### SAUL, DAVID, & SOLOMON Lessons In Faith



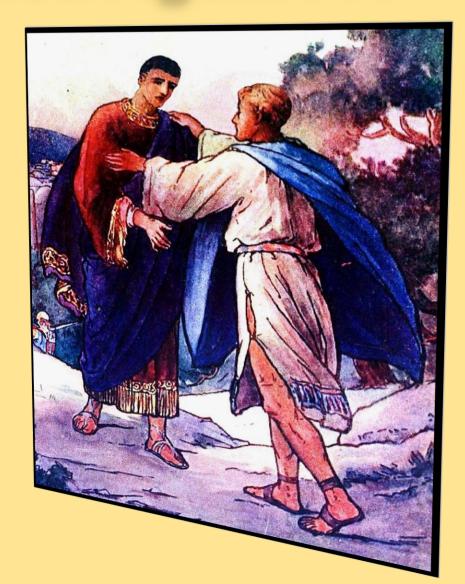


# So, David Fled Again . . .

This time he went to Jonathan and asked him why Saul wanted to kill him.

Jonathan said he didn't think it was true . . . if it was, he would have known about it.

David told Jonathan that Saul knew they were friends and was keeping his plans from him.



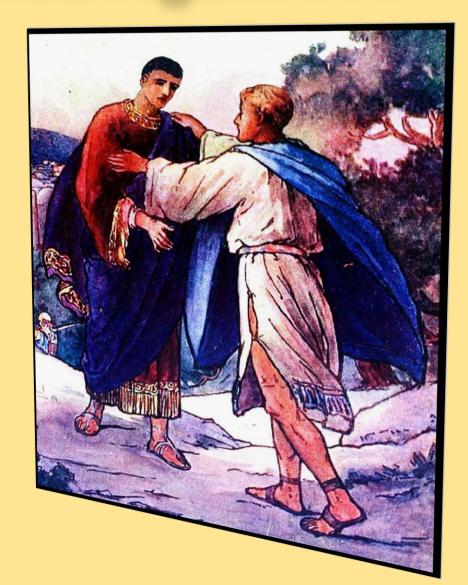
# So, David Fled Again . . .

David had trouble convincing Jonathan of Saul's hatred and jealousy.

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"<sup>3</sup> . . . truly as the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death."

Jonathan promised to help David, and they devised a plan.

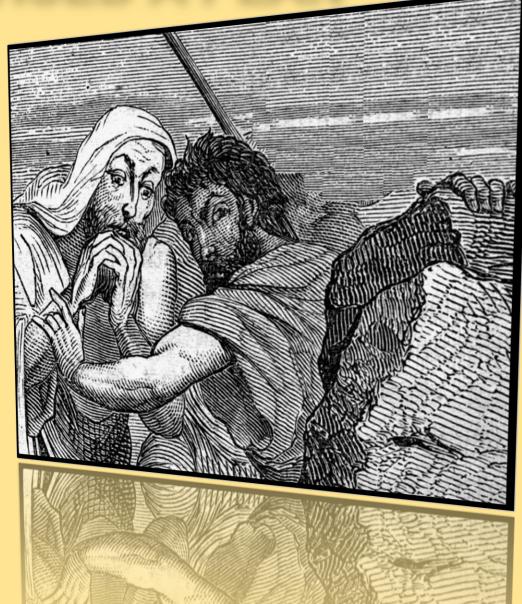


## **THEY DEVISED A PLAN**

It was expected that David attend King Saul's 3 day feast beginning the next day, but David was not about to be there.

The plan was for Jonathan to tell King Saul that David went home to Bethlehem to celebrate the feast (actually he would be nearby in the field hiding).

How Saul reacted to this would tell them if he planned evil against David.

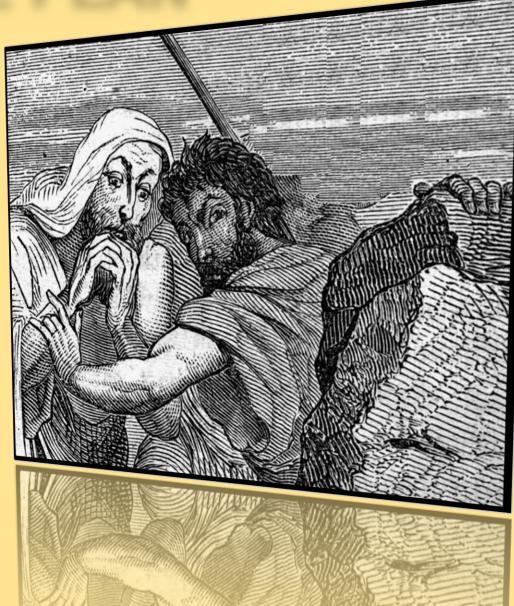


## **THE PLAN**

David was to wait during the 3 day feast in a place he and Jonathan knew of near a stone.

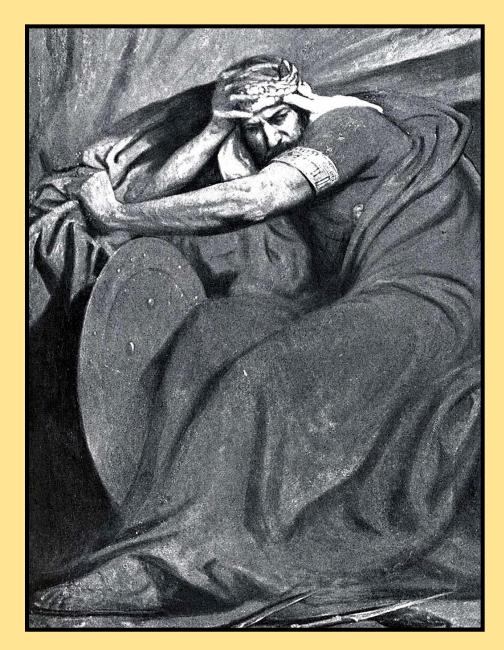
After the feast, Jonathan would come with a lad to shoot arrows.

If he told the lad the arrows were before him then there was peace, but if he told the lad the arrows were beyond him it would be a warning that David must flee again from Saul.



On the second day of the feast King Saul asked where David was, and Jonathan told him that David was in Bethlehem with his family. Saul became very angry, and he reviled Jonathan for being David's friend.

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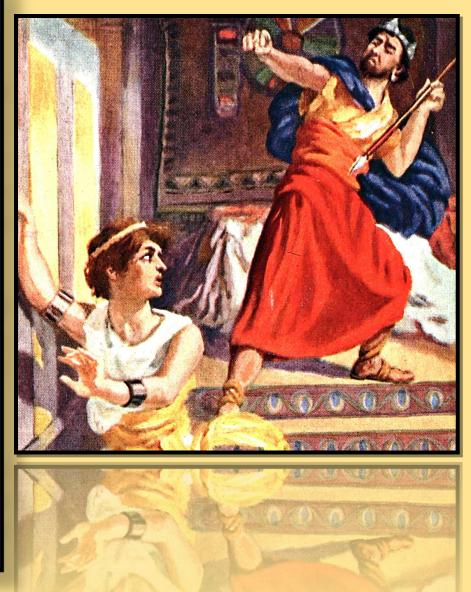


#### SAUL SAID:

"<sup>31</sup>For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die.

<sup>32</sup>And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore shall he be slain? what hath he done?

<sup>33</sup>And Saul cast a javelin at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to slay David."



"<sup>34</sup>So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame."

<sup>••35</sup>And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him. <sup>36</sup>And he said unto his lad, Run, find out now the arrows which I shoot."

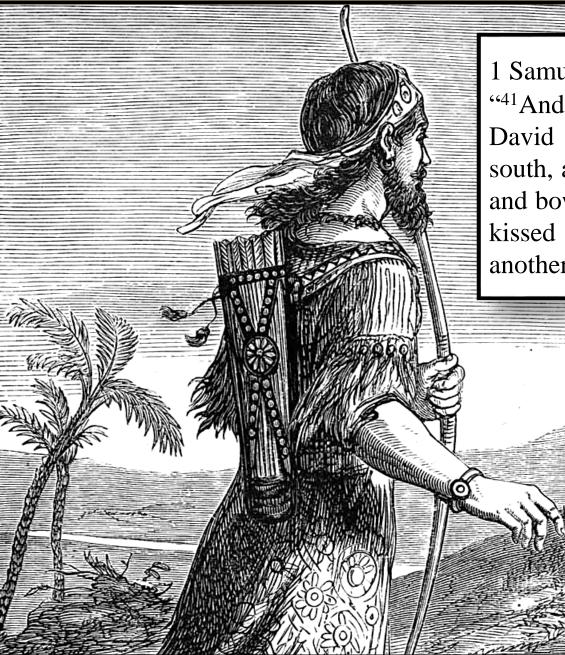


<sup>••36</sup>. . . And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. <sup>37</sup>And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee? <sup>38</sup>And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not."

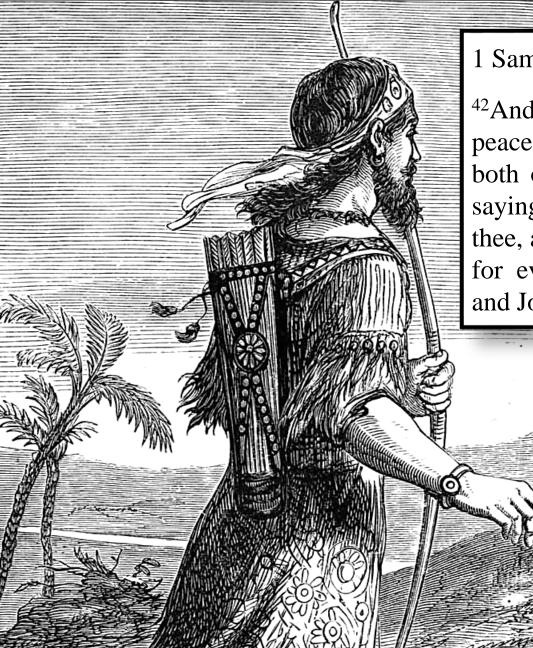


<sup>••38</sup>. . . and Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master. <sup>39</sup>But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter. <sup>40</sup>And Jonathan gave his artillery unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city."





"<sup>41</sup>And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the south, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until David exceeded."



<sup>42</sup>And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city."

