



**The Kings
of Israel**

Lesson #13

In our last study:

David saves the people of Keilah from the hand of the Philistines.

David escapes from Saul in the wilderness of Maon.

David spares Saul's life.

Samuel dies and is buried in Ramah.

Abigail saves her family from David's wrath.

In this study:

David spares King Saul's life for a second time!

David flees to the Philistines!

Saul seeks out a Medium!

The Philistines refuse to allow David to fight with them.

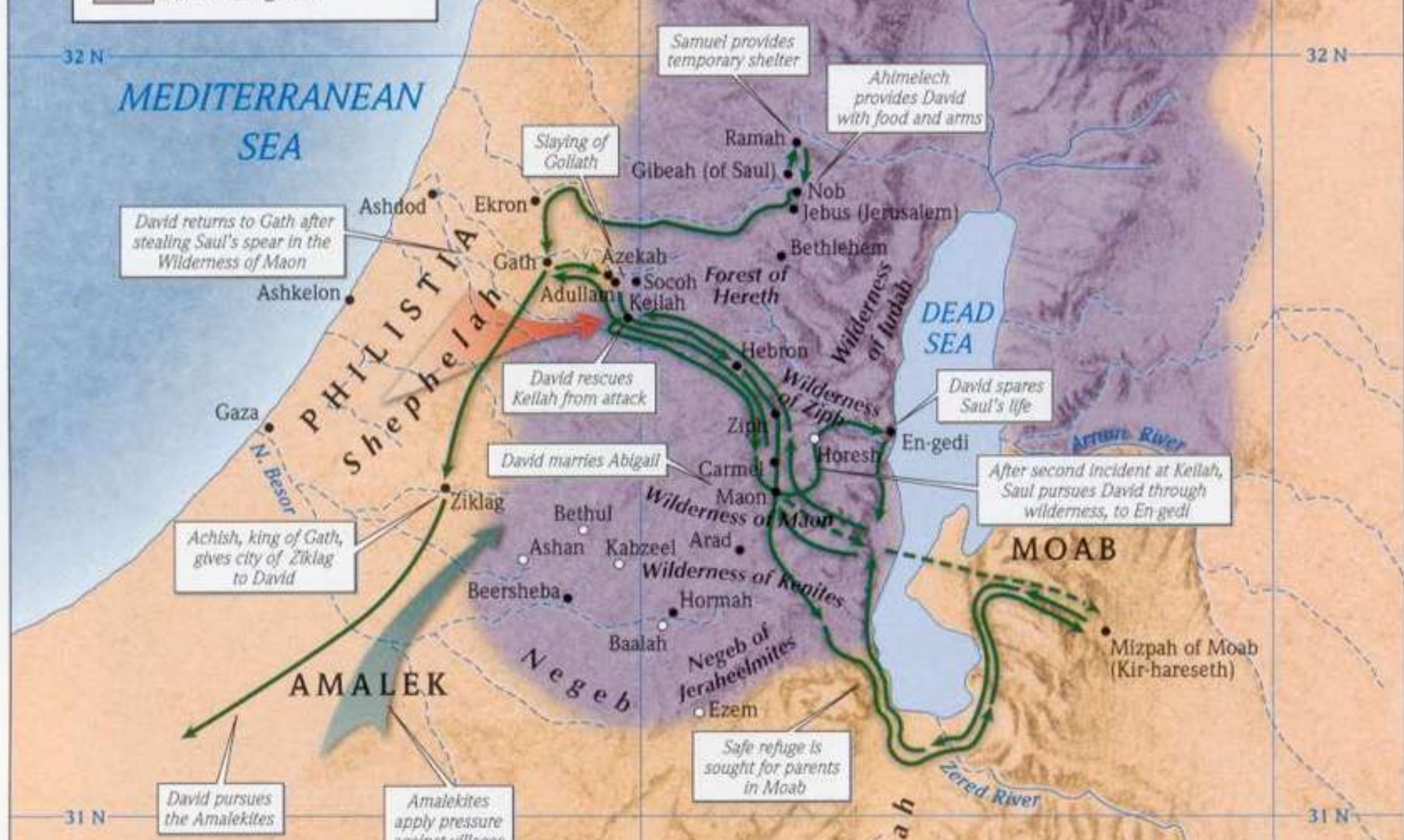
David returns to Ziklag to find it burned and their families taken captive!

King Saul dies on Mount Gilboa!

David spares King Saul's life for a second time!

1 Samuel 26:1 – 2 (ESV)

1 Then the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, “Is not David hiding himself on the hill of Hachilah, which is on the east of Jeshimon?” 2 So Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.



1 Samuel 26:5 (ESV)

5 Then David rose and came to the place where Saul had encamped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, with Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army. Saul was lying within the encampment, while the army was encamped around him.

1 Samuel 26:7 (ESV)

7 So David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay around him.

1 Samuel 26:10 – 11 (ESV)

10 And David said, “As the LORD lives, the LORD will strike him, or his day will come to die, or he will go down into battle and perish. 11 The LORD forbid that I should put out my hand against the LORD'S anointed. But take now the spear that is at his head and the jar of water, and let us go.”

1 Samuel 26:12 (ESV)

12 So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them.

1 Samuel 26:13 – 14 (ESV)

13 Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. 14 And David called to the army, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, “Will you not answer, Abner?” Then Abner answered, “Who are you who calls to the king?”

1 Samuel 26:17 – 18 (ESV)

17 Saul recognized David's voice and said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And David said, "It is my voice, my lord, O king." 18 And he said, "Why does my lord pursue after his servant? For what have I done? What evil is on my hands?"

1 Samuel 26:20 (ESV)

20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth away from the presence of the LORD, for the king of Israel has come out to seek a single flea like one who hunts a partridge in the mountains.”

1 Samuel 26:21 (ESV)

21 Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I will no more do you harm, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Behold, I have acted foolishly, and have made a great mistake."

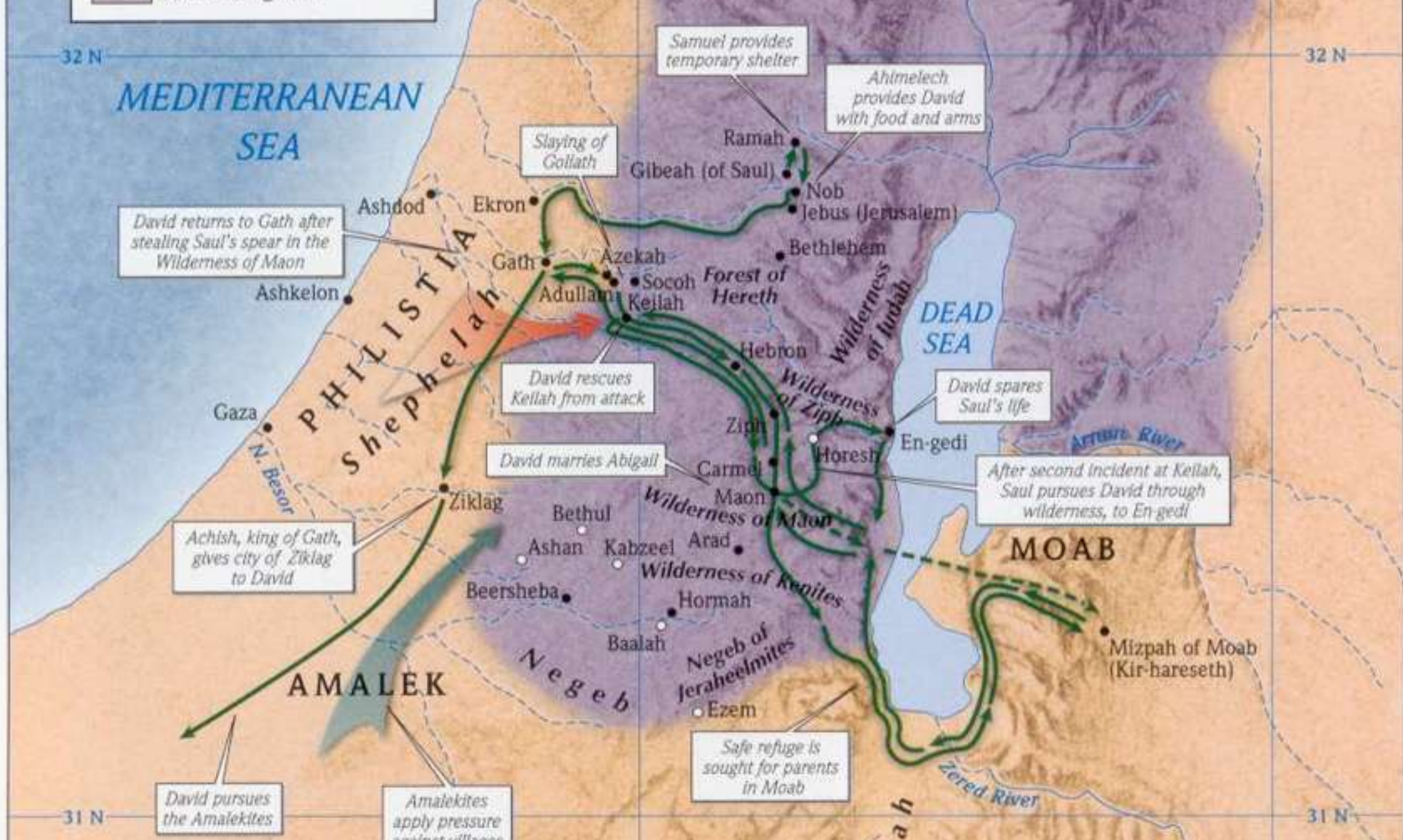
1 Samuel 26:25 (ESV)

25 Then Saul said to David, "Blessed be you, my son David! You will do many things and will succeed in them." So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

David flees to the Philistines!

1 Samuel 27:1 – 4 (ESV)

1 Then David said in his heart, “Now I shall perish one day by the hand of Saul. There is nothing better for me than that I should escape to the land of the Philistines. Then Saul will despair of seeking me any longer within the borders of Israel, and I shall escape out of his hand.” 2 So David arose and went over, he and the six hundred men who were with him, to Achish the son of Maach, king of Gath. 3 And David lived with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, and David with his two wives, Ahinoam of Jezreel, and Abigail of Carmel, Nabal's widow. 4 And when it was told Saul that David had fled to Gath, he no longer sought him.



1 Samuel 27:7 (ESV)

7 And the number of the days that David lived in the country of the Philistines was a year and four months.

1 Samuel 28:1 – 2 (ESV)

1 In those days the Philistines gathered their forces for war, to fight against Israel. And Achish said to David, “Understand that you and your men are to go out with me in the army.” 2 David said to Achish, “Very well, you shall know what your servant can do.” And Achish said to David, “Very well, I will make you my bodyguard for life.”

Saul seeks out a Medium!

1 Samuel 28:3 (ESV)

3 Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. And Saul had put the mediums and the necromancers out of the land.

1 Samuel 28:5 – 7 (ESV)

5 When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. 6 And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. 7 Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a medium at En-dor."

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In our next study, we will continue our examination the transition of the King over Israel from Saul to David!