

# SAUL, DAVID, & SOLOMON

## Lessons In Faith





# I SAMUEL 18 - 19



**David's popularity turned  
King Saul against him.**

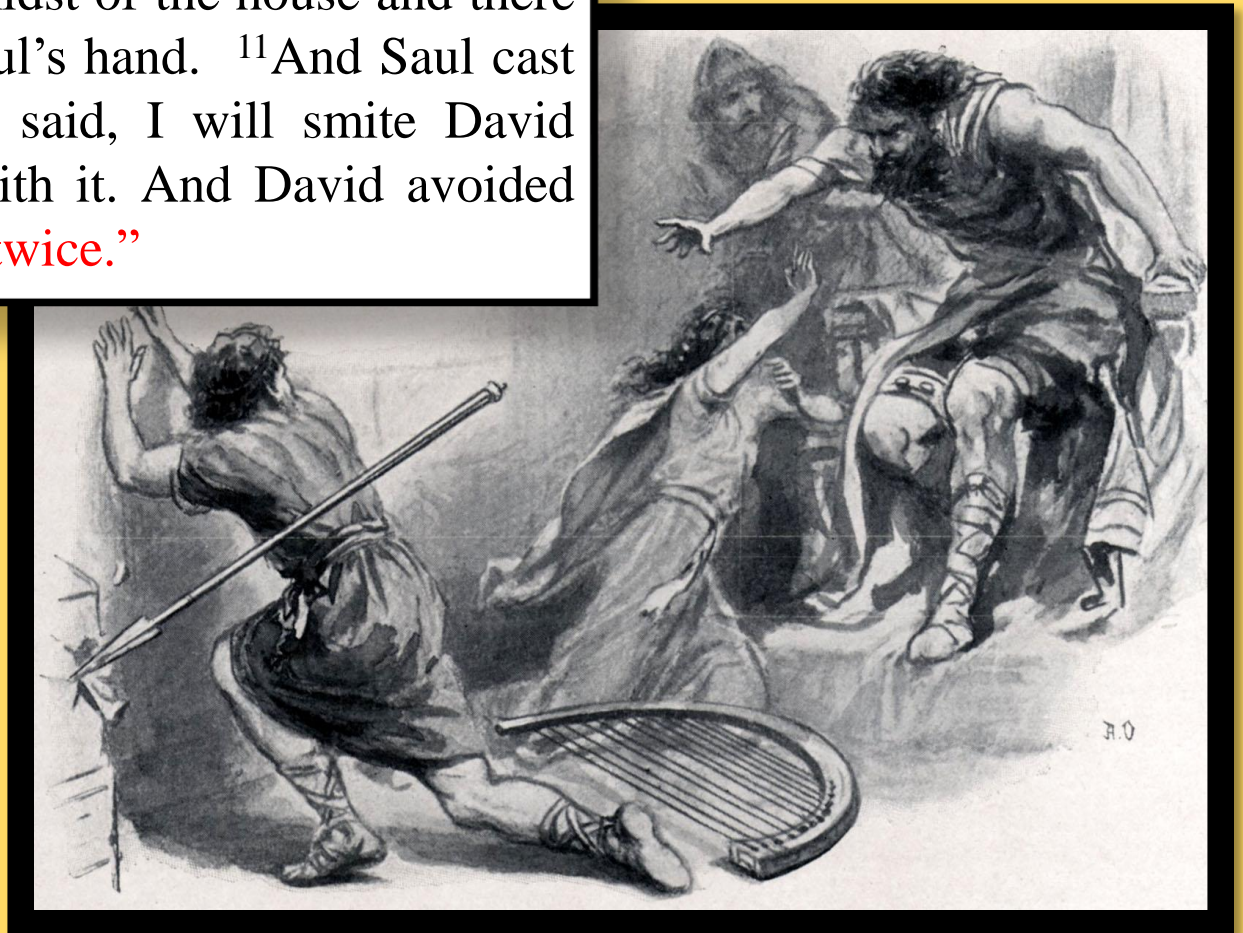
1 Samuel 18

“<sup>8</sup>And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom? <sup>9</sup>And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.”



## 1 Samuel 18

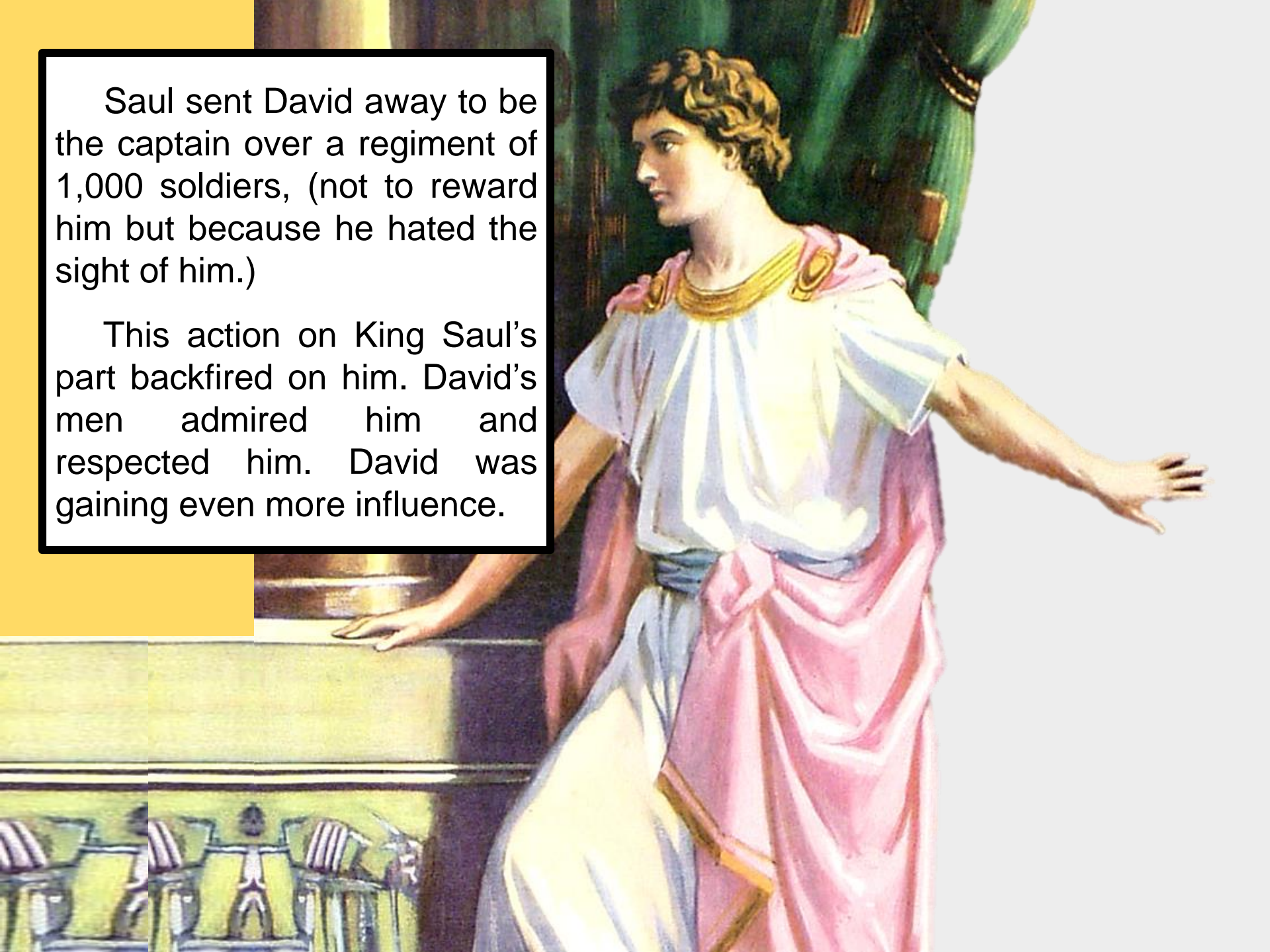
“<sup>10</sup>And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul and he prophesied in the midst of the house and there was a javelin in Saul’s hand. <sup>11</sup>And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his presence **twice.**”





Saul sent David away to be the captain over a regiment of 1,000 soldiers, (not to reward him but because he hated the sight of him.)

This action on King Saul's part backfired on him. David's men admired him and respected him. David was gaining even more influence.





## 1 Samuel 18

“<sup>13</sup>Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went out and came in before the people. <sup>14</sup>And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the LORD was with him. <sup>15</sup>Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him. <sup>16</sup>But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.”







## 1 Samuel 18

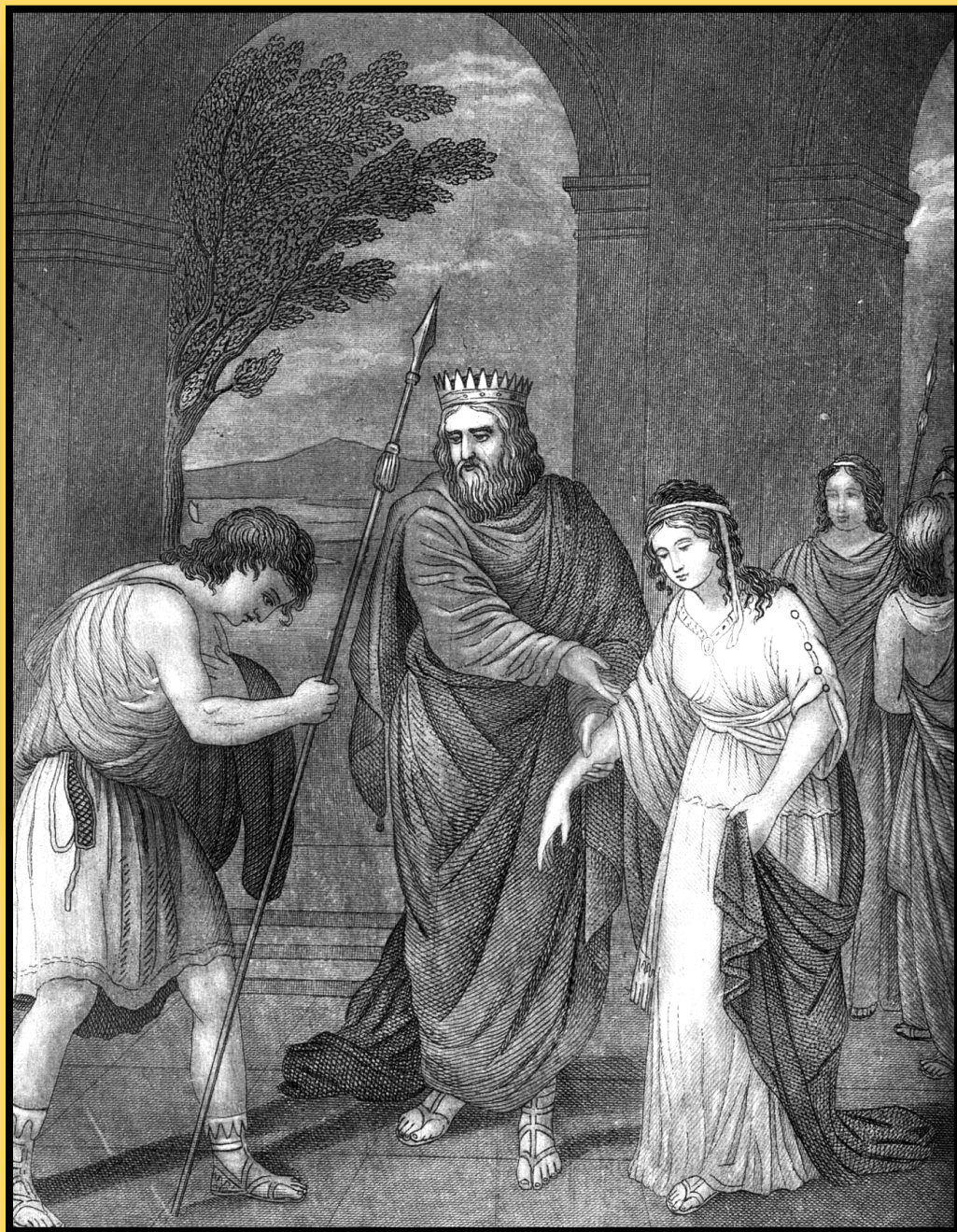
“<sup>17</sup>And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD’S battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him.”



## 1 Samuel 18

“<sup>18</sup>And David said unto Saul, Who am I? and what is my life, or my father’s family in Israel, that I should be son in law to the king? <sup>19</sup>But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul’s daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel the **Meholathite** to wife.”

Meholathite— One from Abel-meholah which was located in the Jordan valley near Bethshean, the native place of Elisha.





## **KING SAUL'S DAUGHTER MICHAL LOVED DAVID**

1 Samuel 18

“<sup>20</sup>And Michal Saul's daughter loved David and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

<sup>21</sup>And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son in law in the one of the twain.”





## 1 Samuel 18

“<sup>22</sup>And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king’s son in law. <sup>23</sup>And Saul’s servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said,

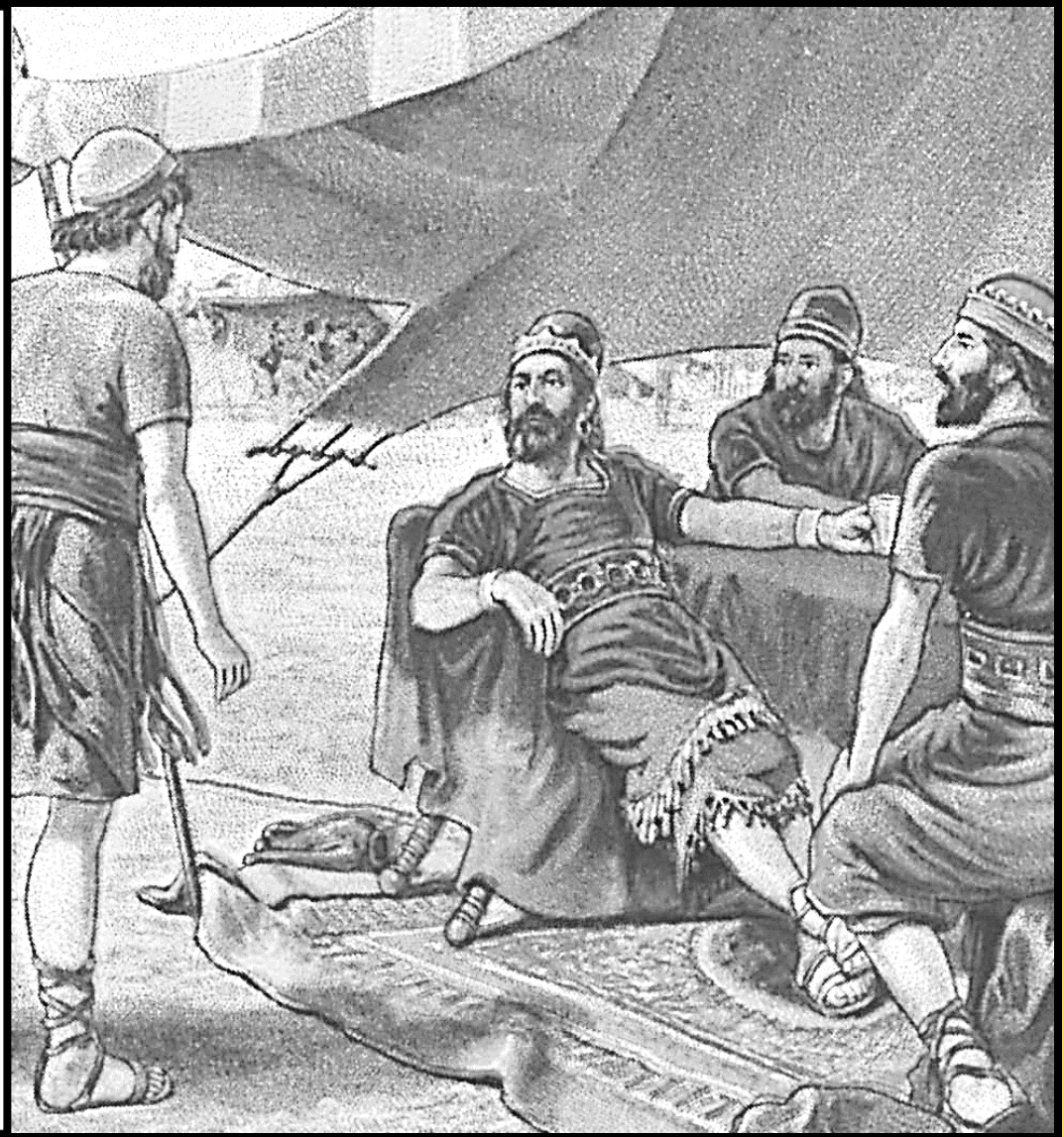
Seemeth it to you a light thing to be a king’s son in law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed?”





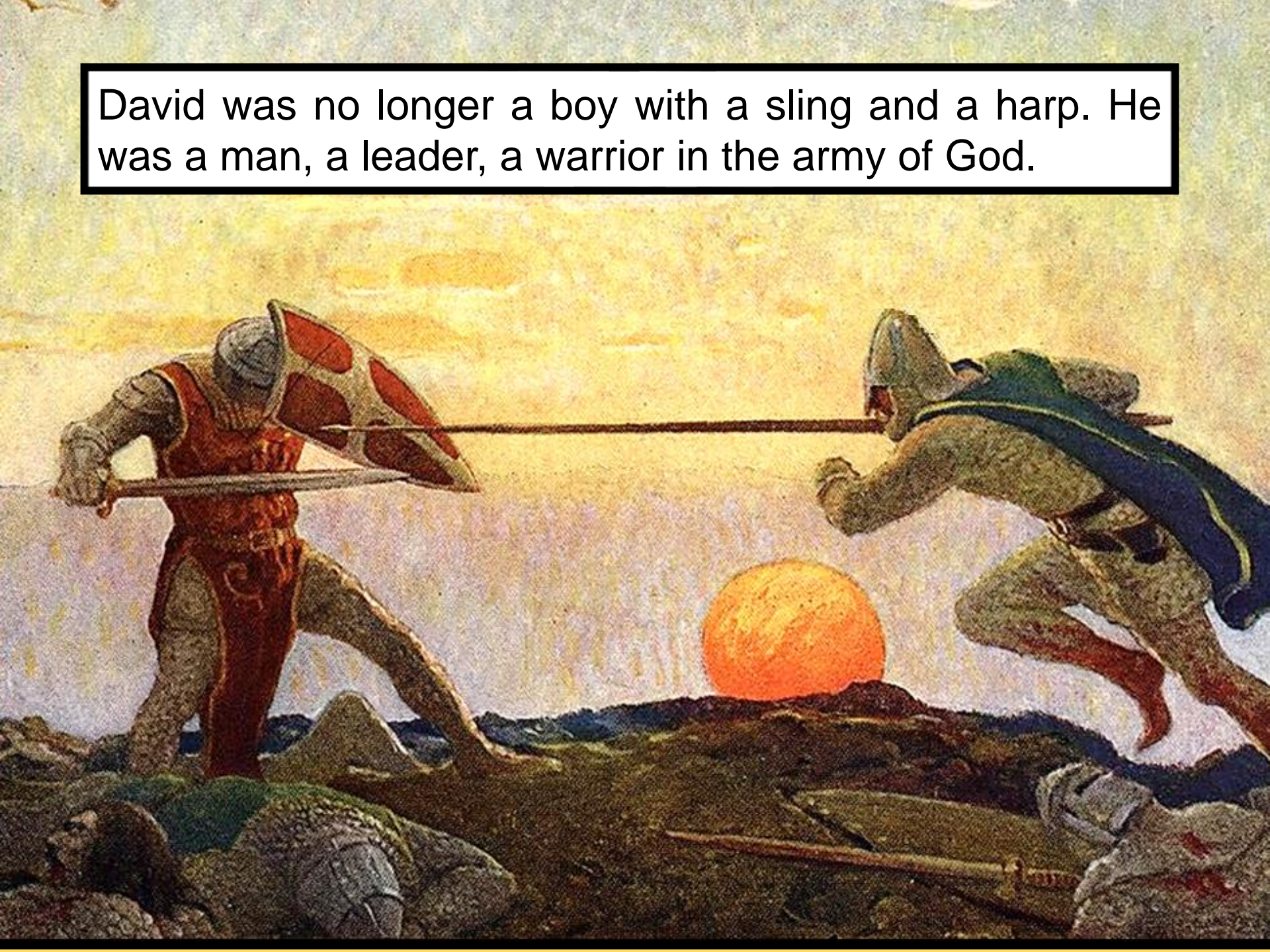
## 1 Samuel 18

“<sup>24</sup>And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David. <sup>25</sup>And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king’s enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. <sup>26</sup>And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king’s son in law: and the days were not expired.”





David was no longer a boy with a sling and a harp. He was a man, a leader, a warrior in the army of God.





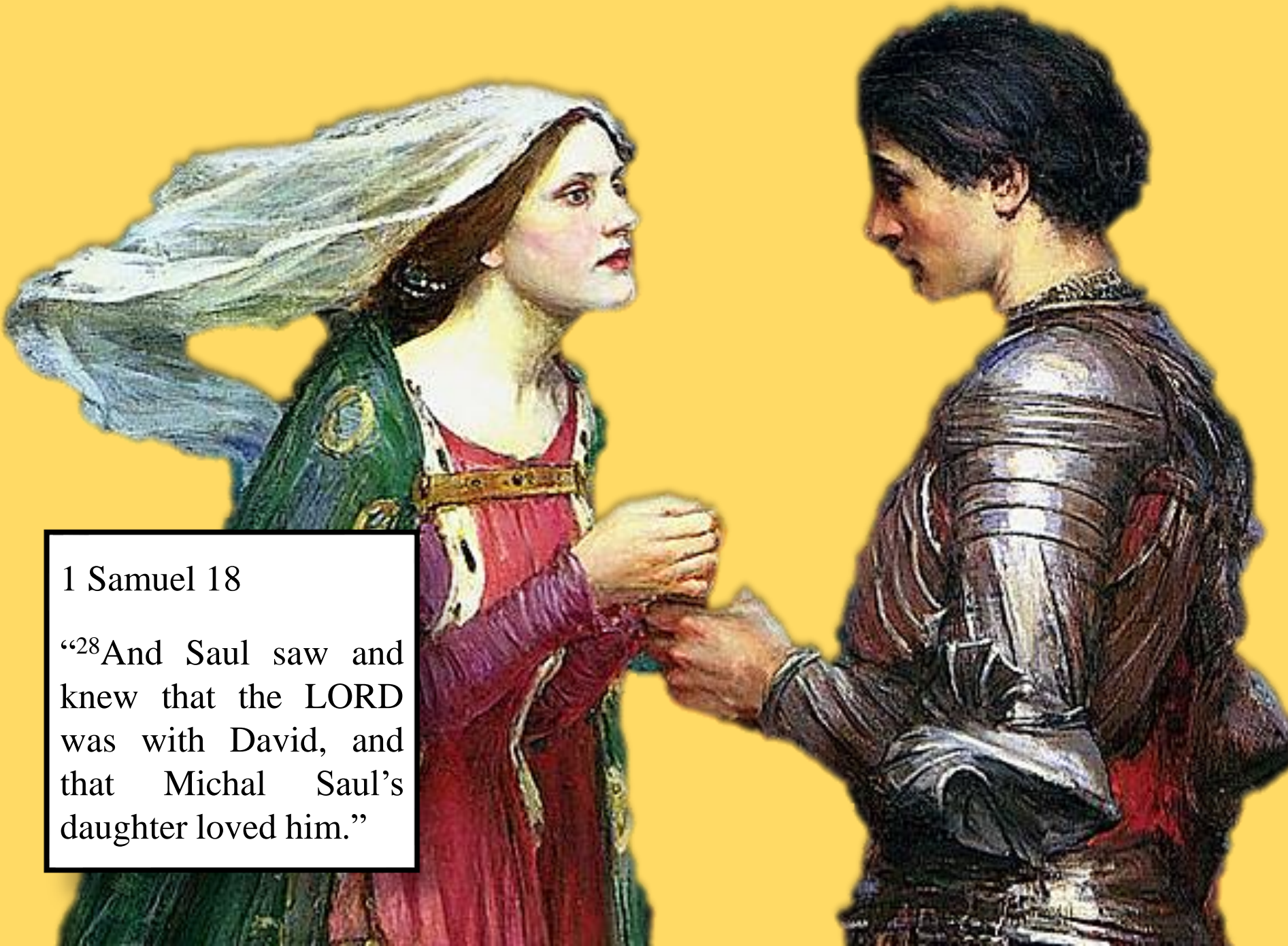
## 1 Samuel 18

“<sup>27</sup>Wherefore David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full tale to the king, that he might be the king’s son in law.

And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife.”







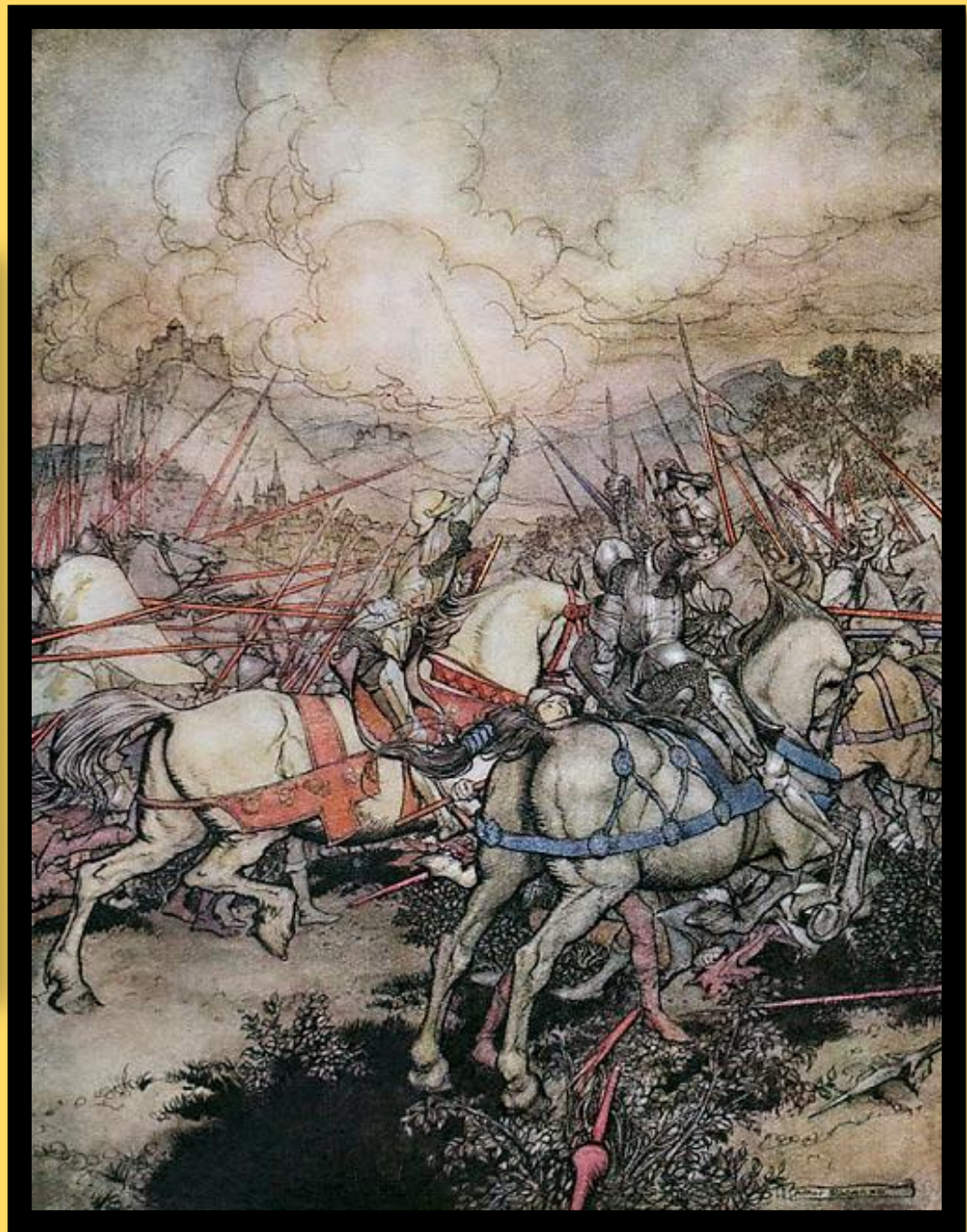
## 1 Samuel 18

“<sup>28</sup>And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal Saul’s daughter loved him.”



## 1 Samuel 18

“<sup>29</sup>And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul became David’s enemy continually. <sup>30</sup>Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, after they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.”

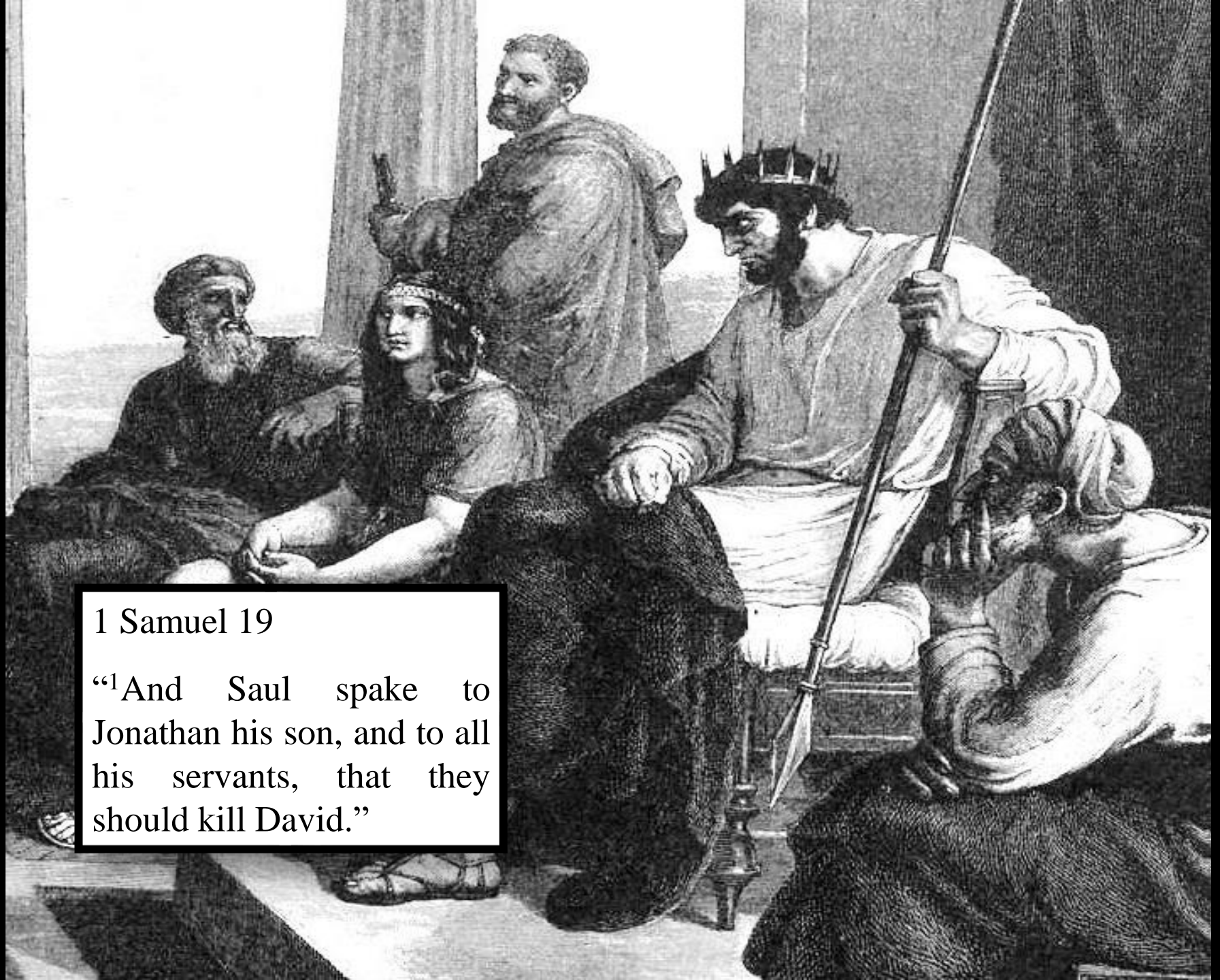






# 1 SAMUEL 19





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“<sup>1</sup>And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.”



## 1 Samuel 19

“<sup>2</sup>But Jonathan Saul’s son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself: <sup>3</sup>And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.”





# Jonathan pleaded for the life of David

1 Samuel 19

“<sup>4</sup>And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good.”





# Jonathan pleaded for the life of David

1 Samuel 19

“<sup>5</sup>For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: **wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?**

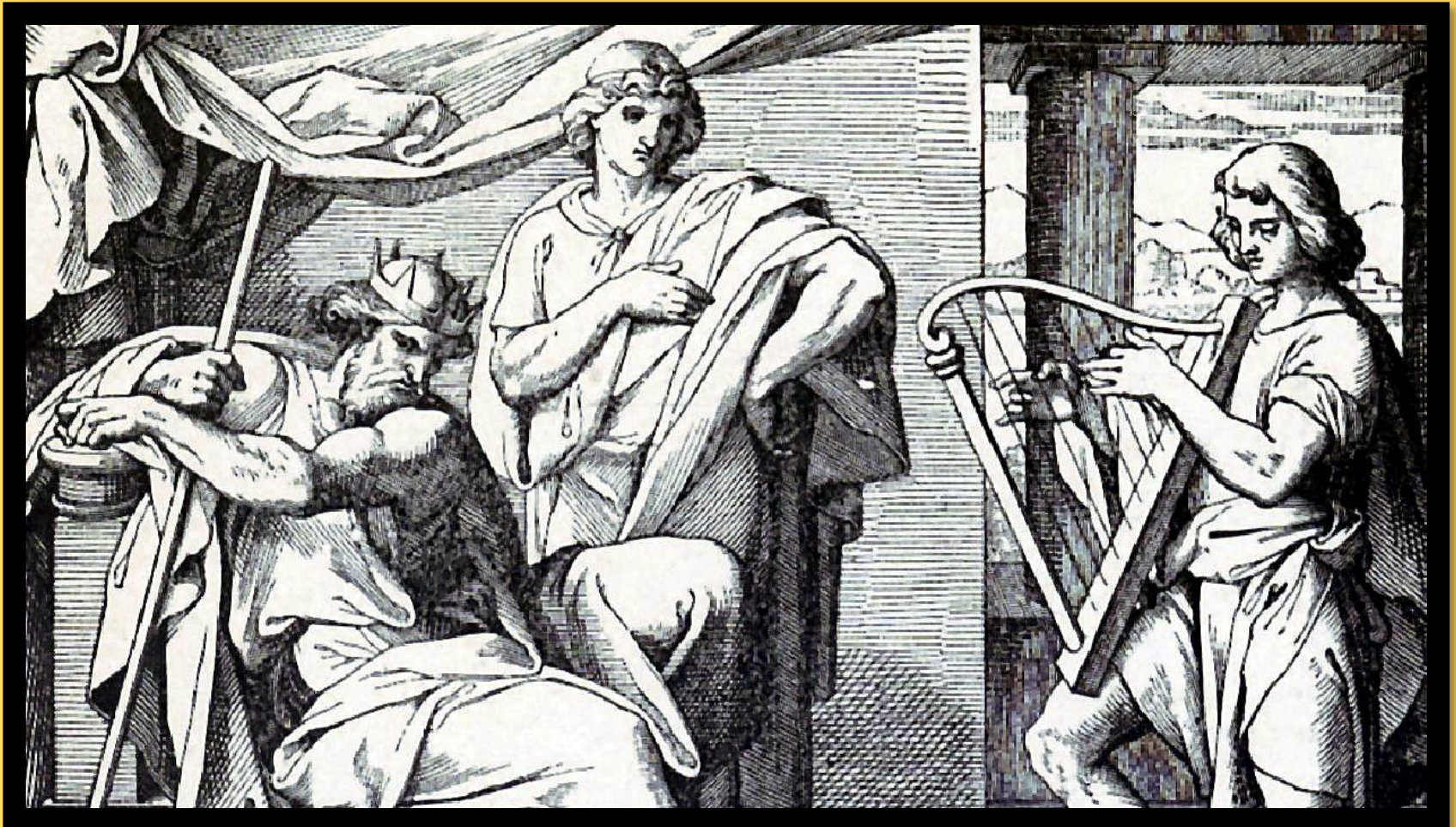
<sup>6</sup>And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.”





## 1 Samuel 19

“<sup>7</sup>And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.”





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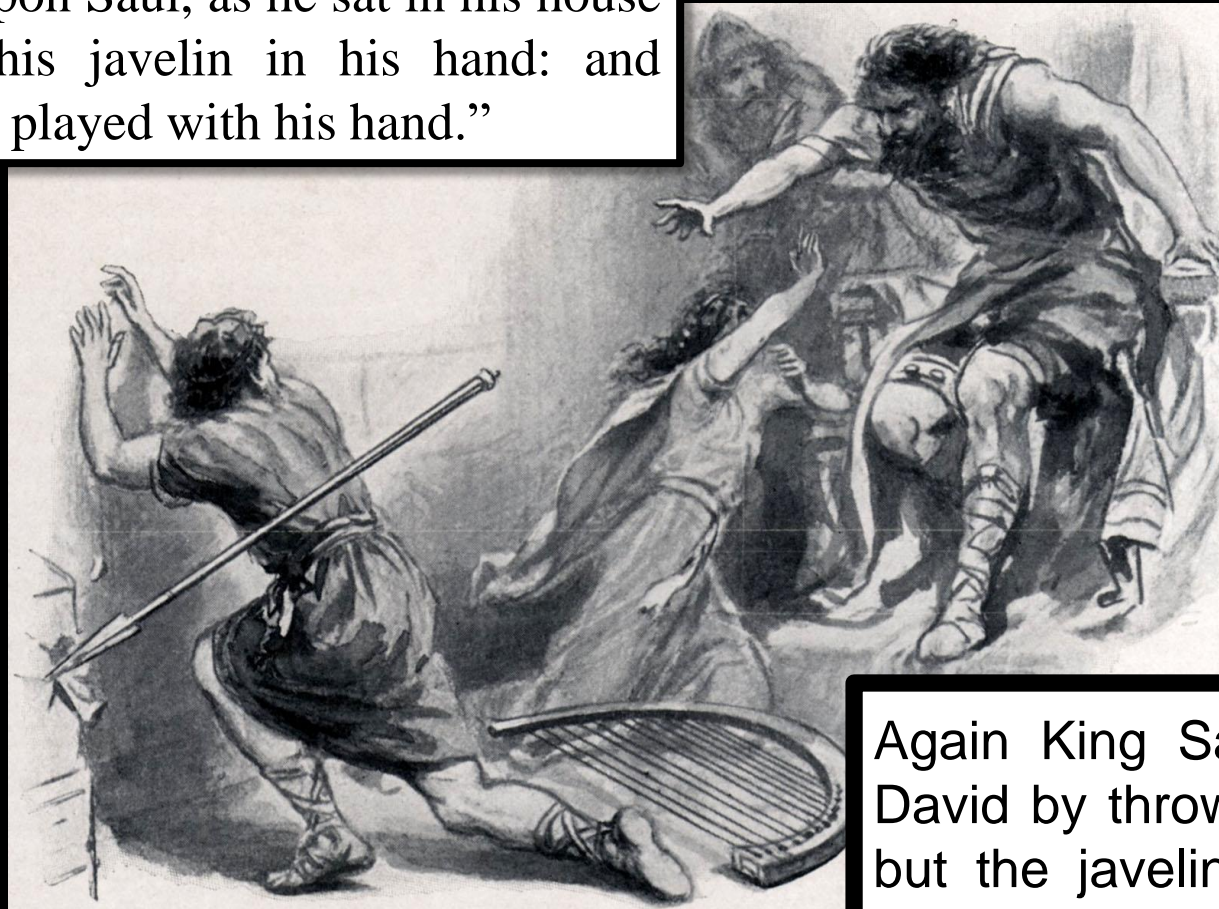
“<sup>8</sup>And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.”





## 1 Samuel 19

“<sup>9</sup>And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand.”



Again King Saul tried to kill David by throwing his javelin, but the javelin went into the wall, and David escaped.



## THE EVIL SPIRIT FROM GOD

The disposition of King Saul is described 7 times as resulting from an “evil spirit.” 4 times the “evil spirit” is said to be “from God” (1 Samuel 16:15, 16, 23; 18:10). 2 times the “evil spirit” is said to be “from the Lord” (1 Samuel 16:14; 19:9). 1 time the “evil spirit” is referenced right after it is said to be “from God” (1 Samuel 16:23).



### Question:

How do we know God is not responsible for Saul's destructive behavior?



1 Samuel 13:13-14

“<sup>13</sup>And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: **thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God**, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. <sup>14</sup>But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, **because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.**”



**Answer:**

Saul's sinful  
disobedience was  
Saul's choice—  
not God's.



# Saul was rebellious and stubborn. He rejected God's word.

1 Samuel 15:22-23

“<sup>22</sup>And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. <sup>23</sup>For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. **Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.**”



# AN IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE

## Ezekiel 14:4

“Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; **I the Lord will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols.**”



# Continuing with the text . . .

1 Samuel 19

“<sup>11</sup>Saul also sent messengers unto David’s house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David’s wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.”



## 1 Samuel 19

“<sup>12</sup>So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.”





## 1 Samuel 19

“<sup>13</sup>And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats’ hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth. <sup>14</sup>And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. <sup>15</sup>And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. <sup>16</sup>And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats’ hair for his bolster.”



## 1 Samuel 19

“<sup>17</sup>And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, **He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?**”

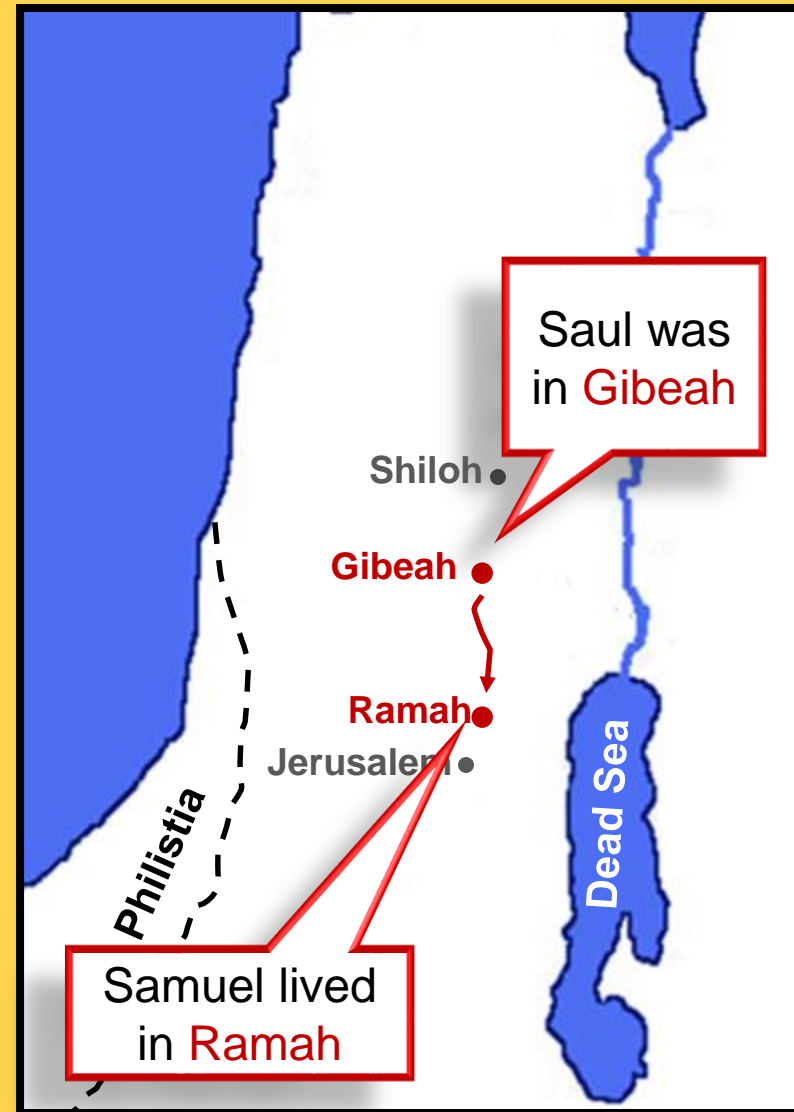
Of course this was not true. She had willingly protected David.





## 1 Samuel 19

“<sup>18</sup>So David fled, and escaped, and came to **Samuel to Ramah**, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. <sup>19</sup>And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.”



King Saul was told that David was with Samuel in Ramah. Three times Saul sent men to capture David, and each time the men prophesied rather than captured David.

So King Saul went himself, and the Spirit of God came on him and he prophesied, **stripped off his clothes, and lay down naked all day and night.**







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# THE END OF I SAMUEL 19

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