

## One Year Through the Bible

### Week 14: March 31<sup>st</sup> through April 6<sup>th</sup>

Bible Texts for the Week	
Sunday:	1 <sup>st</sup> Sam. 17,18; Psa. 23
Monday:	1 <sup>st</sup> Sam. 19:1-18; Psa. 11,59
Tuesday:	1 <sup>st</sup> Sam. 19:19-24; 20,21; Psa. 56,142
Wednesday:	1 <sup>st</sup> Sam. 22; Psa. 17,34,35
Thursday:	Psa. 52,109,140
Friday:	Psa. 31,64; 1 <sup>st</sup> Sam. 23
Saturday:	Psa. 54,22; 1 <sup>st</sup> Sam. 24

Chapter Titles	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Samuel</b>	
17.	David & Goliath
18.	David & Jonathan
19.	David Flees from Saul
20.	Jonathan Protects David
21.	David Continues to Flee
22.	David's Mighty Men
23.	Their Adventures
24.	David Spares Saul #1
<b>Psalms</b>	
23.	The Great Shepherd (Risen)
11.	The Psalm of the Steadfast
59.	Prayer for Deliverance and Judgment
56.	A Prayer of the Hunted One
142.	The Prisoner's Psalm
17.	A Prayer of David Against the Wicked
34.	Appreciation for Deliverance
35.	A Prayer for Intercessors
52.	"Green Olive Tree" Psalm
109.	"Satanic Power" Psalm
140.	Opposition from Evil
31.	A Psalm of Trouble & Trust
64.	Wicked vs. the Righteous
54.	"Mine Helper" Psalm
22.	The Good Shepherd (Crucified)

#### *Thoughts & Notes on 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel Seventeen*

1. Chapter 17 is the famous David & Goliath chapter in the Bible.
2. The Philistine-Israel War is summarized, and Goliath is introduced (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:1-11).

- a. The United Philistine forces were gathered, as was the army of King Saul.
- b. The Philistines put forth a champion to determine the outcome of the war (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:4).
  - 1) אִישׁ־חַבְנַיִם iysh-habbenayim. חַבַּיִן bayin #996: *an interval, space between.*
  - 2) Goliath. גֹּלְיָת golyath #1555: *splendour(?) conspicuous (?)*. גָּלָה galah #1540: *to uncover, remove, reveal, carry to exile.*
  - 3) Gath was one of the five Philistine cities (with Ekron, Ashdod, Ashkelon, and Gaza), and by this time was considered the capital of the five cities (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 6:17).
  - 4) Six cubits and a span. 117" tall. 9'9"
  - 5) Heavy armor, 5,000 shekels of bronze. Over 126 pounds!
- c. The challenge is issued daily for 40 days (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:8-11,16).
  - 1) The result of the single combat between the Philistine champion (Goliath), and any champion Israel cared to send forth would be the enslavement of the defeated side (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:9).
  - 2) This custom was known among the Greeks, and Homer's *Iliad* contains the famous account of Achilles' victory over Hector. Apparently the Hittites of Asia Minor also practiced individual combat to a limited extent.<sup>1</sup>
  - 3) Parallels to the single combat between two parties to determine the outcome of a larger conflict have been identified in the *Iliad* (Paris and Menelaus in Book 3, Hector and Ajax in Book 7), in the Egyptian Story of Sinuhe (de Vaux 1971: 129; but see Hoffner 1968: 220–21), in the Hittite Apology of Hattushilish III (Hoffner 1968: 221–25), and in the Hebrew Bible (2 Sam 2:12–17, in which the battle is between two groups of soldiers equal in number).<sup>2</sup>
- d. Israel fails to take up the challenge for 40 days.

<sup>1</sup>Elwell, W. A. (1996, c1989). *Vol. 3: Evangelical commentary on the Bible*. Baker reference library (1 Sa 17:1). Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Book House.

<sup>2</sup>Freedman, D. N. (1996, c1992). *The Anchor Bible Dictionary* (Vol. 2, Page 1073). New York: Doubleday.

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- 1) King Saul does not take up the challenge, even though he has been anointed by the Lord to judge (deliver) Israel.
  - 2) Jonathan does not take up the challenge. He is mentioned in 1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 18:1 as being present, and must have been under direct orders from his father to not go into battle.
  - 3) David's brothers were present, and also failed to step forward by faith (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:13).
  - 4) David is not present, as his duties had placed him among his father's flocks (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:15).
3. David finds out about the challenge, and cannot believe that nobody has gone forward to kill the uncircumcised Philistine (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:12-30).
- a. His work-assignment as King Saul's minstrel was a part-time job, with extended time off to care for Jesse's flock (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:12,15).
    - 1) We don't have specific information regarding David's age, but it appears that he is too young for regular military service under King Saul.
    - 2) We can estimate an age of 10 for David's anointing by Samuel (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 16:13).
    - 3) We can estimate an age of 11 for David's musical ministry in Saul's court (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 16:21-23).
    - 4) We can estimate an age of 12 for David when he kills the lion and the bear (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:34-36).
    - 5) We can estimate an age of 13 for David when he kills Goliath (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:50,51).
    - 6) We can estimate an age of 14-16 for his marriage to Michael (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 18:27).
  - b. Jesse sends David to his brothers with provisions for them and their commander (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:17-19).
  - c. David overhears some Hebrew soldiers speaking of the reward Saul was offering for possible champions to fight the giant (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:20-27).
  - d. David's brothers are angry at his presence, and accuse him of seeking glory from a wicked heart (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:28-30).
4. When it comes to Saul's attention that David is willing to kill the giant, he does not believe it is possible for David to win (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:31-37).
- a. David convinces King Saul that he is not unaccustomed to danger.
  - b. David recounts his experience without boasting about it—simply describing the facts.
  - c. In the eyes of Saul's servants, David is a mighty man of valor (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 16:18), but in Saul's eyes, he's but a youth (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:33).
5. David's confidence in the Lord convinces Saul that he is the one to fight the giant (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:37b).
- a. Saul provides David with his own armor and weapons (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:38).
  - b. David felt uncomfortable with the untested (and ill-fitting) equipment, so he went forward with his shepherd's weaponry (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:39,40).
  - c. David gathered five smooth stones (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:40) because Goliath had four giant sons (2<sup>nd</sup> Sam. 21:15-22; 1<sup>st</sup> Chr. 20:4-8), and David intended to kill them all.
6. Goliath's viewpoint of David from the standpoint of a pagan unbeliever matched Saul's viewpoint of David from the standpoint of a reversionistic believer (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:41-44).
7. David approached the giant with the faith that the battle is the Lord's (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:45-47).
- a. Goliath's weapons were according to the flesh (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:45a; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 10:4).
  - b. David's weapons were divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:45b; 2<sup>nd</sup> Cor. 10:4).
  - c. David's goal is to glorify the Lord God of Israel in the eyes of the unbelievers, and in the eyes of Israel (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:46,47).

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8. The Lord used David's shepherding weapons to achieve the victory (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:48-50a), and the pagan's weapons to achieve his own execution (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:50b,51).
  9. The Philistines defy their obligation to become enslaved to Israel, and run in retreat (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:52-54).
    - a. David kept Goliath's head, and weapons for souvenirs.
    - b. The weapons will end up in the tabernacle at Nob (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 21:9).
  10. Although Saul had greatly benefited from David's prior musical ministry, he never bothered to find out David's family, or the advantages he might find by an alliance with the house of Jesse (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 17:55-58).
- c. Even dispatching David to the frontier didn't help, as everywhere David served produced even more victories (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 18:12-16).
  4. Saul devises a plot "to snare" David into death at the hands of the Philistines (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 18:17-30).
    - a. The bait for Saul's snare is his daughter's hand in marriage.
    - b. David declines Saul's offer of marriage with Merab, as not being worthy of such a marriage arrangement (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 18:17-19).
    - c. Saul's other daughter, Michal, actually loves David, so Saul has another chance to "snare" his enemy (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 18:20,21).
    - d. Saul also allays David's concerns by "only" asking for a dowry of 100 Philistine foreskins (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 18:22-27).
    - e. Saul's efforts are fruitless, however, as David presents the king with a double-portion dowry for his daughter.
      - 1) David is blessed with career success.
      - 2) David is blessed with marital success.

#### *Thoughts & Notes on Chapter Eighteen*

1. Saul & Jonathan reacted differently to David's victory over Goliath (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 18:1,2).
  - a. Jonathan found a fellow believer with a matching soul-capacity love for the Lord (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 18:1).
  - b. Saul found a mighty man of valor that he could attach to his staff (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 18:2; cf. 14:52).
  - c. Jonathan gave gifts to David, and exalted David over his own claim as crown-prince (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 18:3,4).
  - d. Saul used David, and sent him various places to win battles that Saul could not win (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 18:5).
2. David's military success produced a jealousy on the part of King Saul (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 18:6-9).
3. Saul's continued slide into reversionism was marked by the greater impact that his demonic affliction was permitted to have (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 18:10,11).
  - a. As a believer, Saul cannot be possessed by demons (Lk. 11:21-26; 1<sup>st</sup> Cor. 6:19; 1<sup>st</sup> Jn. 4:4), but he can certainly be obsessed by them, as he submits to their influence (1<sup>st</sup> Tim. 4:1,2).
  - b. Saul went through a demonic cycle of anger, fear, & dread (anger+fear).

#### *Thoughts & Notes on Psalm 23*

1. David the Shepherd knew Who his true Shepherd was (Ps. 23:1a; Jn. 10:11,14; 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 2:25; 5:4; Heb. 13:20).
2. Through David's recognition of the Lord's shepherding ministry, he has no want (Ps. 23:1b-3; 34:9,10; Phil. 4:19).
  - a. The Shepherd provides rest.
  - b. The Shepherd provides nourishment.
  - c. The Shepherd turns the soul that is headed the wrong direction.
  - d. The Shepherd leads by example.
  - e. The Shepherd does this all for His own glory.
3. The believer focused on the Good, Great, and Chief Shepherd can have victory in every circumstance and detail of life (Ps. 23:4-6).
  - a. He has confidence in physical danger.
  - b. He has confidence in spiritual danger.
  - c. He has confidence in Divine protection.
  - d. He has confidence in Divine provision.
  - e. He has confidence in his spiritual-life blessings and service to the Lord—both in time and eternity.

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#### Thoughts & Notes on 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel Nineteen

1. Saul's demonic affliction has driven him to the point of murder (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 19:1a).
2. Jonathan's spiritual fellowship with David had become a great delight (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 19:1b).  
פָּנֵי chaphets #2654: *to delight in, take pleasure in.*
3. Jonathan warns David of the murder plot, and urges Saul to recognize the Lord's blessings upon him through David (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 19:2-5).
4. Saul listens to the wisdom of Jonathan, and rescinds the execution warrant (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 19:6,7).
5. The next Davidic victory drove Saul to murderous anger once again (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 19:8-10).
6. Saul has David's house watched, in order to ambush him in the morning, but Michal warns David, and assists in his escape (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 19:11-17).
  - a. Michal covers for David with a lie, and provides him with additional time to make his escape.
  - b. She places a teraphim (household idol) in the bed, and tells the guards that he is sick (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 19:13,14).
  - c. She tells another lie to her father to cover for her first lie (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 19:15-17).
7. David flees to Ramah, and stays with the Prophet Samuel (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 19:18-24).
  - a. Saul's repeated messengers will be unable to arrest David (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 19:20,21).
  - b. Saul himself is unable to lay a hand on the Lord's anointed (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 19:22-24).

#### Thoughts & Notes on Psalm 11

1. David understood that his spiritual fortress was the Lord, and therefore his soul had no other place to flee to, and no need to flee (Ps. 11:1).
2. Although David has physically fled from Saul, his soul was not fleeing in fear.
3. The wicked plan extensively for the downfall of the righteous (Ps. 11:2).
4. David chose to occupy his mind with the heavenly glory of the Lord, and the Lord's plan for the testing of His servants (Ps. 11:4,5).
5. David chose to occupy his mind with the Lord's ultimate judgment in eternity (Ps. 11:6,7).

#### Thoughts & Notes on Psalm 59

1. Psalm 59 is an Imprecatory Psalm, where David calls for God's vengeance against his enemies. The Imprecatory Psalms are: 35, 52, 55, 58, 59, 79, 109, & 137.
2. David opens his prayer (psalm) with an expectation of deliverance (Ps. 59:1,2).
  - a. Deliver me. נָצַל natsal #5337: *to snatch away, rescue, deliver* (Ps. 22:20).
  - b. Set me high away. (NIV: protect me; NKJV: defend me). שָׁבַג sagab #7682: *to be high, to be set (securely) on high* (Ps. 20:1; 69:29; 91:14; 107:41).
  - c. Save me. יָשָׁא yasha' #3467: *to deliver, save* (Ps. 86:2).
3. David professes the innocence of his heart, and describes the wickedness of his enemies (Ps. 59:3-7).
4. David enjoys the Sovereignty of God, Who laughs at his enemies (Ps. 59:8; 2:4; 37:13).
5. David turns to the Lord for strength, and expects the Adversaries lies to be manifest for what they are (Ps. 59:9-15).
6. David understands that spiritual conflict is cause for rejoicing because He provides the victory, and He is entitled to the praise (Ps. 59:16,17).

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#### *Thoughts & Notes on 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel Twenty*

1. David confronts Jonathan with Saul's latest murder plot, but Jonathan has no knowledge of Saul's current intentions (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 20:1,2).
2. David advises Jonathan on a plan of action, so that Jonathan can discover Saul's true intentions (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 20:3-8).
3. Jonathan agrees to David's plan, and initiates a procedure for surreptitious communication (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 20:9-11,18-23).
4. Jonathan & David make a covenant with one another, that recognizes the Lord's will in anointing David to replace Saul (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 20:12-17).
5. Jonathan puts David's plan into action, and finds out quite violently what Saul's intentions are (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 20:24-34).
6. Jonathan uses his procedure for surreptitious communication, but then works against that plan by speaking directly with David (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 20:35-42).

#### *Thoughts & Notes on 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel Twenty-One*

1. David's flight takes him to Ahimelech the priest, at Nob (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 21:1a).
  - a. Ahimelech was a priest of the line of Ithamar, and descended from Eli (1<sup>st</sup> Chr. 24:3; 1<sup>st</sup> Kgs. 2:26,27).
  - b. Nob was a town of priests, just north of Jerusalem in Benjamin (Isa. 10:32).
2. Ahimelech is frightened by the manner in which David was coming to him (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 21:1b).
3. David invents a story (the old "secret mission" story) and asks the priest for assistance (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 21:2-9).
4. Doeg the Edomite observes David's presence, and will be used by the Adversary to bring about a great evil (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 21:7; 22:9,10,18,19; Ps. 52).
5. David flees to the land of the Philistines (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 21:10-15).
  - a. He intends to offer himself to Achish for service, but the Philistine servants recognize him (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 21:10,11).

- b. David acted insanely for the purpose of escaping from the Philistines (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 21:12-15).

#### *Thoughts & Notes on Psalm 56*

1. David composes the Psalm as an expression of gratitude for the Lord's deliverance from the Philistines.
2. Regardless of human (demonic) activity against us, we can rejoice in the grace of God (Ps. 56:1).
3. Believers have the faith in God's deliverance, as a provision against fear (Ps. 56:3,4,11).
4. Believers have faith in God's limits—the extent to which we must suffer and cry (Ps. 56:8).
5. Believers must walk in the light of life, giving praise to God for each victory over darkness (Ps. 56:12,13).

#### *Thoughts & Notes on Psalm 142*

1. Believers may come to the point of an overwhelmed soul (Ps. 142:3,6).
2. The answer in these troubled times is a fervent, effective prayer life (Ps. 142:1,2,5).
3. God's motivation to deliver the believer is for the further glorification of His holy name (Ps. 142:7).

#### *Thoughts & Notes on 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel Twenty-Two*

1. David's return to Israel was also a family reunion (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 22:1).
2. David's return to Israel was a subject of hope for many who were afflicted by Saul's unrighteous reign (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 22:2).
3. David secured his family's care, and then kept himself in the geographic will of God (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 22:3-5).
4. Saul hears of David's return to Israel, and accuses his entire staff of a conspiracy with his enemy (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 22:6-8).
5. Doeg proves his carnal allegiance to Saul by exposing the role Ahimelech played in David's escape (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 22:9,10).
6. Saul summons the house of Ahimelech for trial (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 22:11-16).

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- a. The charge is conspiracy and treason.
  - b. The guilt is presupposed.
  - c. Ahimelech knows nothing about a conspiracy, and testifies to the righteousness of David.
7. Saul orders the priests' execution, and Doeg is willing to carry it out (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 22:17-19).
  8. Abiathar escapes the massacre, and arrives safely into David's company (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 22:20-23).

#### *Thoughts & Notes on Psalm 17*

1. David understands the importance of prayer during times of affliction (Ps. 17:1).
2. David understands that he is accountable to the Lord at all times, and has no problem with the Lord's scrutiny at any time (Ps. 17:2-5).
3. David understands that prayer enables him to take refuge in the shadow of the Lord's wings (Ps. 17:6-12).
4. David understands that the wicked may prosper in this life, but the rewards of the righteous come in the next life (Ps. 17:13-15).

#### *Thoughts & Notes on Psalm 34*

1. Psalm 34 is an acrostic psalm.
  - a. There is no verse beginning with א.
  - b. The surprise comes in Ps. 34:6 (Heb. v.7) with a verse that begins with א: This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles.
  - c. Since the acrostic ends at v.21, instead of v.22, the final verse of the chapter makes the overall point—David's gospel message to the down-trodden.
2. David has blessings and praise for the Lord Who delivered him from the Philistines (Ps. 34:1).
3. David will boast in the Lord, and allow his failures to instruct others (Ps. 34:2,3).
4. David's Bible class was an encouragement to the down-trodden that had come to him for hope (Ps. 34:4-7; 1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 22:2).

5. David's Bible class was an exhortation to those down-trodden, to live for the Lord, and for His glory (Ps. 34:8-14).
6. David's Bible class was an exhibition of the Lord's faithfulness towards believers, and the Lord's righteous judgment against unbelievers (Ps. 34:15-22).

#### *Thoughts & Notes on Psalm 35*

1. David gives his battle to the Lord (Ps. 35:1-8).
2. David looks forward to seeing his prayers answered, although he doesn't know how long it is going to take (Ps. 35:9,10,17,18).
3. David examines himself to make certain of his own undeserved suffering, rather than divine discipline (Ps. 35:11-16).
4. David asks the Lord to thwart the conspiracy of the wicked (Ps. 35:19-26).
5. David values the prayers of others on his behalf, and looks forward to corporate worship in celebration of the Lord's deliverance (Ps. 35:27,28).

#### *Thoughts & Notes on Psalm 52*

1. Psalm 52 is David's rebuke of Doeg the Edomite.
2. Psalm 52 is God's rebuke of Satan.
3. Psalm 52 is a sad Psalm, because the evil man is uprooted (Ps. 52:5), when he could have been a tree firmly planted (Ps. 52:8,9; 1:3).

#### *Thoughts & Notes on Psalm 109*

1. The itemized imprecations of this Psalm are the most severe in Scripture.
2. The shadow prophecy here finds its fulfillment in Judas Iscariot (Ps. 109:8; Acts 1:20).
3. Psalm 109 was never used in later years for any part of Jewish worship. It has even been regarded by some as a magic spell!
4. The Church Age believer needs to understand that rejoicing comes in the deliverance of the righteous, and not the destruction of the unrighteous (Ezek. 33:11).

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#### *Thoughts & Notes on Psalm 140*

1. Believers must guard against attacks from the Adversary (Ps. 140:1-3).
2. Believers must guard against being ensnared by the Adversary (Ps. 140:4,5).
3. The method for the believers' alertness is fervent, effectual prayer (Ps. 140:6-13).

#### *Thoughts & Notes on Psalm 31*

1. This psalm is a lament, along the lines of Job, and the grief he experienced (cf. Ps. 31:9-13).
2. David's grief produces the prophetic utterance of Christ (Ps. 31:5; Lk. 23:46).

#### *Thoughts & Notes on Psalm 64*

1. The verbal warfare of the Slanderer and his servants is deadly (Ps. 64:1-6).
2. The Lord's Word is more powerful than any word the Slanderer can devise (Ps. 64:7-10).

#### *Thoughts & Notes on 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 23*

1. David is notified of a Philistine raid on the Judean city of Keilah (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 23:1).
  - a. King Saul is doing nothing about the raid.
  - b. The people of Judah are looking for leadership.
  - c. David inquires of the Lord, and receives his instructions to deliver Keilah (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 23:2).
2. David's men, however, are not privy to the Lord's instructions, and are in need of encouragement (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 23:3), so David inquires a second time of the Lord for the benefit of his followers (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 23:4).
3. The Lord provided for victory, as promised (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 23:5).
4. At this time, Abiathar arrives from Nob, with the High Priest's ephod in hand (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 23:6). David now has a second witness to the Lord's leading, while Saul is being deprived of Divine witnesses (see 1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 28:6).

5. Saul (with human observation) sees David in a trap (Keilah), and moves his armies to surround the city (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 23:7,8).
6. David, by prophetic knowledge, knows what Saul intends, and verifies it through priestly revelation in a public manner (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 23:9-12).
7. David & his men then flee to the wilderness, and rely upon the Lord to keep his movements hidden from Saul's daily search (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 23:13,14).
8. Jonathan has no problem finding David, and together they enjoy their final spiritual fellowship in their physical life (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 23:15-18).
9. The Ziphites sell out David's location to Saul (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 23:19-24a).
10. The Lord utilizes circumstances in Saul's kingship to deliver David from Saul's hand (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 23:24b-29).

#### *Thoughts & Notes on Psalm 54*

1. Salvation is according to the integrity of God's own name (Ps. 54:1a).
2. Salvation is the outworking of God's own power (Ps. 54:1b).
3. A great memory verse—God is my helper (Ps. 54:4a). הַגִּבּוֹר אֱלֹהִים עֲזָרָ לִי. עֲזָרָ 'azar #5826: *to help, support* (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 7:12; Job 9:13; Ps. 22:11; 37:40; 107:12; 118:7; Isa. 44:2; 49:8; 50:7,9; 63:5; Dan. 10:13).

#### *Thoughts & Notes on Psalm 22*

1. Psalm 22 is the prophetic description of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ—described by David 1,000 years before-hand.
2. No known incident in David's life matches the description of this psalm.
  - a. This psalm includes no confession of sin whatsoever.
  - b. This psalm includes no imprecation against his enemies.
3. Psalm 22 is quoted in the New Testament in a variety of places:

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- a. Ps. 22:1 = Matt. 27:46; Mk. 15:34
  - b. Ps. 22:7 = Matt. 27:39; Mk. 15:29
  - c. Ps. 22:7,8 = Lk. 23:35,36
  - d. Ps. 22:8 = Matt. 27:43
  - e. Ps. 22:15 = Jn. 19:28
  - f. Ps. 22:18 = Matt. 27:35; Mk. 15:24; Lk. 23:34; Jn. 19:24
  - g. Ps. 22:22 = Heb. 2:12
  - h. Ps. 22:23 = Rev. 19:5
  - i. Ps. 22:28 = Rev. 11:15; 19:6
4. In addition to the above quotations, the description of this psalm is so vivid it can only have reference to a crucifixion experience (Ps. 22:16).
- a. David has no recorded literal crucifixion experience.
  - b. Yet this passage records a (visionary?) crucifixion experience.
  - c. As Ezekiel was taken out of his body for spiritual experiences (Ezek. 8-11; 40-48), Pastor Bob believes that David experienced the cross in a similar manner.
5. The conclusion to the psalm speaks of resurrection and glory—the cross is not the end of the story (Ps. 22:25-31).
4. David responds to the urging of his men, but not in a violent manner against Saul (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 24:4b).
5. Although David clipped off Saul's robe as proof of his innocence, David's conscience was burdened because of what he had done against Saul (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 24:5).
6. David's conscience does not allow him to stretch out his hand against the Lord's anointed (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 24:6,12; 26:9,11,16; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam. 1:14,16; Rom. 14:5,22,23).
- a. מָשִׁיחַ <sup>#4899</sup> mashiyach: *anointed one, Messiah.*
  - b. Χριστός <sup>#5547</sup> christos: *anointed one, Christ, Messiah.*
7. David followed Saul out of the cave, and gave himself up to the mercy of the Lord (vv.8-15).
8. Saul's response was of grief and sorrow for what he had done against David, and the unrighteousness of his activity (vv.16-21).
9. David agrees to Saul's vow, but chose to remain in En-Gedi rather than return to court at Gibeah (v.22).

#### Thoughts & Notes on 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 24

1. Saul finishes with pursuing the Philistines, and returned his attention to hunting David (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 24:1).
2. Saul needs to “cover his feet” and unknowingly picks the cave in which David & his men are hiding (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 24:3).
3. David's men are convinced that God was arranging circumstances to fulfill prophecy (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 24:4a).
  - a. Such a direct prophecy is not revealed in Scripture.
  - b. God's promise to David before Keilah was to deliver the Philistines into his hand (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 23:4).
  - c. Jonathan had promised David that David would be the next king, but only stated that Saul's hand would not be successful against David. He made no mention of David's hand against Saul (1<sup>st</sup> Sam. 23:17).

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