the Lord and left the city with his men, who by now had grown to 600 strong and departed south into the wilderness of Judah. **verse 13**

Saul was hot in pursuit and tried to catch David on a daily basis but God protected him. **verses 14-15**

Jonathan was the crown prince but he broke with his father and secretly was able to find David and encourage him and make a covenant with him. **verses 16-18**

BETRAYAL

The people in the city of Ziph did not like having David and his men in the woods around the city and sent word for Saul to come and they would show the king where David was hiding. **verses 19-23**

When David and his men fled to Maon, Saul continued to trail him but had to stop because the Philistines were attacking Israel again. **verses 24-29**

THE CONFRONTATION

David had the opportunity to kill King Saul but declined to do so, choosing to cut off a piece of Saul's mantle. When David spoke to Saul, he realized that David was more righteous and cried at how awful he had been. Saul could have settled things then and there, but he did not want to give up his throne and so the two parted, each taking their soldiers with them. **1 Samuel 24:1-22**

THE DEATH OF SAMUEL

The prophet Samuel had anointed both Saul and David and now this man of God was gone and there was no one to take his place. David realized that he had to continue living in exile and went to the wilderness of Paran. **1 Samuel 25:1**

NABAL AND ABIGAIL

It took a lot of food to feed David's small army of 600 men along with their wives and children. David relied upon the population in the area to feed them, and in return, David and his men protected them against the Philistines.

There was a rich man named Nabal who despised David and refused to provide him with supplies. **verses 2-11**

David became extremely angry and set out to kill Nabal and his family. **verses 12-13**

One of Nabal's young men told Abigail what was about to happen. **verses 14-17**

Abigail prepared food supplies and took it to David. **verses 18-31**

David repented, took the supplies and returned home. **verses 32-35**

When Nabal heard what Abigail had done, he was too drunk to realize that she had saved his life. His heart became like stone when he sobered up in the morning and found out his wife had betrayed him.

God killed Nabal ten days later. **verses 36-38**

DAVID'S MISTAKE

David was married to Michal but he still decided to take Abigail as a wife. **verses 39-42**

David was not satisfied with Abigail and decided to marry another woman named Ahinoam from the city of Jezreel, which was located in northern Israel. **verse 43**

Following David's departure, Michal was given to Phalti by King Saul. **verse 44**

SUMMARY

David was on the run from King Saul and constantly on the watch for danger. He did not have an established place where he lived, but he still needed two wives to replace Michal. Once he had been established as king of Judah, he enlarged his family again.

The following, in order of age, are David's sons who were born while he was in Judah:

1. Amnon, whose mother was Ahinoam from Jezreel
2. Daniel, whose mother was Abigail from Carmel

3. Absalom, whose mother was Maacah, daughter of King Talmai of Geshur
4. Adonijah, whose mother was Haggith
5. Shephatiah, whose mother was Abital
6. Ithream, whose mother was Eglah

All six were born in Judah during the seven and a half years that David dwelt there.

In Jerusalem he ruled as a king for thirty-three years, and many more children were born to him there.

His wife Bathsheba, daughter of Ammiel, bore him four sons:

1. Shimea
2. Shobab
3. Nathan
4. Solomon.

He had nine other sons:

1. Ibhar
2. Elishua
3. Elpelet
4. Nogah
5. Nepheg
6. Japhia
7. Elishama
8. Eliada
9. Eliphelet

In addition to these sons, David also had sons from concubines.

David became a successful king, a master in writing psalms, but a total failure in his role as a father.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?