

Lesson 7-Homework David's Attempt to Evade Saul

1st Samuel Chapters 19-21

Directions: Use your study bible, internet, or any other study source to help you with these questions.

1. Locate the following places and write down their geographical locations.
 - Ramah

 - Nob

 - Gath

2. 1st Samuel 16:14 states the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul. 1st Samuel 19:9 states an evil spirit came upon Saul. What significance do the following verses have for a believer today?
 - Romans 8:38-39

 - Ephesians 1:13

 - John 5:24

3. David fled from Saul and came to Samuel at Ramah.

- What happened to Saul's men when they came to capture David at Ramah?
 - What happened to Saul when he came to capture David at Ramah?
 - What did it mean when Saul and his men prophesied?
4. 1st Samuel 20:5 states Saul prepared to eat a meal at the New Moon. Read Numbers 28:11-15.
- Explain the significance of this feast?
 - How did David use this feast to determine Saul's anger toward him?
5. Explain the lie concerning each of the following?
- Michal to Saul
 - David to Ahimelech
 - David at Gath

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Chapter 19-Saul Rejects David

Vs. 1-10-Jonathan Protects David

- Saul ordered his servants to kill David.
- The Lord put a special delight into Jonathan's heart toward David.
- Jonathan hid David and said he would speak to his father regarding David's life.
- Jonathan explained to Saul how David helped the kingdom and how he had done nothing wrong.
- Saul listened to Jonathan's words and vowed not to kill David. As a result, Saul restored David into His presence (Proverbs 26:11).
- David continued to prove himself **mighty** in war for the Lord helped him.
- One day as David played his harp, an evil spirit came upon Saul. Saul hurled his spear at David intending to kill him.
- Fortunately, David escaped (1st Corinthians 10:13).

Vs. 11-17-Mical Protects David

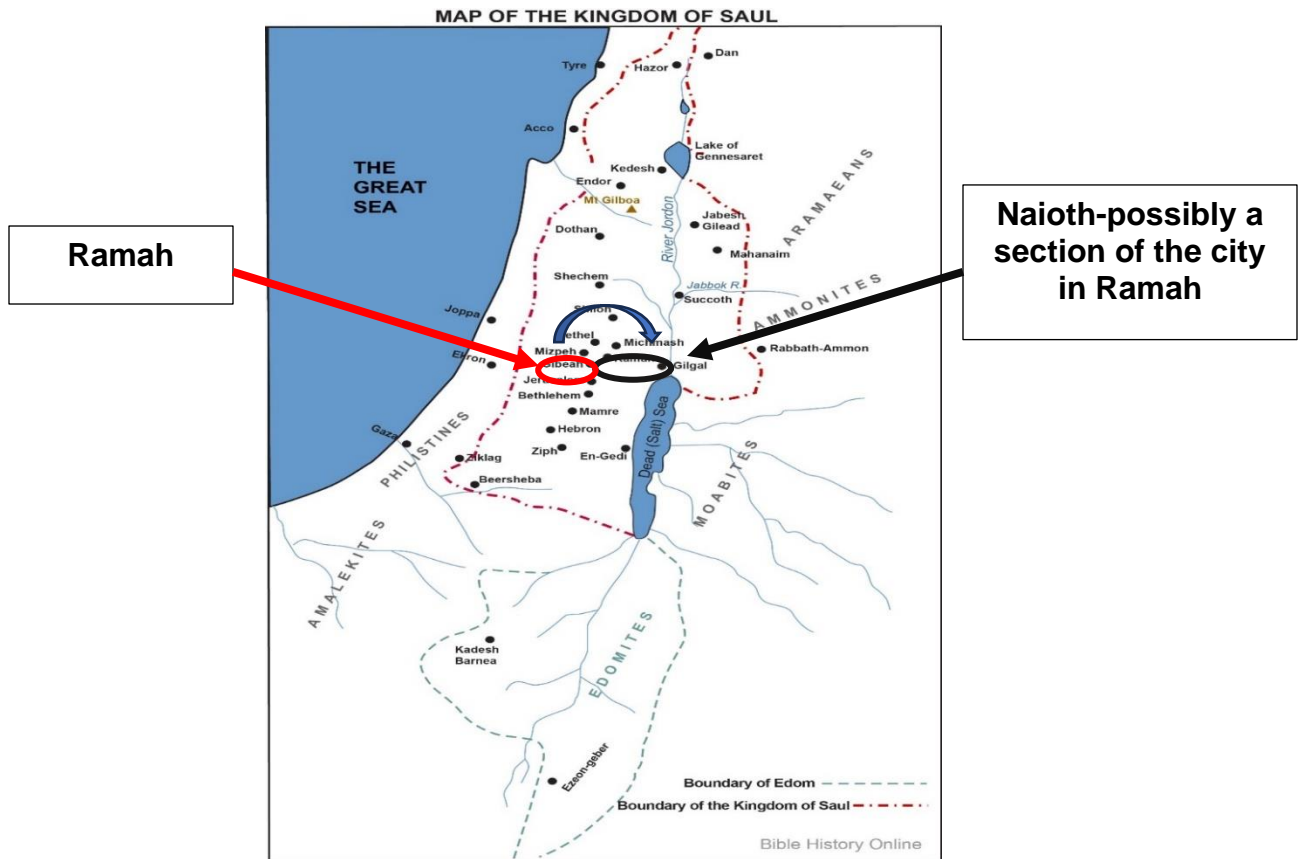
- Saul ordered messengers to watch David's house and to kill him in the morning.
- Michal heard of the plot and let David down through the **window**.
- Michal took the household idol and disguised it as David asleep in bed.



- This plot among David, Michal, and Saul parallels the plot among Jacob, Rachel, and Laban in Genesis 31:30-35.
- Possibly, this idol reflected a deity Michal worshiped. One might wonder about the pagan beliefs within Saul's family.
- Saul uncovered the plot and asked Michal why she deceived him.
- She lied and said David had threatened her life if she did not help him escape.

Vs. 18-24-Samuel Protects David

- David fled from Saul and went to see Samuel at Ramah.



- Samuel took David to Naioth, apparently a section of the city. MacArthur states that Naioth could have housed the dwellings or quarters within the town where Samuel and his company of prophet-disciples met for training, prayer, and fellowship.
- Saul sent messengers to capture David. However, when the messengers arrived, the Spirit of the Lord came upon them, and they prophesied.
- This happened two more times until Saul personally went down to capture David.
- When Saul approached Ramah, the Spirit of the Lord descended upon him, and he prophesied.

- Scripture states Saul stripped off his clothes, laid down, and prophesied all day and all night. Possibly, Saul only stripped off his armor and royal robes, thus signifying God's **rejection** of him as king over Israel (Romans 14:11).

Chapter 20-Jonathan Protects David

Vs. 1-42-David Flees for His Life

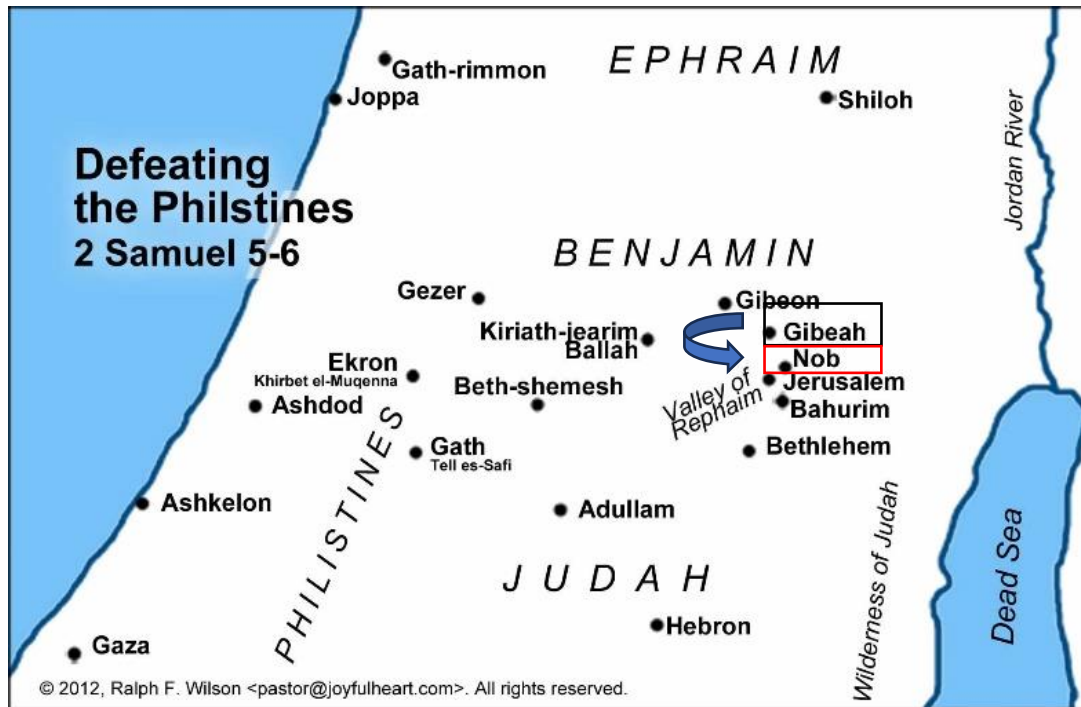
- David fled from Naioth in Ramah and came to Jonathan asking why Saul tried to kill him.
- To Jonathan's surprise, he had not heard of the plot since Saul disclosed everything to him.
- Evidently, Saul did not trust Jonathan (Matthew 15:13-14).
- The next day, the first day of the month, a **new moon** celebration took place. This celebration included a sacrificial meal. (Numbers 28:11-15).
- Since David knew Saul wanted to kill him, he decided not to attend (1st Samuel 15:22).
- David told Jonathan to tell Saul he had gone to attend a **yearly** gathering with his family. If Saul approved of the idea, then David would feel safe. However, if Saul did not approve, then David would not feel safe.
- On the first day of David's absence, Saul did not inquire about David's absence. Saul thought David had somehow **defiled** himself. (Defilement meant he probably broke a Jewish law).
- On the second day, Saul asked about David's absence. Jonathan told his father he went to a family gathering.
- Saul displayed his anger believing Jonathan had provided David's protection.
- Saul's anger rose to the point he tried to kill **Jonathan** with his spear.



- When Jonathan told David about the incident, David realized he would have to flee for his life.
- Before David's departure, both he and Jonathan made a pact to protect and preserve each other's **lineage**.
- Jonathan knew David would become king and he wanted David to protect his family.

Chapter 21-Ahimelech Protects David

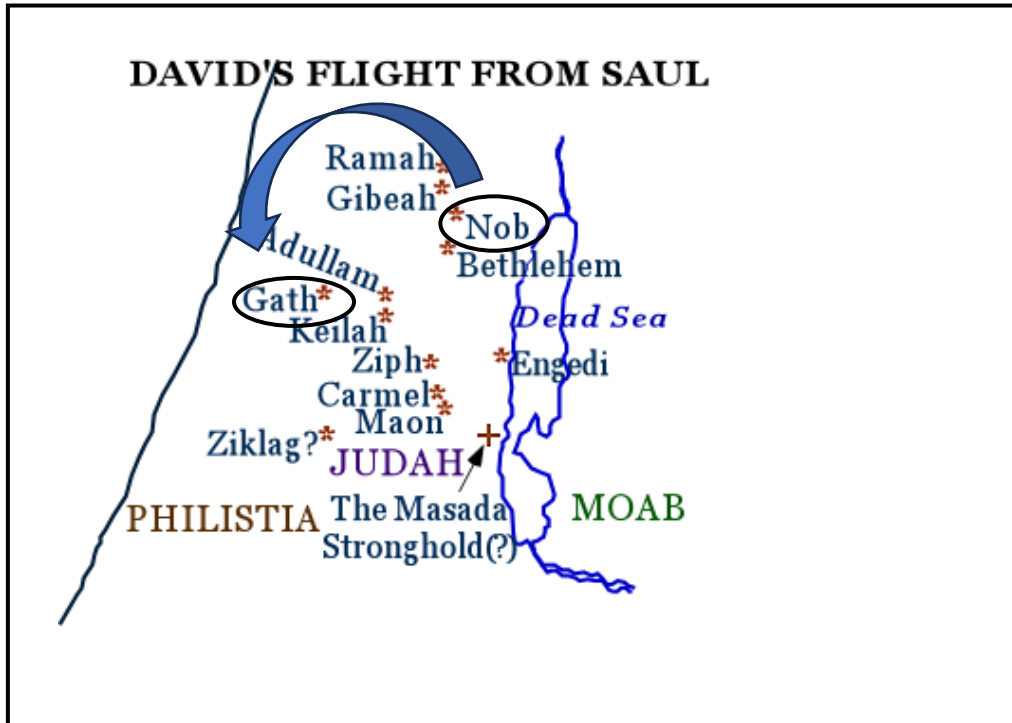
Vs. 1-9-David Flees to Nob



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- David went to Ahimelech-the priest at Nob.
- Ahimelech asked why David came alone. David **lied** and said his men remained in a discrete location while he carried out a secret mission.
- David asked for bread.
- The priest only had consecrated bread reserved for the priests ((Exodus 25:23-30)).
- Since Ahimelech believed David, he gave David the consecrated bread.
- Jesus used this example in Matthew 12:4 to show the importance of having compassion and following God's Laws over **sacrifice**.
- As it happened, one of Saul's servants named **Doeg** heard the conversation.
- Doeg, an Edomite, served as Saul's chief shepherd (more to come about Doeg).
- David asked Ahimelech for a weapon saying he made this journey in haste and came unarmed.
- Ahimelech gave David Goliath's sword.

Vs. 10-15 Achish Protects David



<https://allacin.blogspot.com/2014/10/1-samuel-illustrated-summary-of-life.html>

- David fled from Nob and went to Achish-king of **Gath**.
- Gath, located in Philistine territory, seemed a strange city for David to flee.
- David came wearing Goliath's sword.
- Gath, the hometown of **Goliath**, geographically laid southwest of Nob (1 Samuel 17:4).
- David feared for his life since the people recognized him.
- David feigned **madness**, scribbled on the doors of the gate, and let saliva run down his beard.
- David would learn lies do more harm than good.
- The people of Gath considered David crazy and let him leave.
- David eventually wrote Psalm 34 and 56 in commemoration of this event.

Summary

Proverbs 11:3 states, "Honesty guides good people; dishonesty destroys treacherous people (NLT). John 8:32 states, "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (NLT).

Difficult circumstances can make it hard to tell the truth. Asking God for wisdom and trusting He will honor your words can turn awkward situations into a much better outcome. David possibly wrote Psalm 27 when fleeing from Saul.

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Discussion Questions

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1. Saul tried to kill David by hurling his spear at him.
 - a. Why did Saul want to kill David?
 - b. How did God protect David?
 - c. Does God protect us? Explain.
 - d. How should we react when bad things happen to good people?

2. Scripture tells us Michal had a heathen idol.
 - a. How should David have reacted to this idol?
 - b. Why didn't David remove the idol?
 - c. What might this idol tell us about Michal?
 - d. How should Christians view idols today?

3. David fled for his life and went to Samuel at Ramah.
 - a. What happened to Saul's troops at Ramah.
 - b. What happened to Saul at Ramah?
 - c. How did the people react when they saw Saul prophesying?
 - d. Can we learn a lesson from this incident?

4. David experienced great anxiety and fear as he ran from Saul.
 - a. How do you think David felt running from Saul knowing God appointed him as the future king.
 - b. Do you think David had faith in God's plan?
 - c. What lessons do you think God tried to teach David?
 - d. Did David learn his lesson? Read one of these Psalms: 7, 31, 34, and 52.

5. Lying played a big role in this lesson.
 - a. How many lies can you count in today's lesson.
 - b. Which one caused the most trouble?
 - c. Why do you think Ahimelech had Goliath's sword?
 - d. Do you think Goliath's sword helped David? Explain.