

# SAUL, DAVID, & SOLOMON

## Lessons In Faith





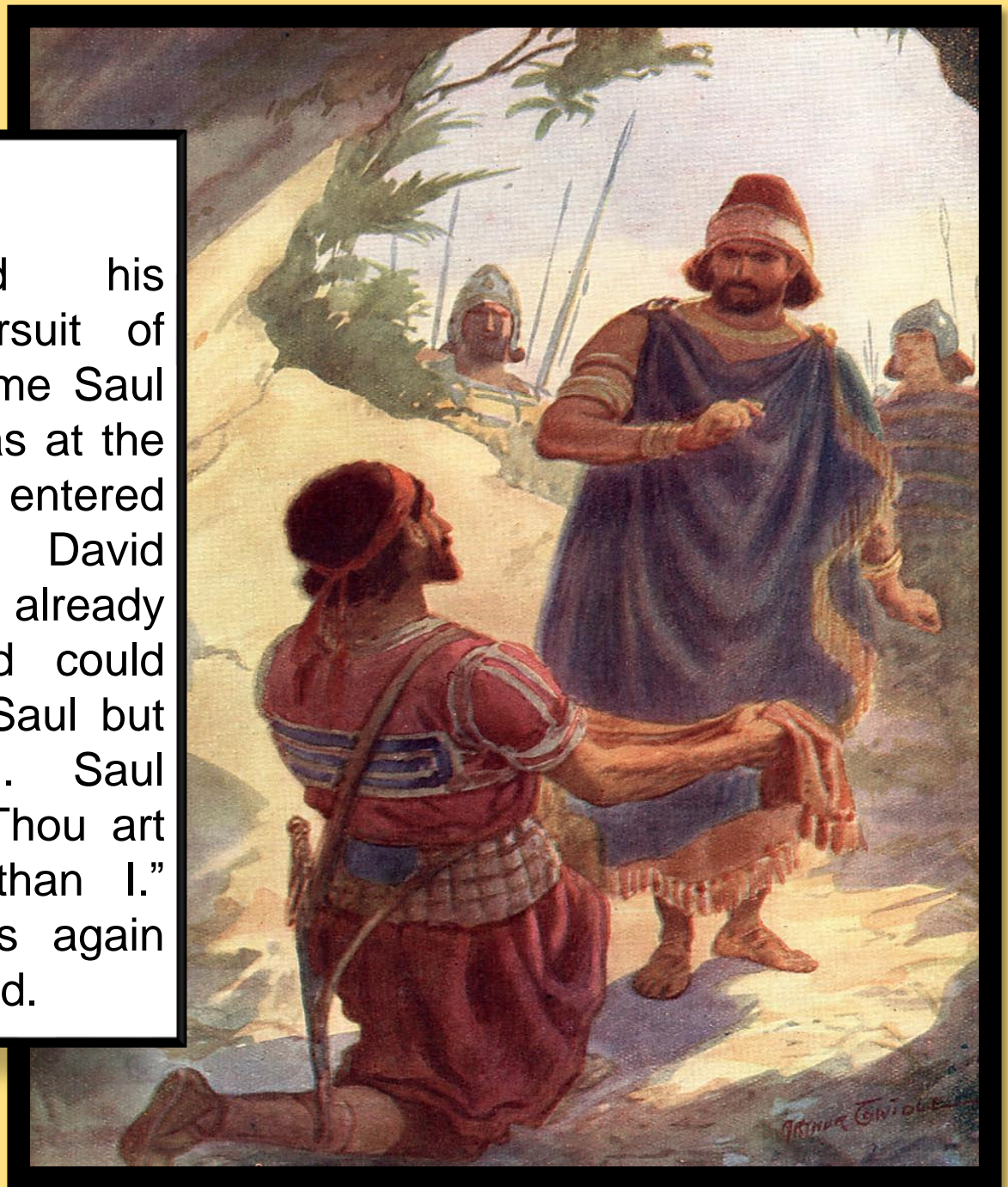
# 1 SAMUEL 26



**David again spares  
Saul's life**

## 1 Samuel 26:1-5

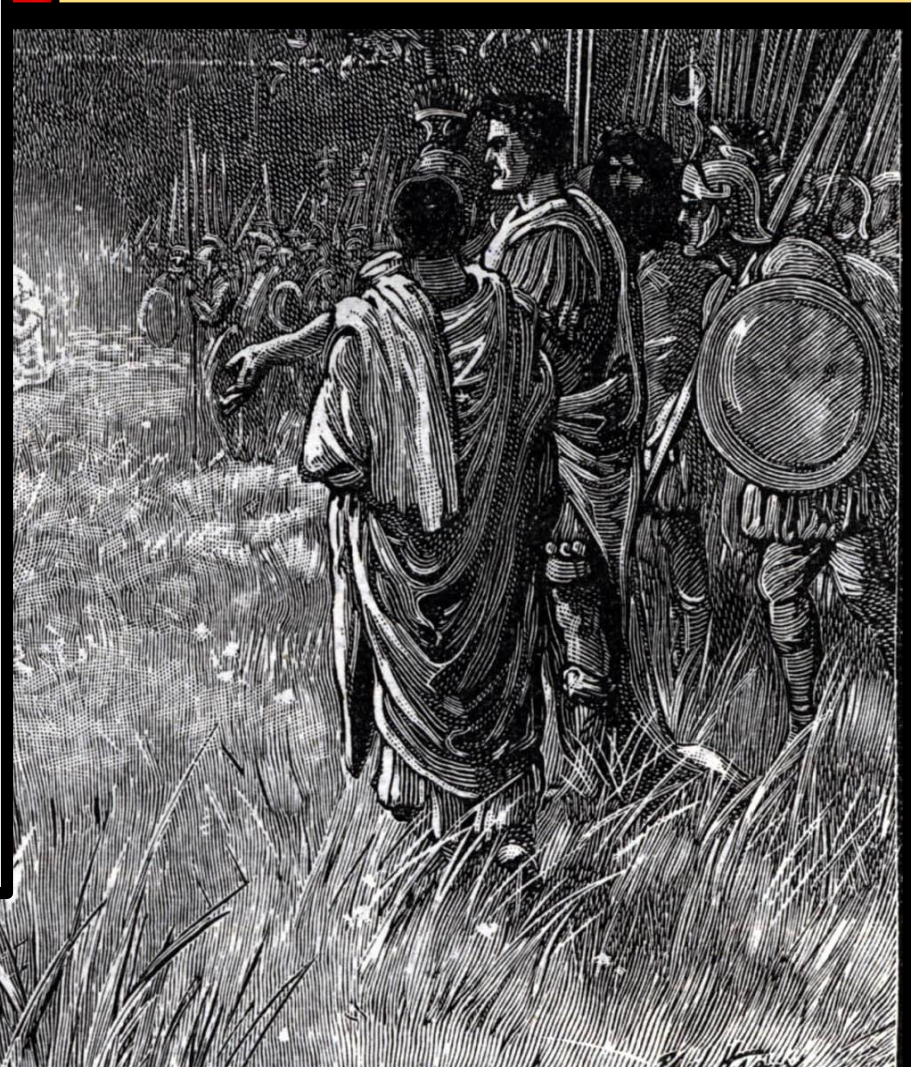
Saul continued his unreasonable pursuit of David. The last time Saul and David met was at the cave where Saul entered to relieve himself. David and his men were already in the cave and could have killed King Saul but spared Saul's life. Saul cried and said, "Thou art more righteous than I." Incredibly, Saul is again wanting to kill David.



## 1 Samuel 26:1-5

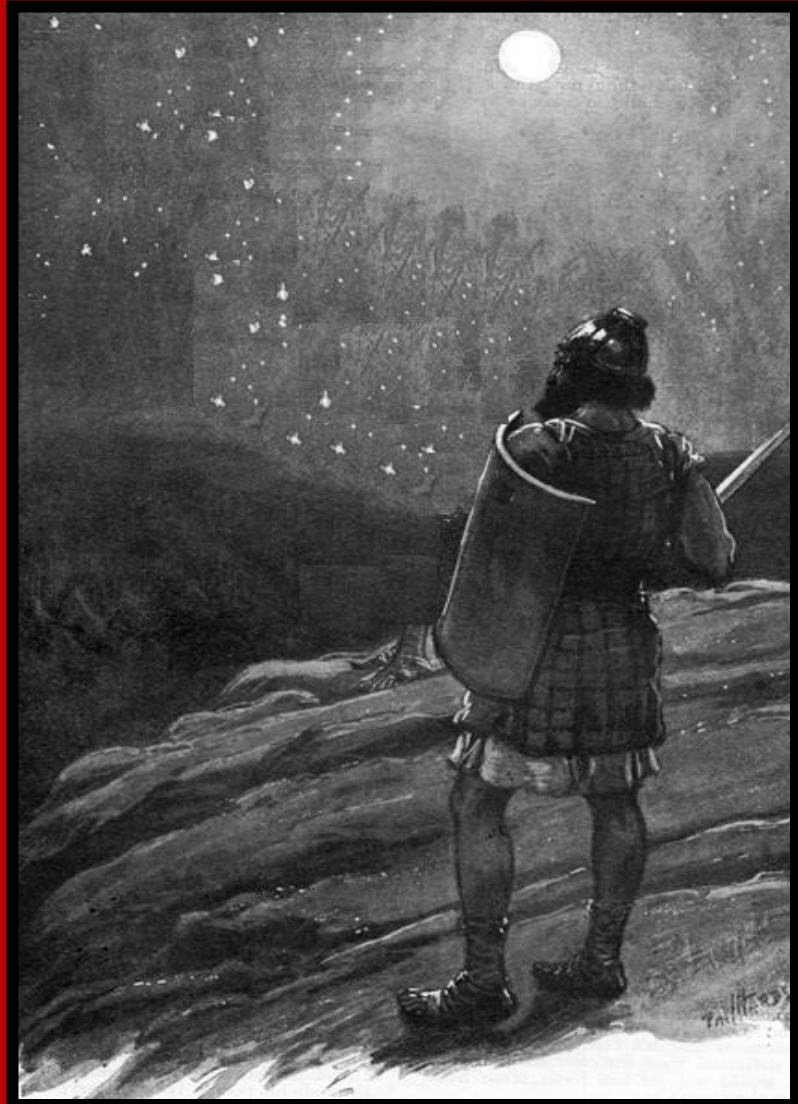
The Ziphites came to Saul and told him where David was. Saul went down with an army of 3,000 men to the place where David hid himself.

David heard of Saul's advance and retreated to the wilderness for safety. He had no desire to fight Saul and found it hard to believe Saul would deal so basely with him till he saw it for himself.



## 1 Samuel 26:1-5

David observed with his own eyes how Saul was encamped. He came towards the place where Saul and his men had pitched their tents, so near as to be able, undiscovered, to view their entrenchments, probably in the dusk of the evening.



## 1 Samuel 26:6-12

That night, after viewing Saul's encampment, David boldly went into Saul's camp accompanied only by his kinsman Abishai. Like Gideon, he ventured through the guards, with a special assurance of divine protection.

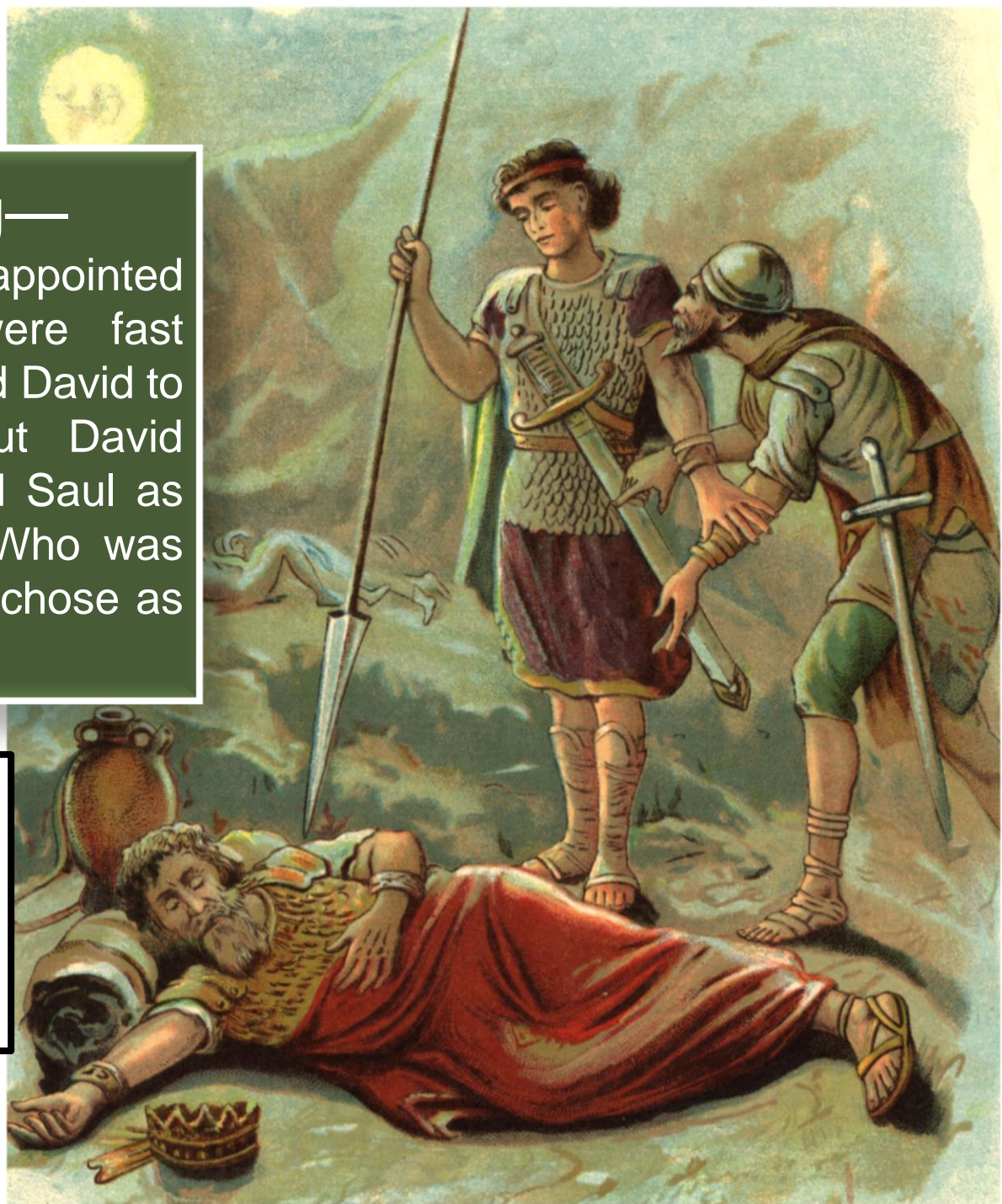


## Saul lay sleeping—

Even those that were appointed to stand sentinel, were fast asleep. Abishai begged David to let him kill Saul, but David refused. He respected Saul as the Lord's anointed. Who was he to kill the man God chose as king of his people?

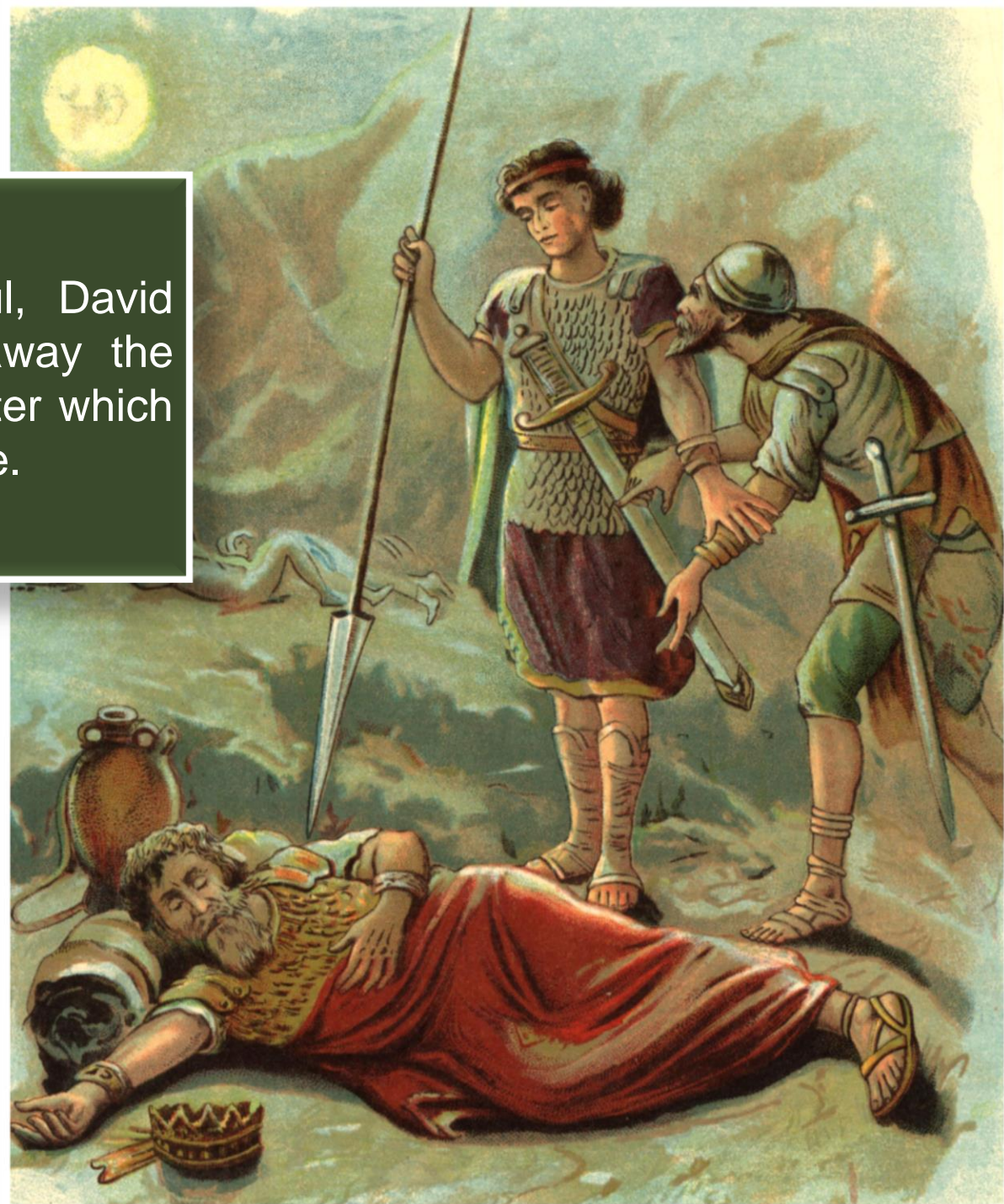
1 Samuel 26

“<sup>11</sup>The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD'S anointed.”





Instead of killing Saul, David and Abishai carried away the spear and cruse of water which Saul had by his bedside.

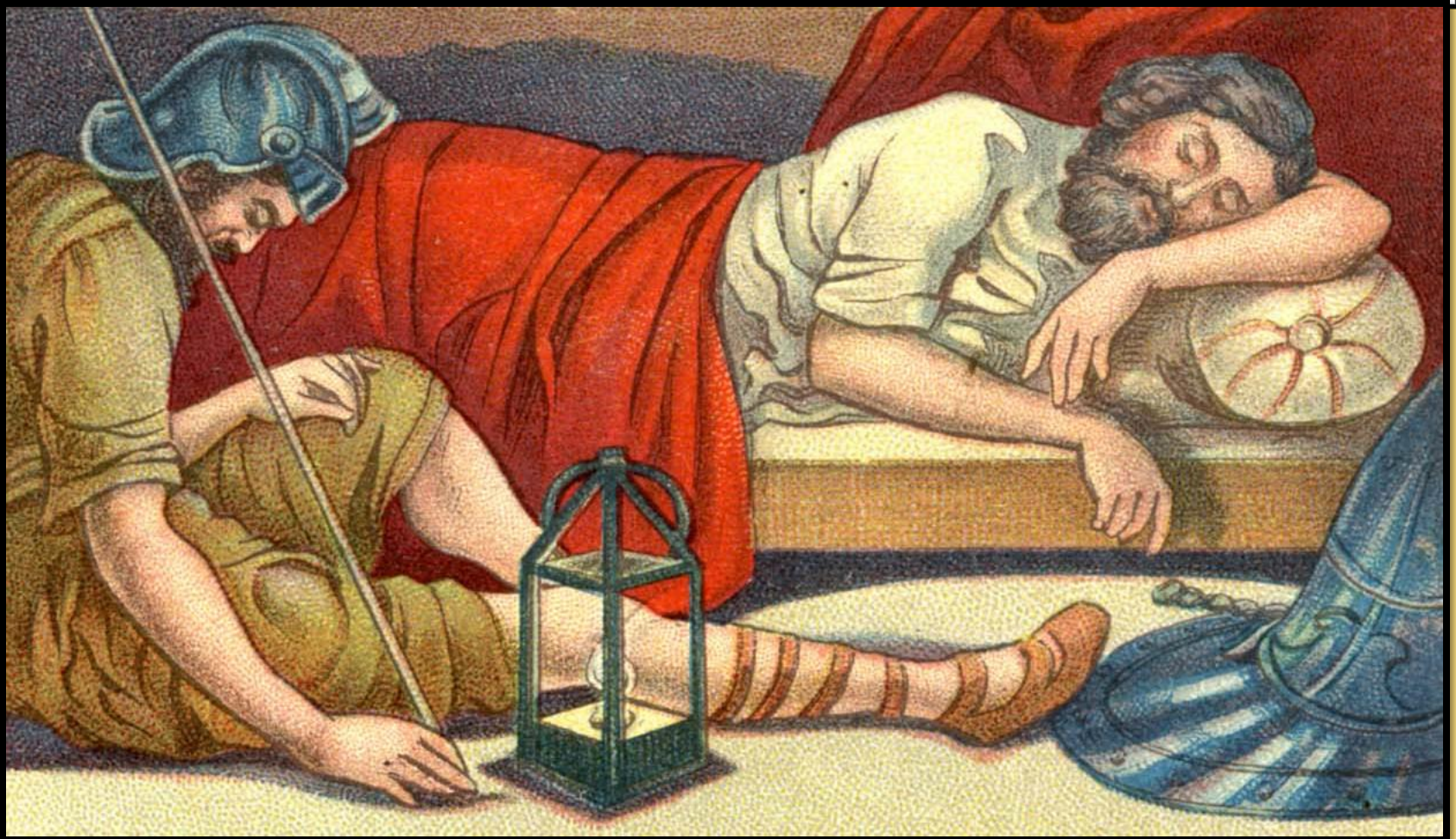


David addressed Abner, captain of Saul's guards and reproached him as unworthy for falling asleep and leaving the king unguarded.

David told him—

That he had lost his honor.

That he deserved to lose his head.



1 Samuel 26:13-20

## David reproved Saul—

David got safely from Saul's camp and positioned himself so that they might hear him and yet not reach him (v. 13) and then began to reason with Saul upon what had passed.



## Saul awoke—

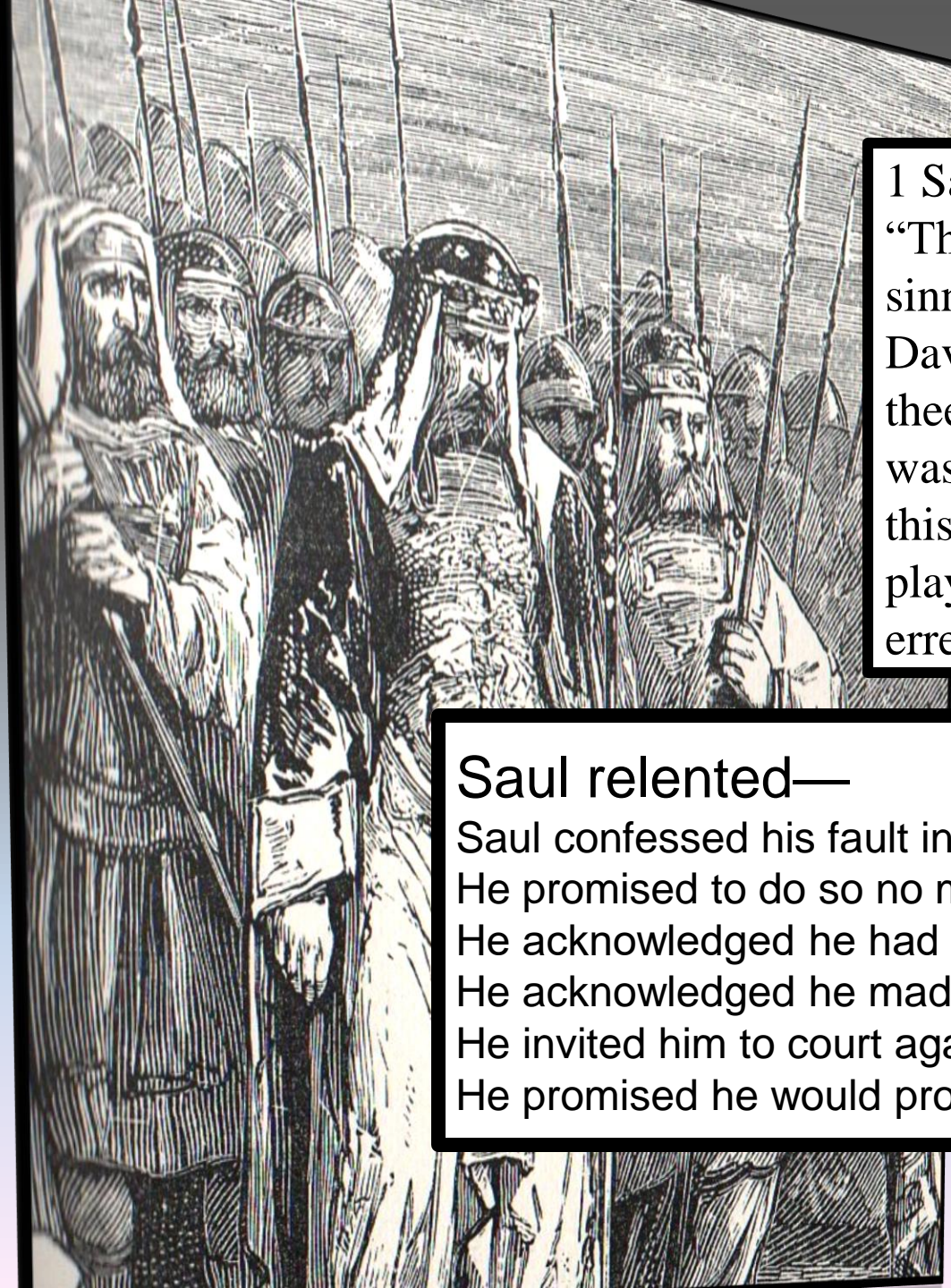
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“<sup>17</sup>And Saul knew David’s voice, and said, Is this thy voice, and said, Is this thy voice, my son David?”

Saul had given David’s wife to another, and yet calls him son, thirsted after his blood, and yet is glad to hear his voice.

David tried to persuade Saul to stop the persecution and be reconciled.





1 Samuel 26:21

“Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.”

### Saul relented—

Saul confessed his fault in persecuting David.

He promised to do so no more.

He acknowledged he had acted against God’s law.

He acknowledged he made an enemy out of a friend.

He invited him to court again.

He promised he would protect David.



David was convinced of Saul's sincerity and asked a footman to come and fetch the spear. David appealed to God as judge of the controversy.

This attempt at reconciliation was only partly successful, for David still did not trust King Saul.



Saul returned to Gibeah,  
but David could not take  
his word so far as to return  
with him.

**Those that have once  
been false  
are not easily trusted  
another time.**

Therefore, David went on  
his way, and after this  
parting it does not appear  
that Saul and David ever  
saw one another again.





# 1 SAMUEL 27





# David Among The Philistines

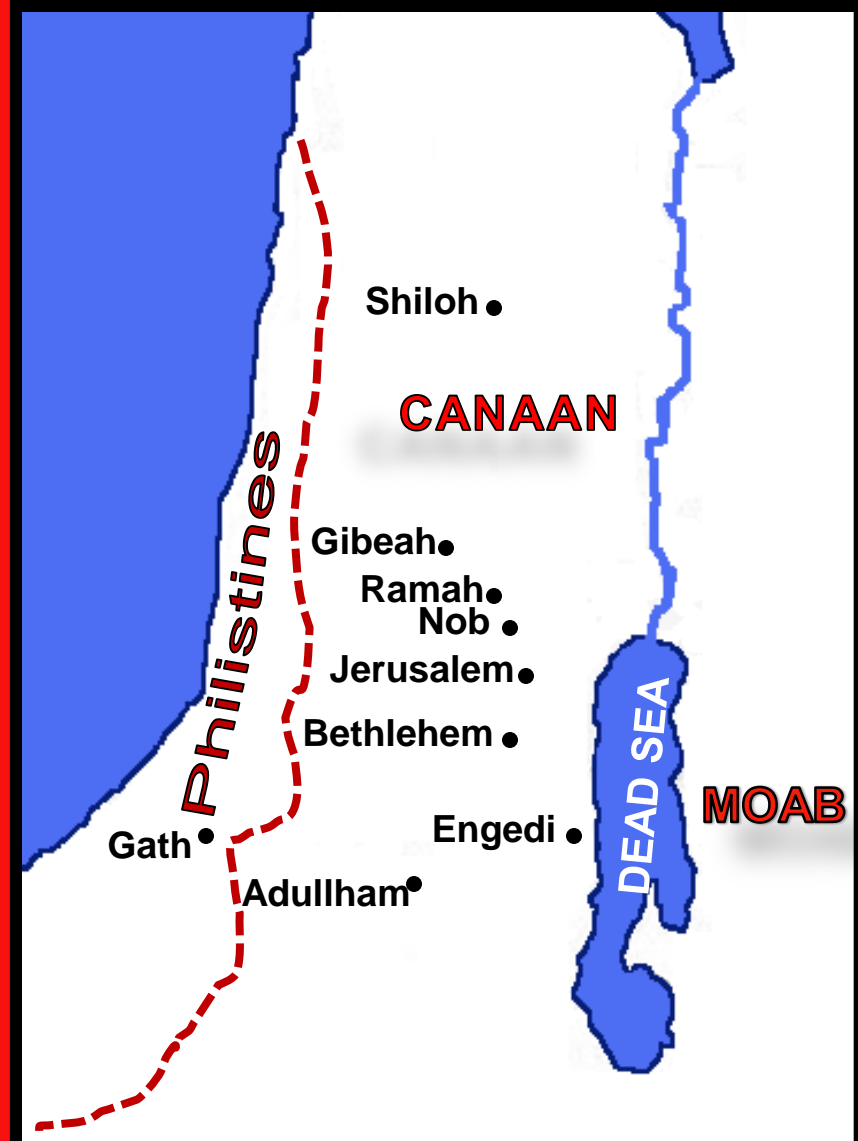
1 Samuel 27:1

“And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in any coast of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand.”



David looked upon his own forces and observed how few they were and that no recruits had come to him for a great while, so he came to the dark conclusion that he would one day die by the hand of Saul.

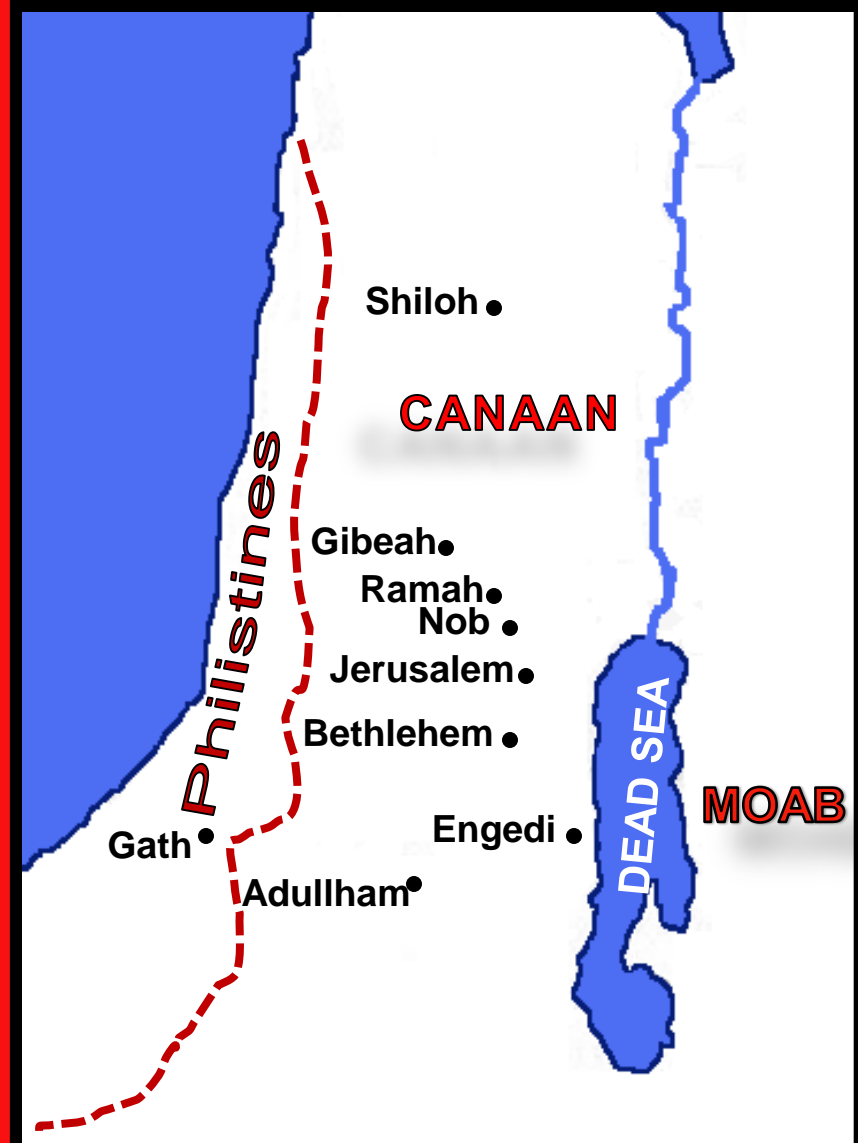
It was an unwarranted conclusion for David had been anointed as king, and he should have trusted in the promise of God.



David's decision to leave the borders of Israel came from fear and lack of faith.

He had been told to stay in Judah by the prophet Gad after he had taken his parents to Moab—

“And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the hold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah” (1 Samuel 22:5).



As you can see David was in Judah in chapters 22 through 26,  
but now we read he leaves and goes to PHILISTIA!

### **1 Samuel 22-23**

David got permission to hide his parents from Saul in the land of Moab.  
David **went to Judah** as instructed by Gad the prophet.

Saul killed Ahimelech and all 85 of the priests at Nob for helping David.

### **1 Samuel 24**

Saul took 3,000 men and pursued David at **Engedi in Judah**.

David was in the cave Saul entered and cut the hem of his garment.

### **1 Samuel 25**

Death of Samuel; David most likely married Ahinoam about this time.

Death of Nabal; David married Nabal's wife Abigail **in Carmel of Judah**.

### **1 Samuel 26**

David was constantly living in the wilderness to hide from Saul.

Saul heard David was in **Hachilah of Judah**.

David entered Saul's camp at night and took his spear and water.

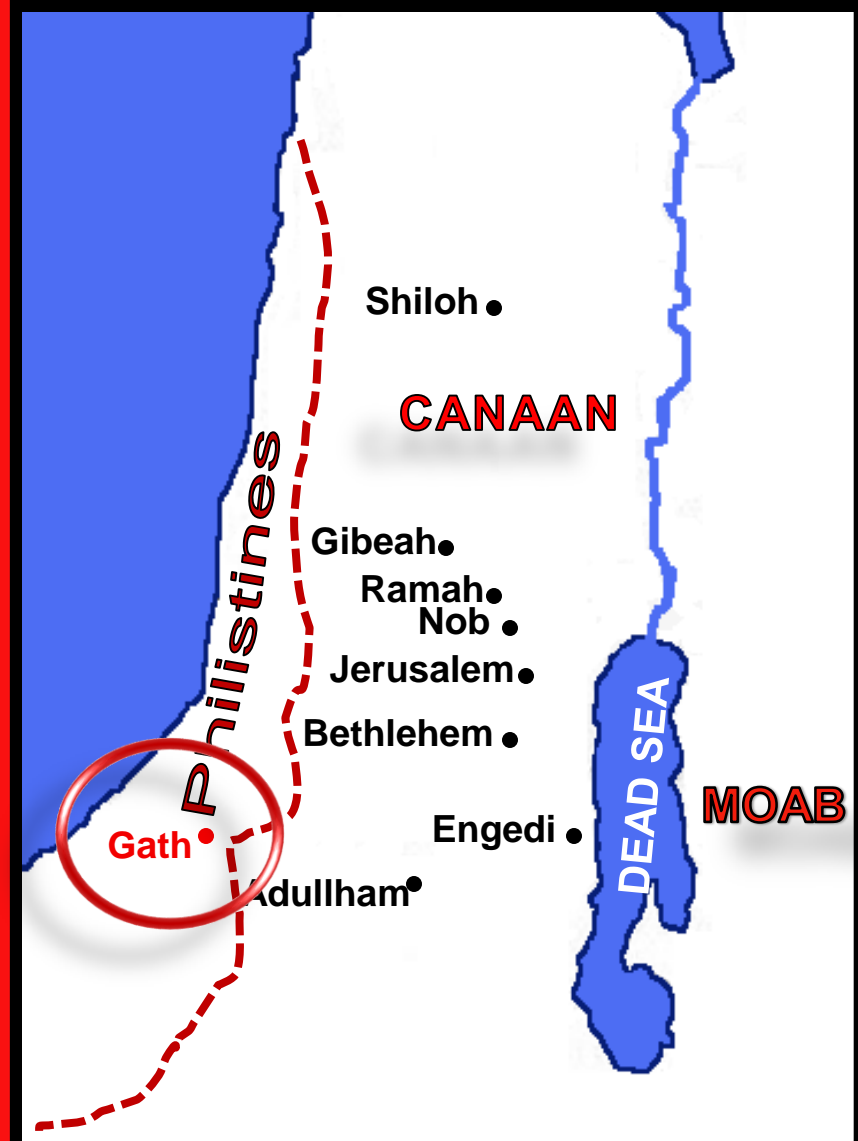
Saul was moved that David had not killed him and wanted to reconcile.

David did not trust Saul and continued to hide.

## David had battled against the Philistines all his life!

He killed Goliath of Gath when he was only a very young man, and previously in chapter 21 David went to Gath to escape Saul but was too afraid of king Achish to continue there. He pretended to be insane in order to escape.

Yet, here David went to Achish the King of Gath for protection!



## 1 Samuel 27

<sup>2</sup>And David arose, and he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Maach, king of Gath.

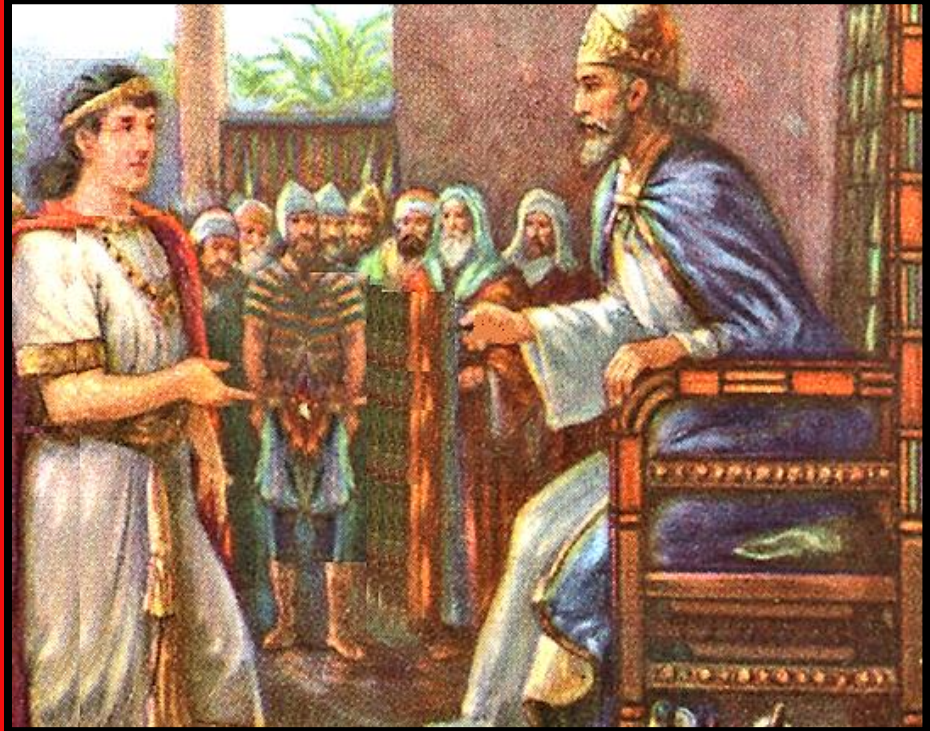
<sup>3</sup>And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife.

<sup>4</sup>And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.”



## **David Took His Chances With A Heathen Philistine King**

It is apparent David trusted the word of a Philistine over that of the King of Israel. Of course, David brought his 600 men with him that they might guard him. (He also brought his two wives, Ahinoam and Abigail.)



It is curious that David would marry when he was so threatened by King Saul that he had to hide in the wilderness, live in caves, and now leave the borders of Israel to escape.





## **Why Did Achish, King of Gath, Welcome David?**

**Was he proud to be entertaining so brave a man?**

**Was he hoping to engage him forever to his service?**

**Was he hoping more Israelites would desert to his country?**



Wisely, David asked for a settlement away from Gath; a place where he might be private, and not be involved in the court of King Achish.

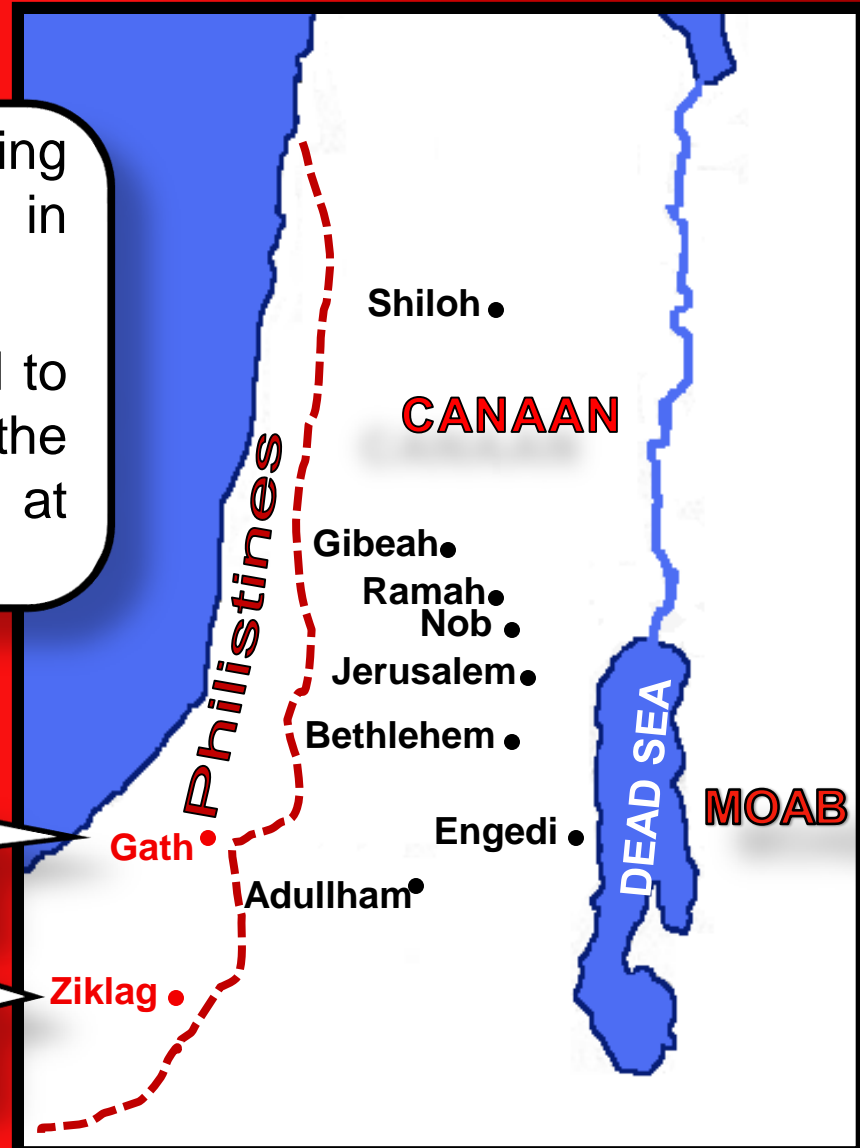
In a town of his own he and those with him could worship the one true God and avoid the influence of Philistine idolatries.

It was very generous for King Achish to let David live in **Ziklag**.

**Ziklag** previously belonged to the tribe of Judah, but the Philistines had captured it at sometime.

**King Achish and his Philistine army were in Gath**

**David and his men were in Ziklag**



1 Samuel 27:8-12

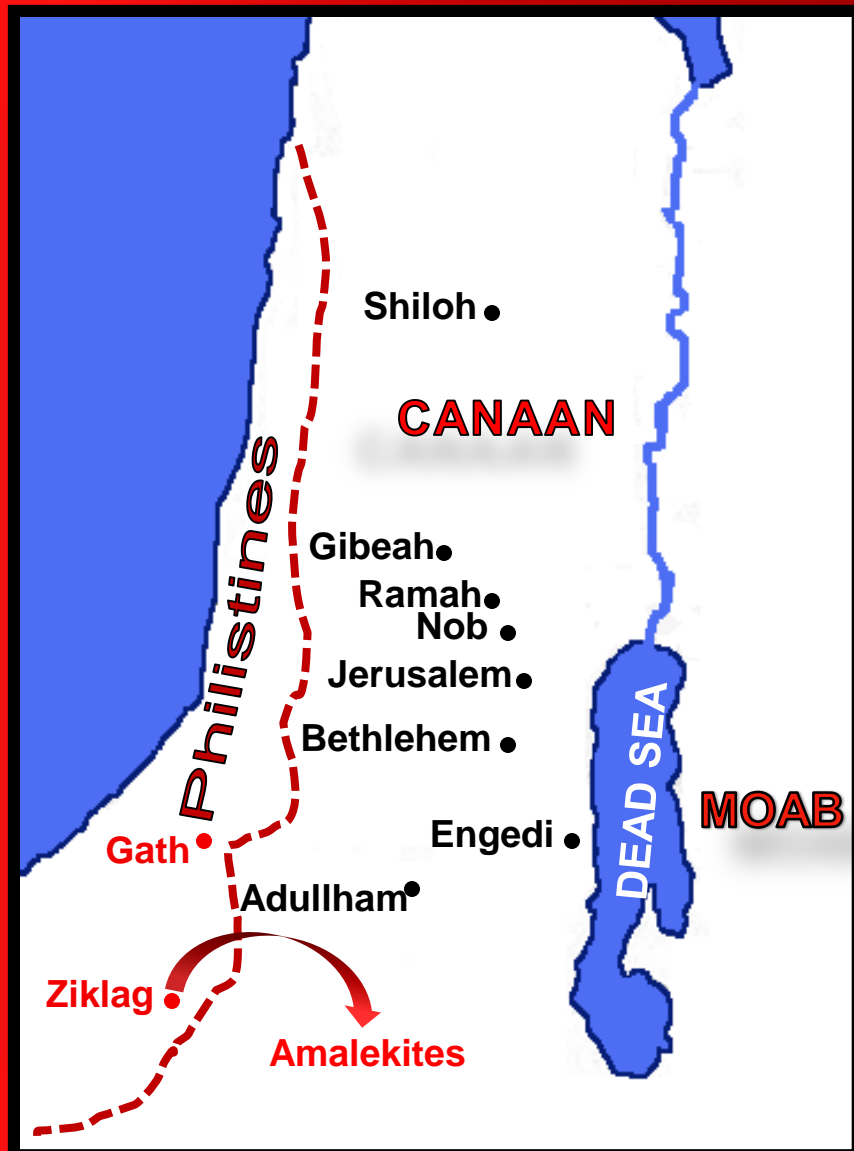
## David smites the Amalekites—

**The Amalekites** were a nomadic marauding people mainly dwelling in the South.



David desired to be safe from Saul yet he was willing to risk himself for Israel.

He avenged an old quarrel that God had with the Amalekites and at the same time fetched in provisions for himself and his army, for by their swords they must live.



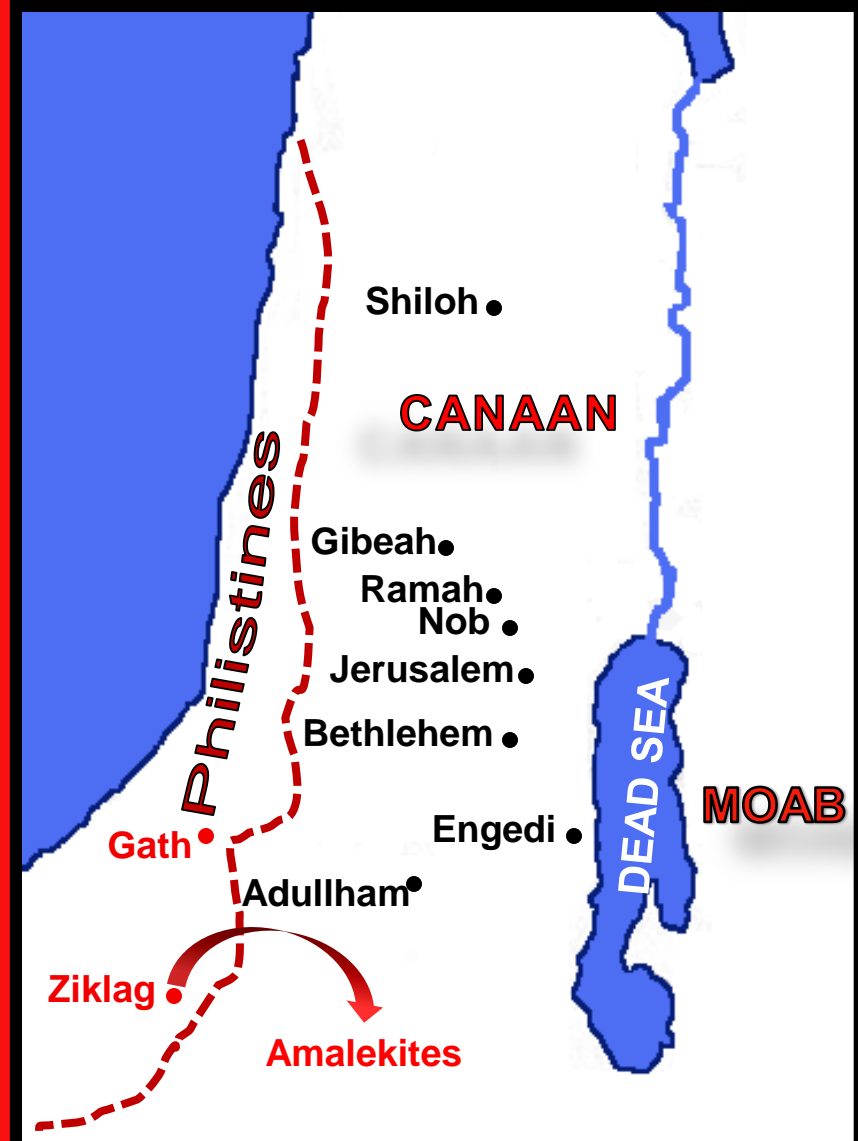
David hid the raids upon the Amalekites from Achish King of Gath. He led the Philistine king to believe he was attacking his own people in southern Judah.

When asked which way he'd made his raid, David answered, "*Against the south of Judah.*" Southern Judah is different from south of Judah. Achish heard what he wanted to hear and David purposefully mislead him.



## 1 Samuel 27

“<sup>12</sup>And Achish believed David, saying, He hath made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.”





# 1 SAMUEL 28

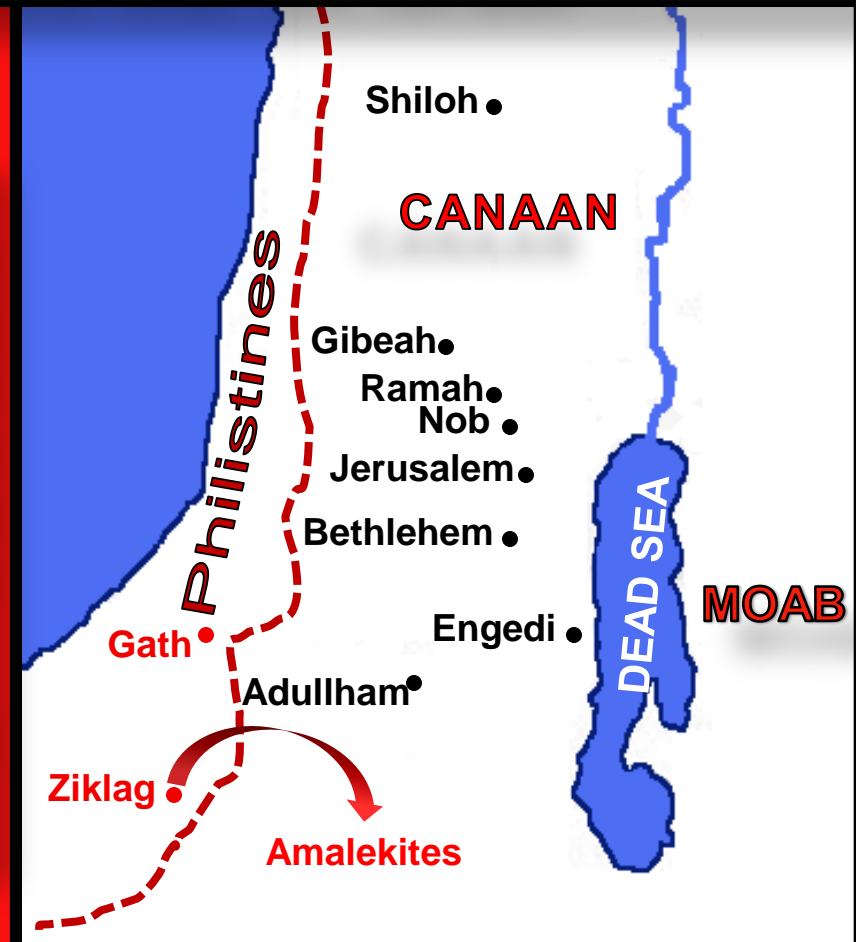


1 Samuel 28:1-6

## The Philistines make war on Israel—

Having David among the Philistines gave King Achish confidence enough to battle Israel. He expected to have the assistance of David in this war.

David even encouraged King Achish to expect it.

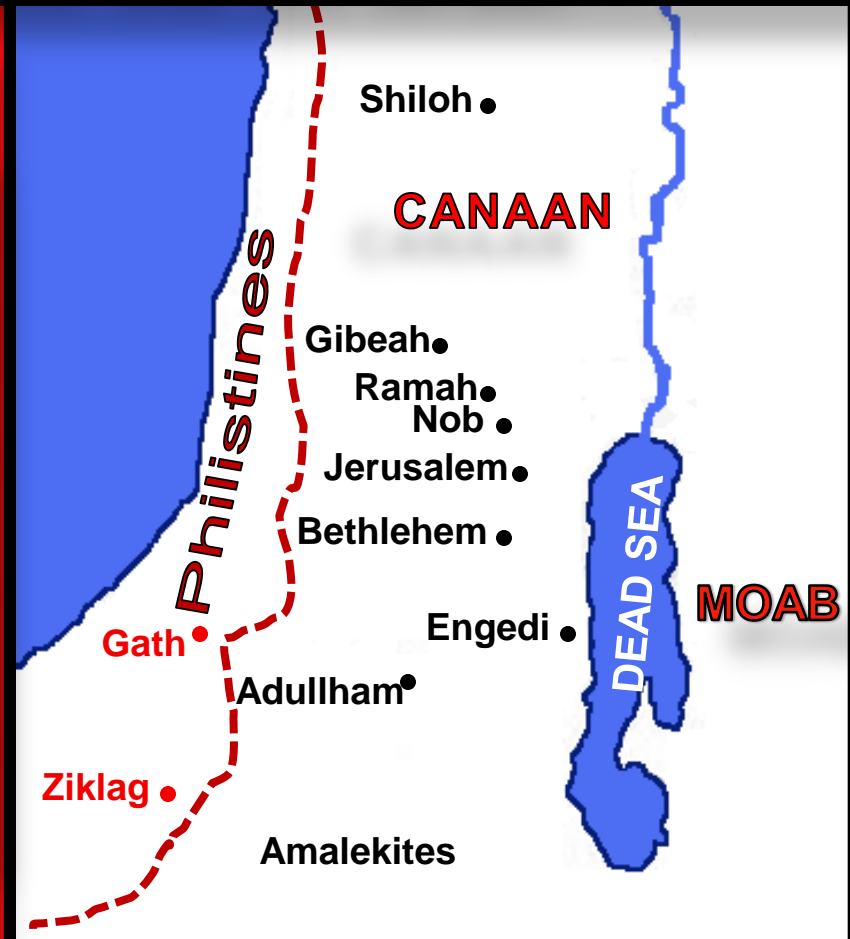


1 Samuel 28:1-6

## The Philistines make war on Israel—

When Achish said, “Thou shalt go with me to battle,” and “If I protect thee, I may demand service from thee;” David gave him an ambiguous answer--

“We will see what will be done; it will be time enough to talk of that hereafter; but surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do.”

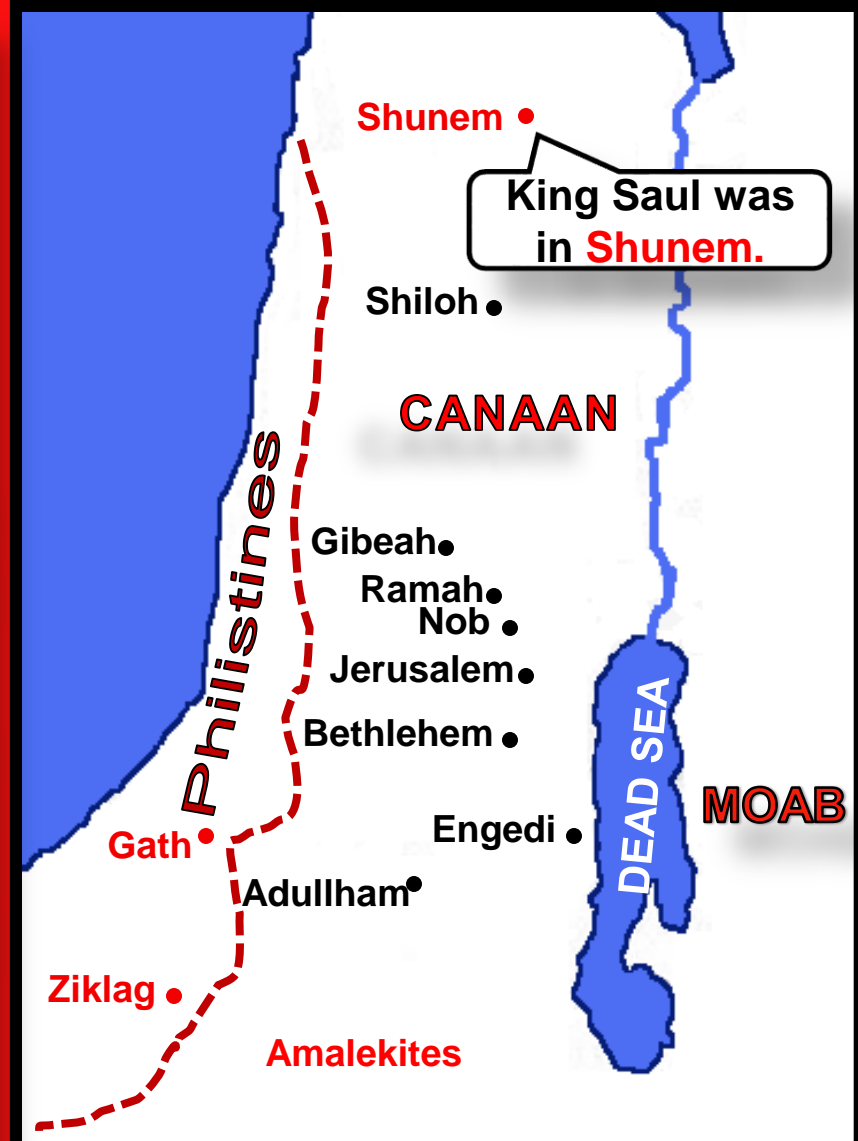


## THE BATTLE

### The Philistines pitched in Shunem—

Shunem was in the tribe of Issachar, a great way north from Gath.

The land of Israel it seems was ill-guarded. The Philistines could march their army through the very heart of the country!



## 1 Samuel 28

“<sup>5</sup>And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.

<sup>6</sup>And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.”



## Saul was terrified—

He mustered his forces to engage the Philistines, which he had little heart to do now that the Spirit of the Lord had departed from him.

He was out numbered by the Philistines. His sins and the innocent blood of the priests of God bore on his conscience.

He was robbed of his courage.



## SAUL INQUIRED OF THE LORD—

1. He inquired in such a manner that it was as if he had not inquired at all. He inquired without faith. Therefore, it is said he inquired not of the Lord (1 Chronicles 10:14).

2. He inquired of the Lord when it was too late . . . he had been rejected. “Seek the Lord while he may be found” (Isaiah 55:5), for there is a time when he will not be found.

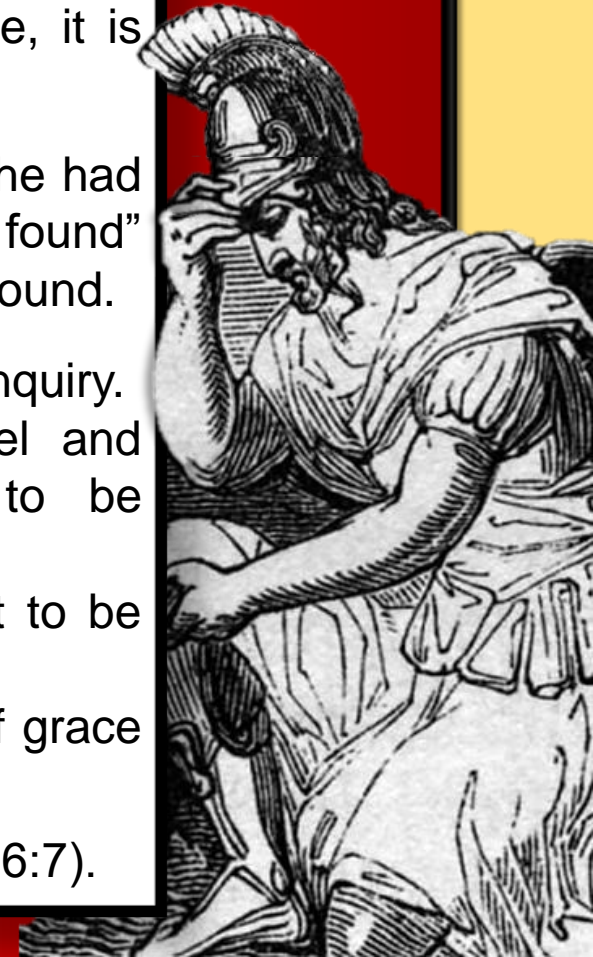
3. He had forfeited the benefit of all the methods of inquiry.

Could he that hated and persecuted Samuel and David, who were both prophets, expect to be answered by prophets?

Could he that had slain the high priest expect to be answered by Urim?

Or could he that had sinned expect the Spirit of grace to answer him in dreams?

No. “Be not deceived; God is not mocked” (Gal. 6:7).





## **A GOOD WHILE AGO . . .**

Samuel died which made the Philistines more bold and Saul more afraid; for, had Samuel been alive, King Saul may have thought that his presence, good advice, and prayers would have helped him.

## Without Samuel to advise him King Saul turned to witchcraft . . .



It was highly hypocritical for Saul to turn to witchcraft, for as King he had carried out the laws against sorcery. Some think that he did this in the beginning of his reign, while he was under Samuel's influence; others think that it was recent, for it is spoken of here (1 Samuel 28:9) as a recent decree.

*Many seem to be enemies of sin in others, while they indulge it in themselves.*





# 1 SAMUEL 28



**Saul Sinned By  
Going To A Witch**

1 Samuel 28:7-14

## Saul consults the witch at Endor—

Since he had no comfort either from heaven or earth he resolved to knock at the gates of hell and see if any there would befriend him and give him advice.



## 1 Samuel 28

“<sup>7</sup>Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. <sup>8</sup>And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.”



She told him she was afraid of the law against witchcraft, but Saul assured her that she would not be punished.

1 Samuel 28

“<sup>11</sup>Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.”



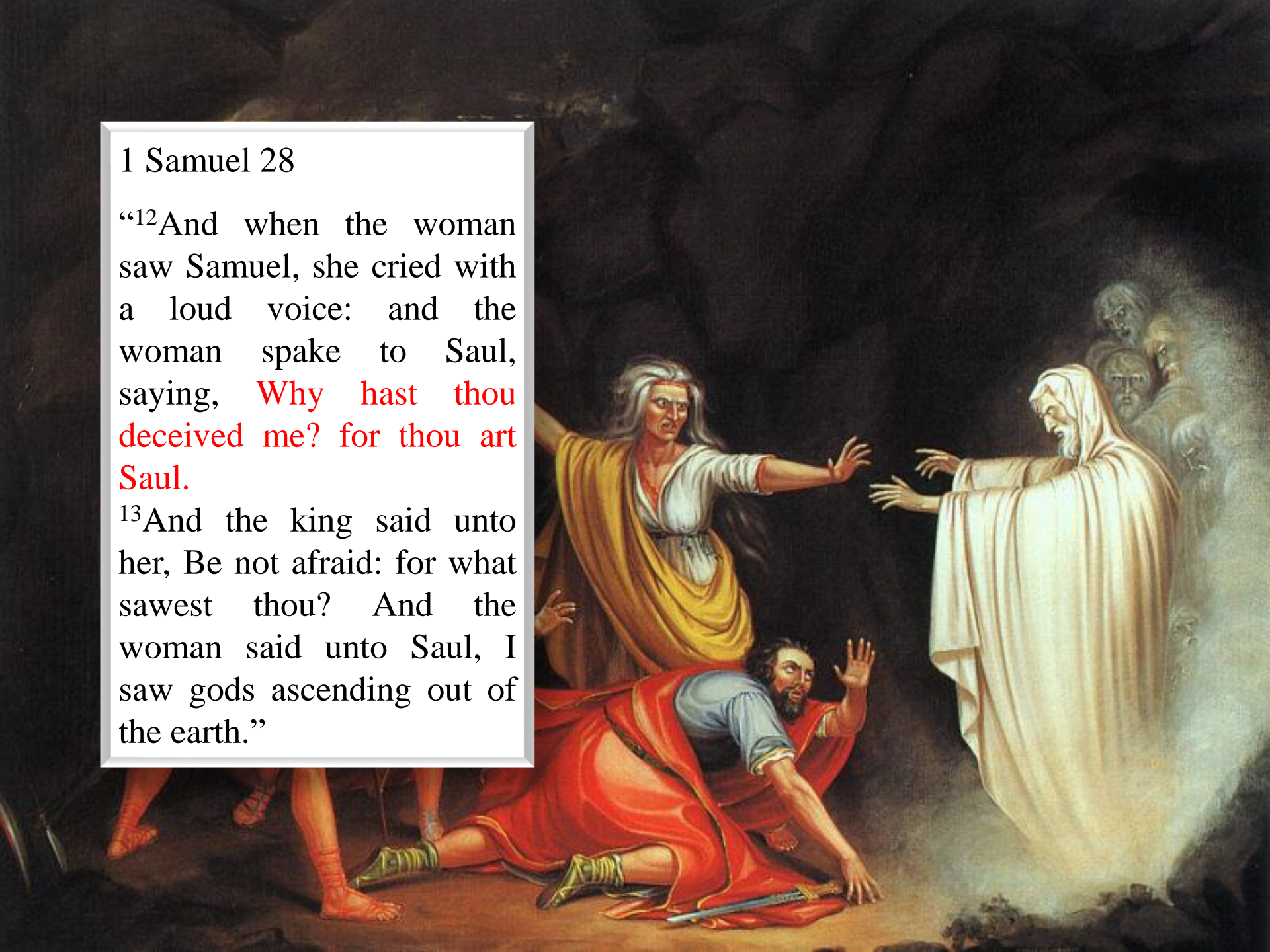
As soon as he made the request Samuel appeared, but only the witch saw him.



## 1 Samuel 28

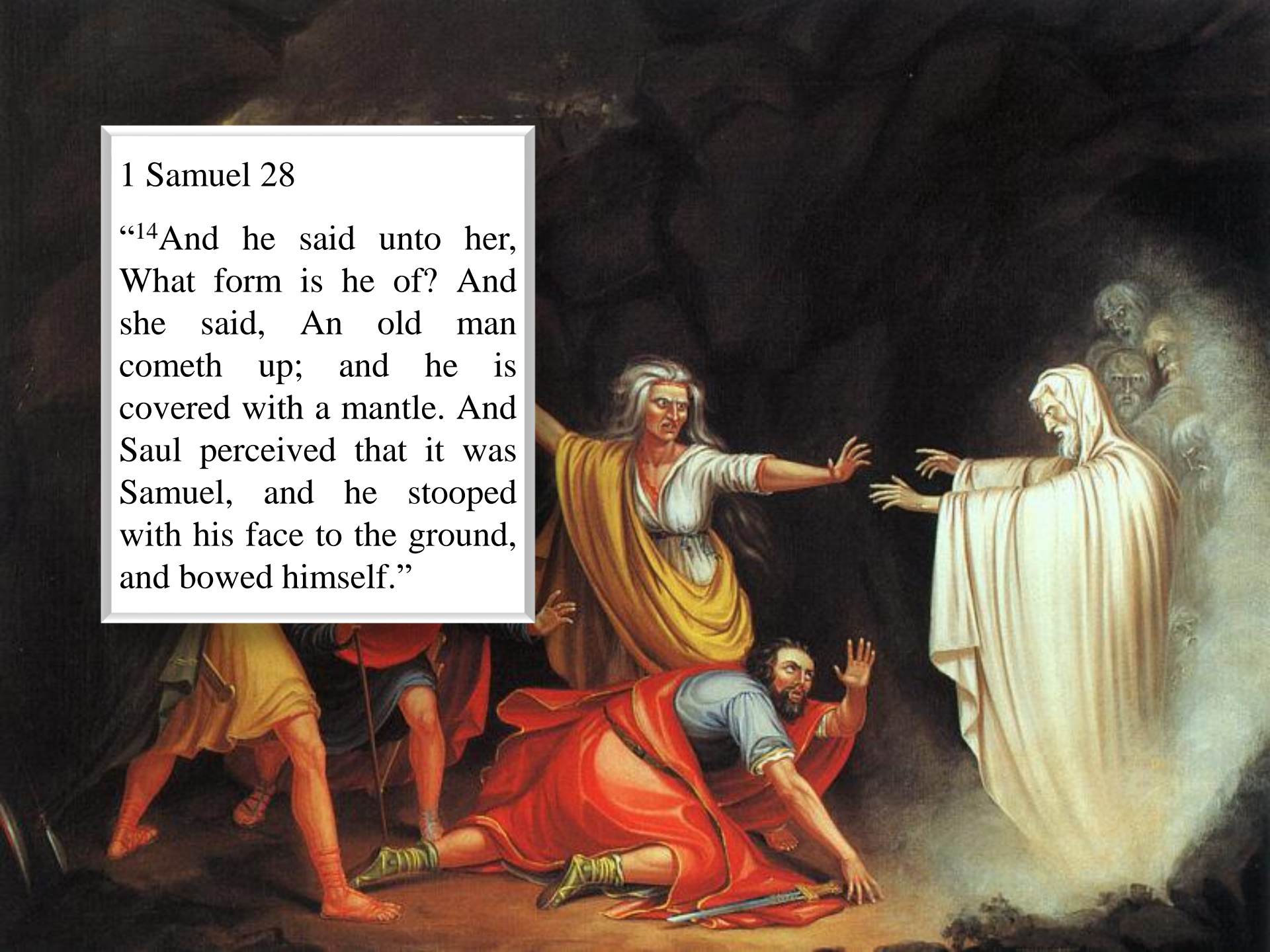
“<sup>12</sup>And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, **Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul.**

<sup>13</sup>And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.”



## 1 Samuel 28

“<sup>14</sup>And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.”

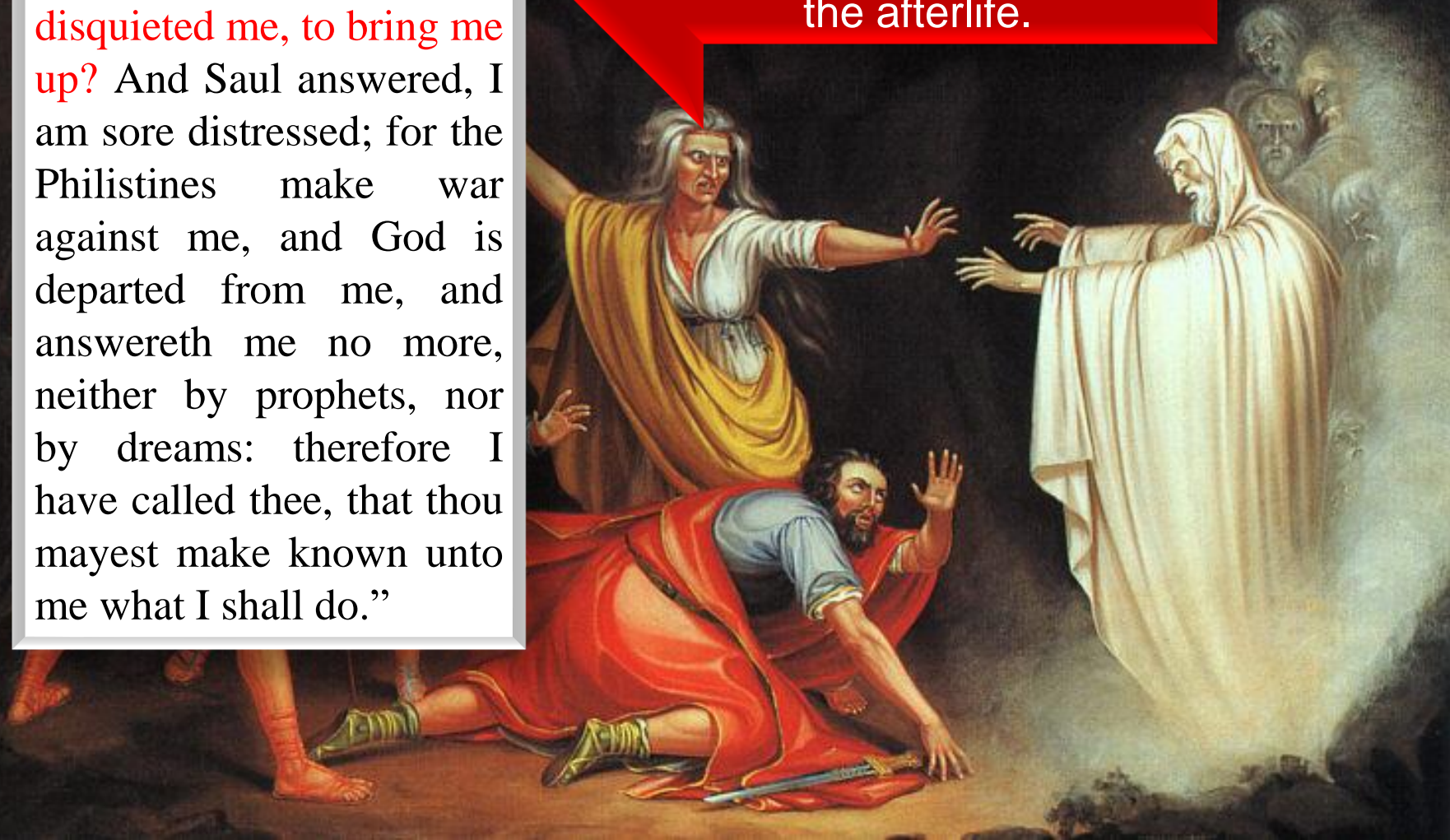




## 1 Samuel 28

“<sup>15</sup>And Samuel said to Saul, **Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up?** And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.”

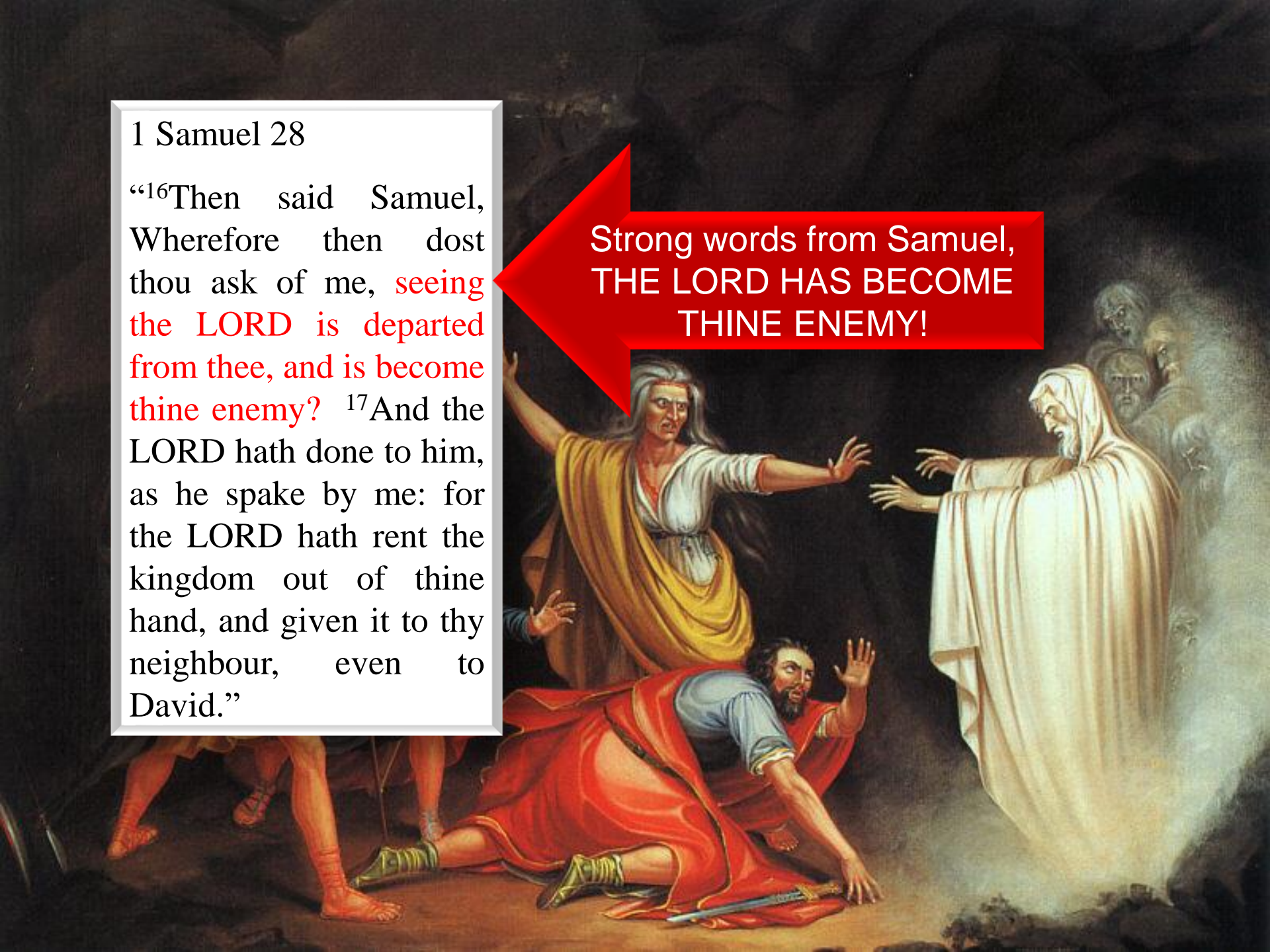
Disquieted: a hint that the righteous are comforted in the afterlife.



## 1 Samuel 28

“<sup>16</sup>Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? <sup>17</sup>And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David.”

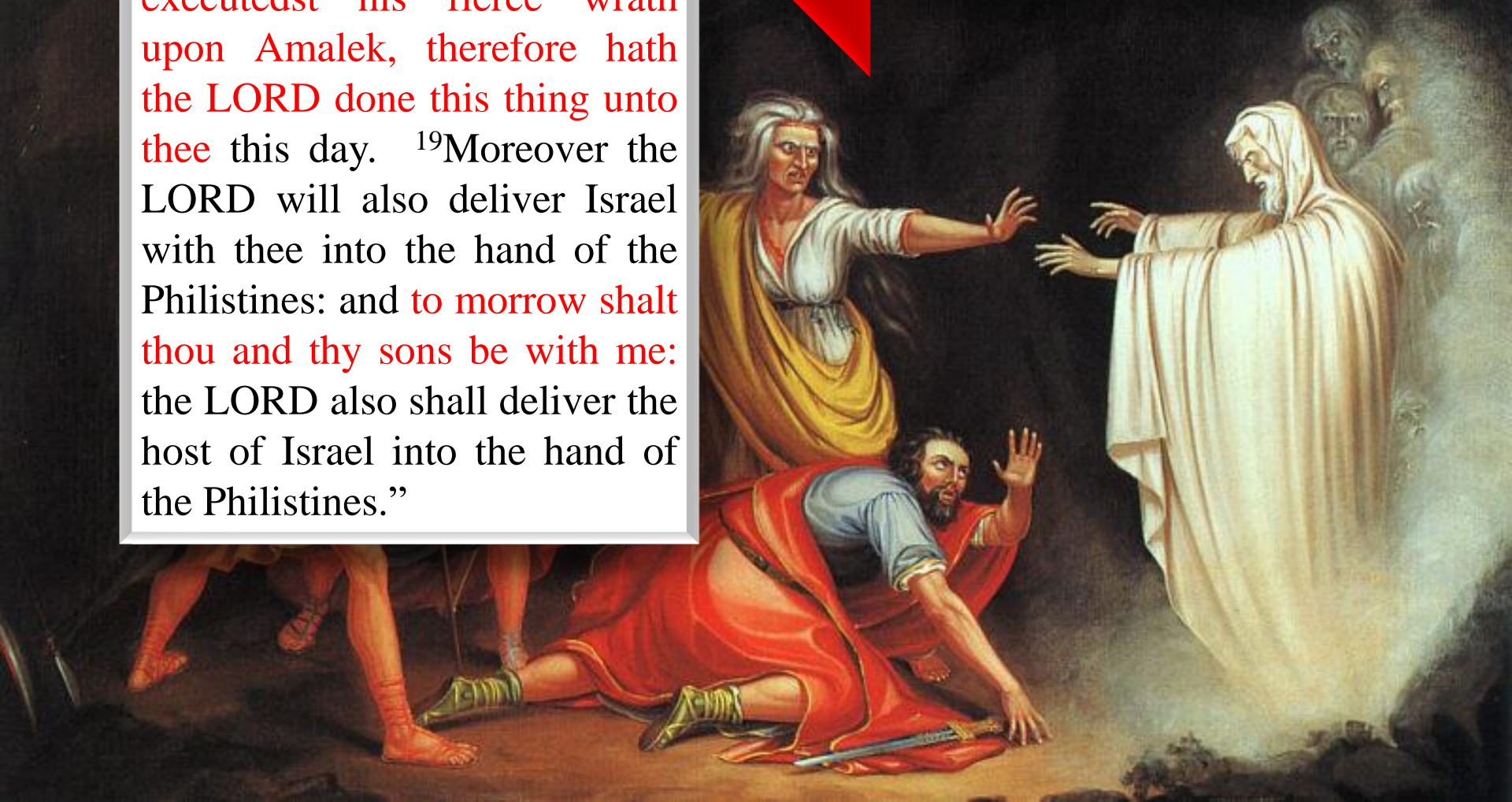
Strong words from Samuel,  
THE LORD HAS BECOME  
THINE ENEMY!



## 1 Samuel 28

“<sup>18</sup>Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day. <sup>19</sup>Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.”

The Lord is still angry with Saul for not “utterly” destroying the Amalekites.



## 1 Samuel 28

“<sup>20</sup>Then Saul fell straightway all along on the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night.”



The woman insisted he eat something. At first he refused, but she and the two men with him insisted. She killed a calf and prepared it and unleavened bread for him. She must have cooked it quickly because after eating they left that very night.





# 1 SAMUEL 29



**David With The  
Philistines**

## 1 Samuel 29:1-5

The Philistines and the Israelites were encamped and ready to engage. This put David in a difficult situation. Achish, King of the Philistines, had obligated David to be on the side of the Philistines with the gift of his protection from Saul and his men.

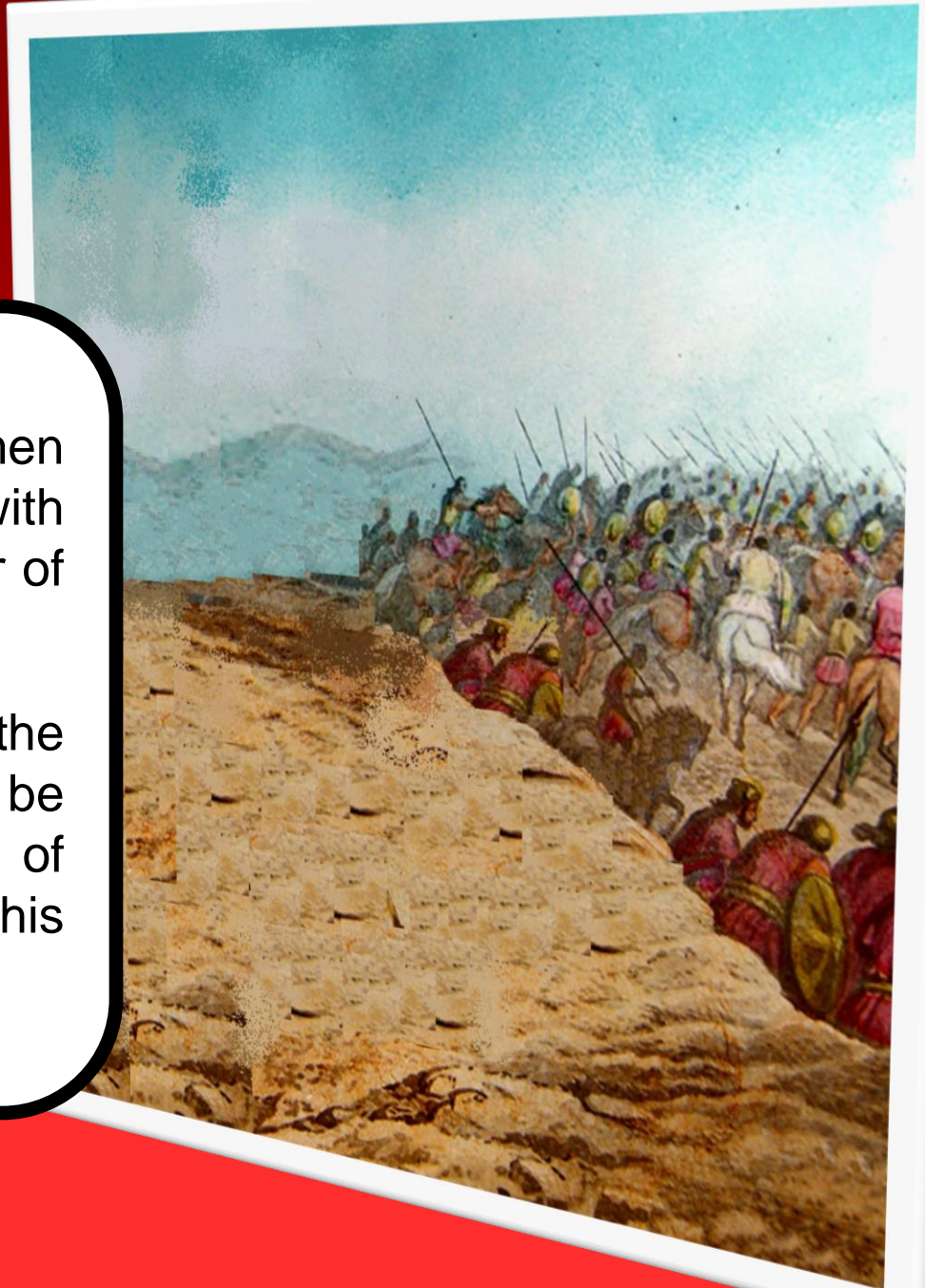
We do not read of David asking advice from God, but it seems probable because it is hard to imagine David betraying the Israelites.



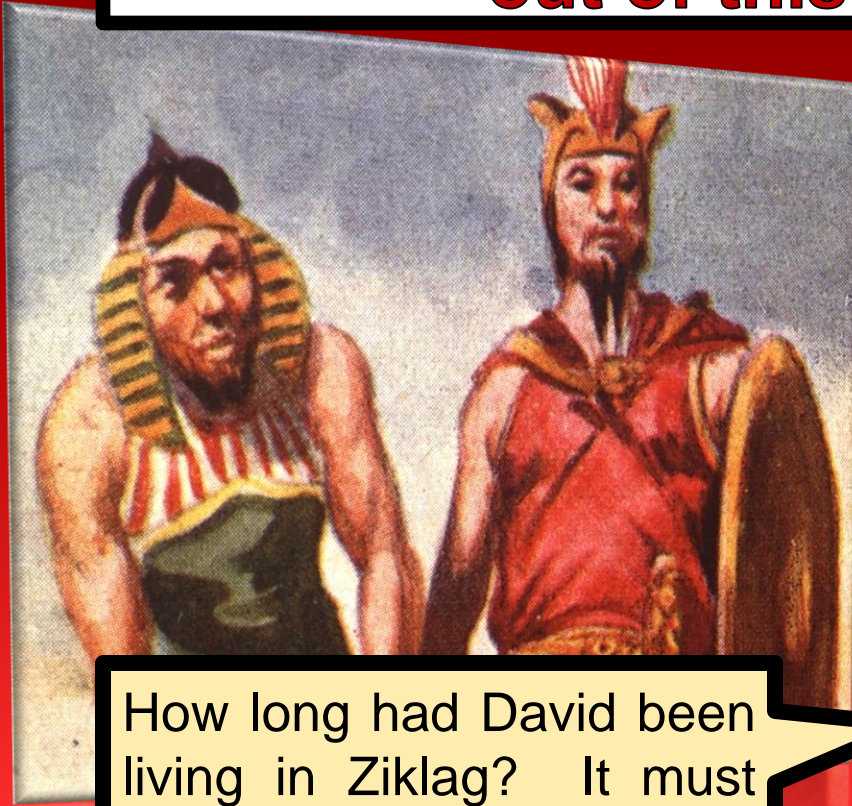


David and his 600 men lined up for the battle with King Achish at the rear of the army.

If he was to fight for the Philistines he would be an enemy to the Israel of God and a traitor to his country!



## A door opened for David's deliverance out of this situation—



How long had David been living in Ziklag? It must have been years rather than days.

1 Samuel 29

“<sup>3</sup>Then said the princes of the Philistines, What do these Hebrews here?

And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me these days, or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell unto me unto this day?”

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1 Samuel 29

“<sup>4</sup>And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him . . .”



## 1 Samuel 29

“<sup>4</sup>. . . make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for wherewith should he reconcile himself his master? should it not be with the heads of these men? <sup>5</sup>Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?”



## 1 Samuel 29

“<sup>6</sup>Then Achish called David, and said unto him,

Surely, as the LORD liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host is good in my sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the lords favour thee not. <sup>7</sup>Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines.”



Thus, when the Princes of the Philistines saw that David and his 600 men were joining the Philistine army they strongly objected, obviously distrusting David's loyalty.

Apologetically, King Achish asked David and his men to leave at morning light.



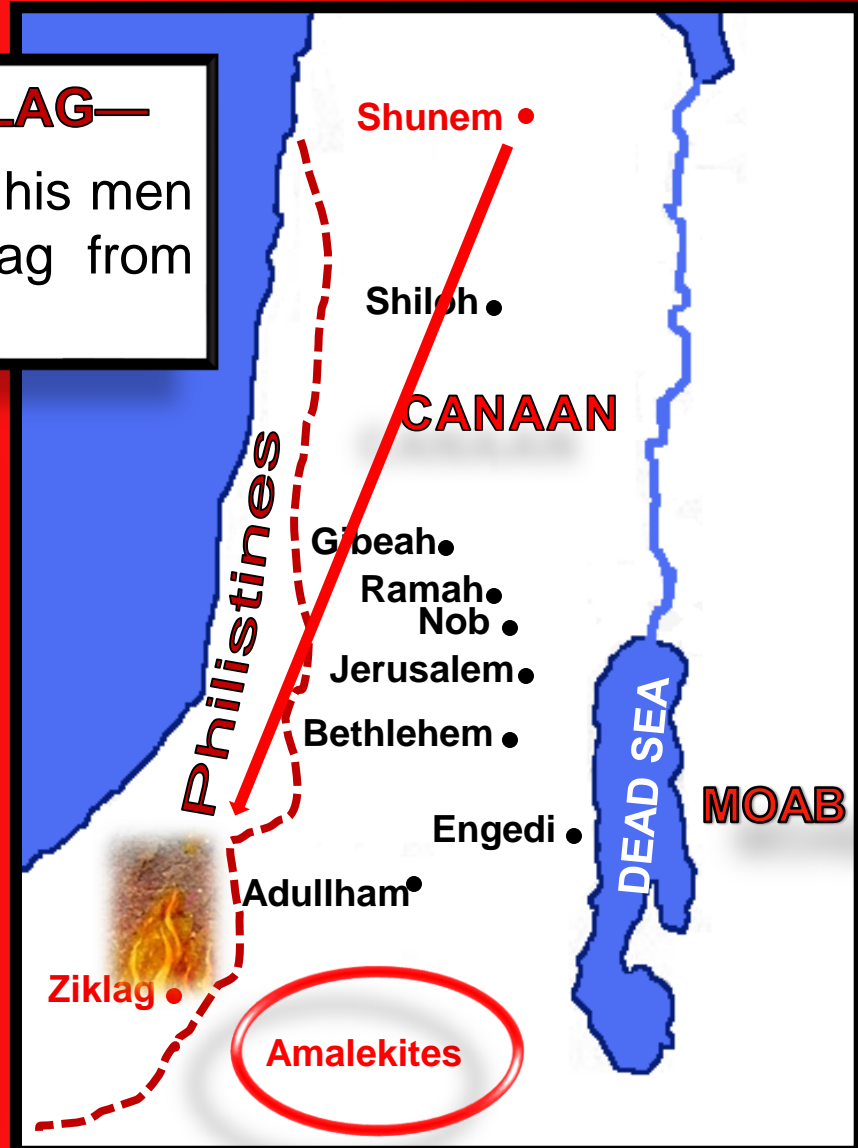
# 1 SAMUEL 30

## DAVID RETURNED TO ZIKLAG—

It took 3 days for David and his men to go back home to Ziklag from Shunem.

1 Samuel 30

“<sup>1</sup>And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that **the Amalekites** had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire.”





## 1 Samuel 30

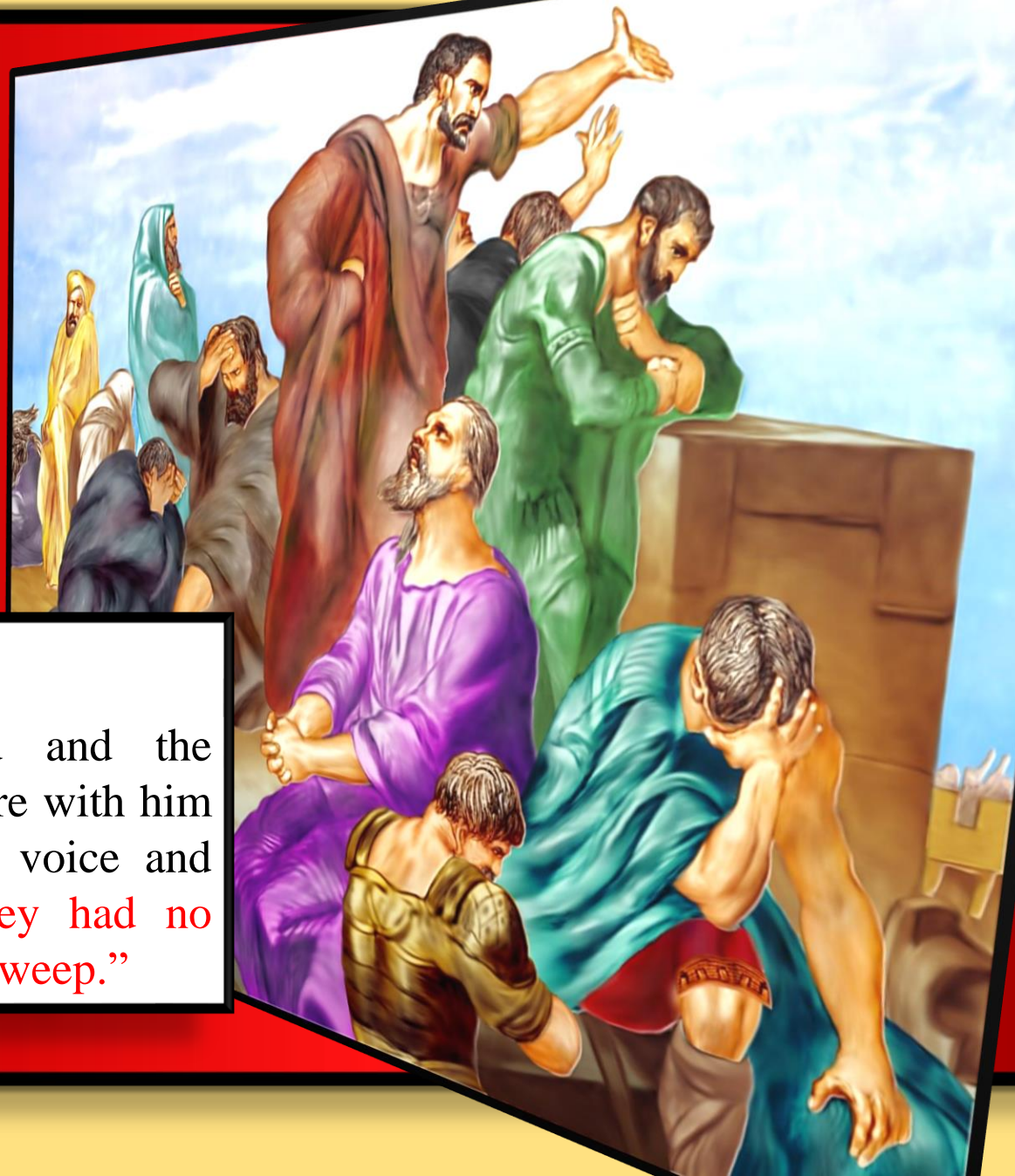
<sup>2</sup>And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

<sup>3</sup>So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives.”



## 1 Samuel 30

“<sup>4</sup>Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.”



## 1 Samuel 30

<sup>5</sup>“And David’s two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.

<sup>6</sup>And David was greatly distressed; for the **people spake of stoning him**, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.”



## 1 Samuel 30

“<sup>7</sup>And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech’s son, I pray thee, **bring me hither the ephod.** And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David.

<sup>8</sup>And David enquired at the LORD, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And he answered him, **Pursue:** for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all.”



# URIM AND THUMMIN

Were Used To Ask God's Counsel.

Exodus 28:30

“And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.”

Numbers 27:21

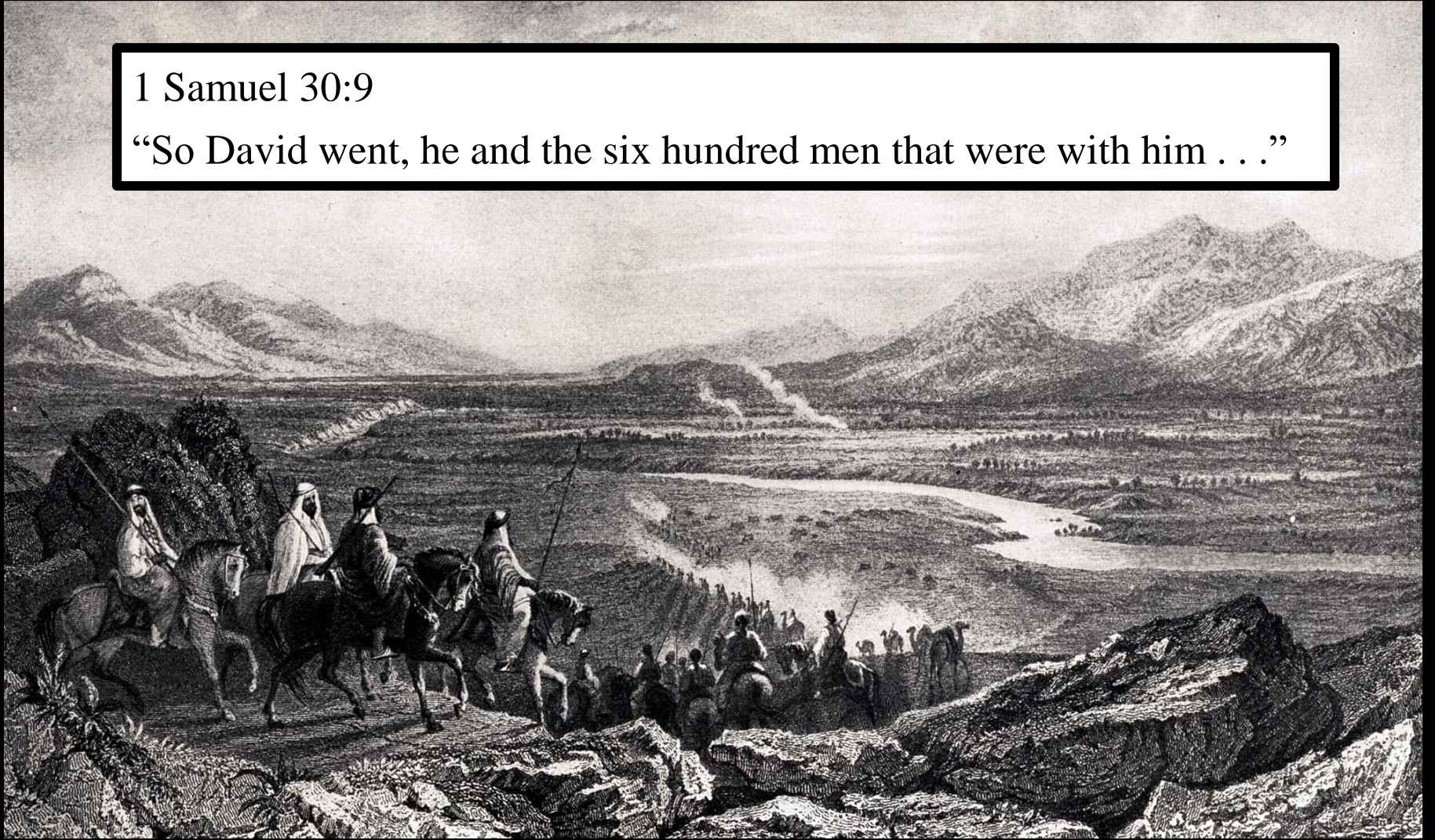
“And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.”



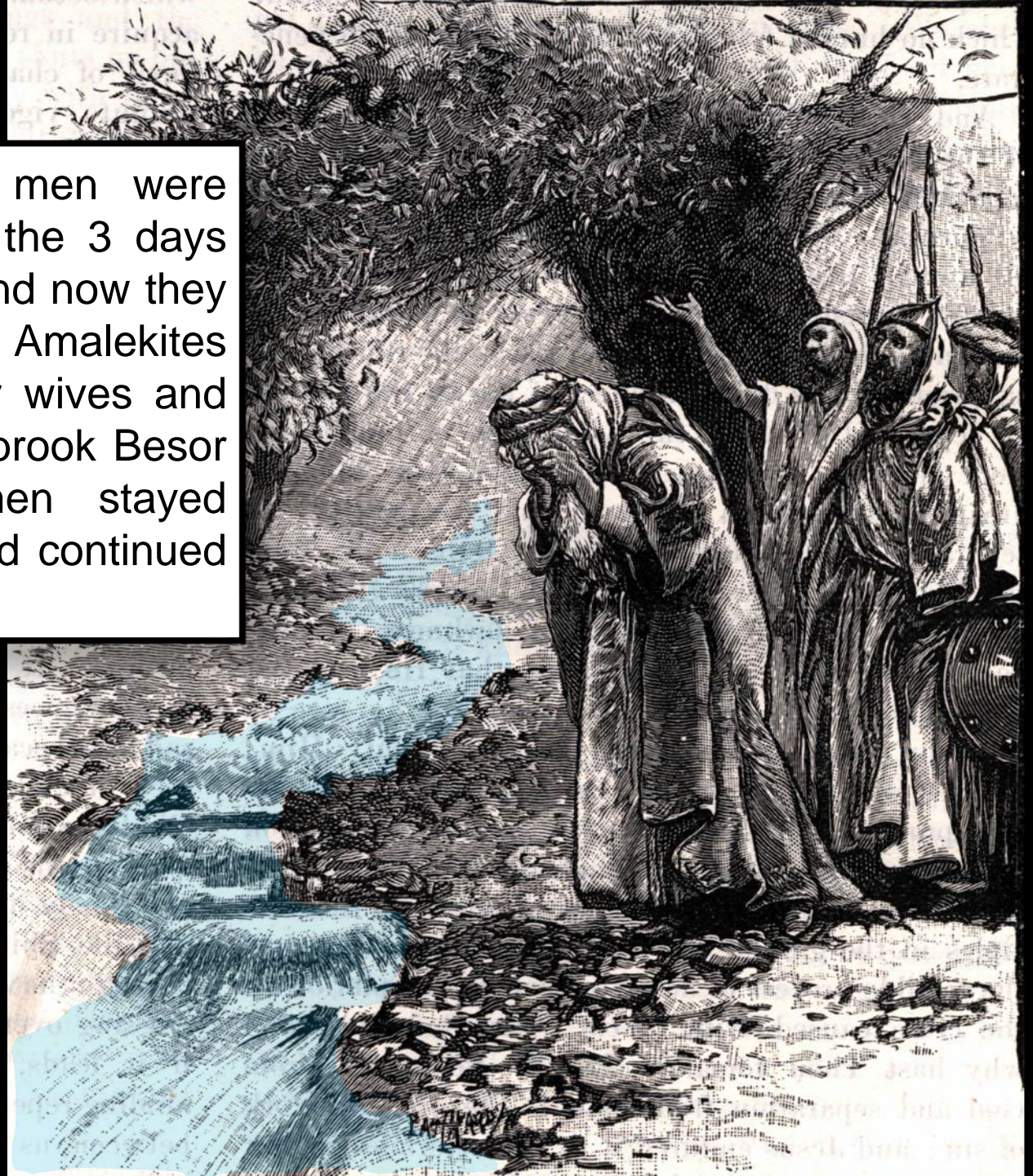
# David pursued the Amalekites . . .

1 Samuel 30:9

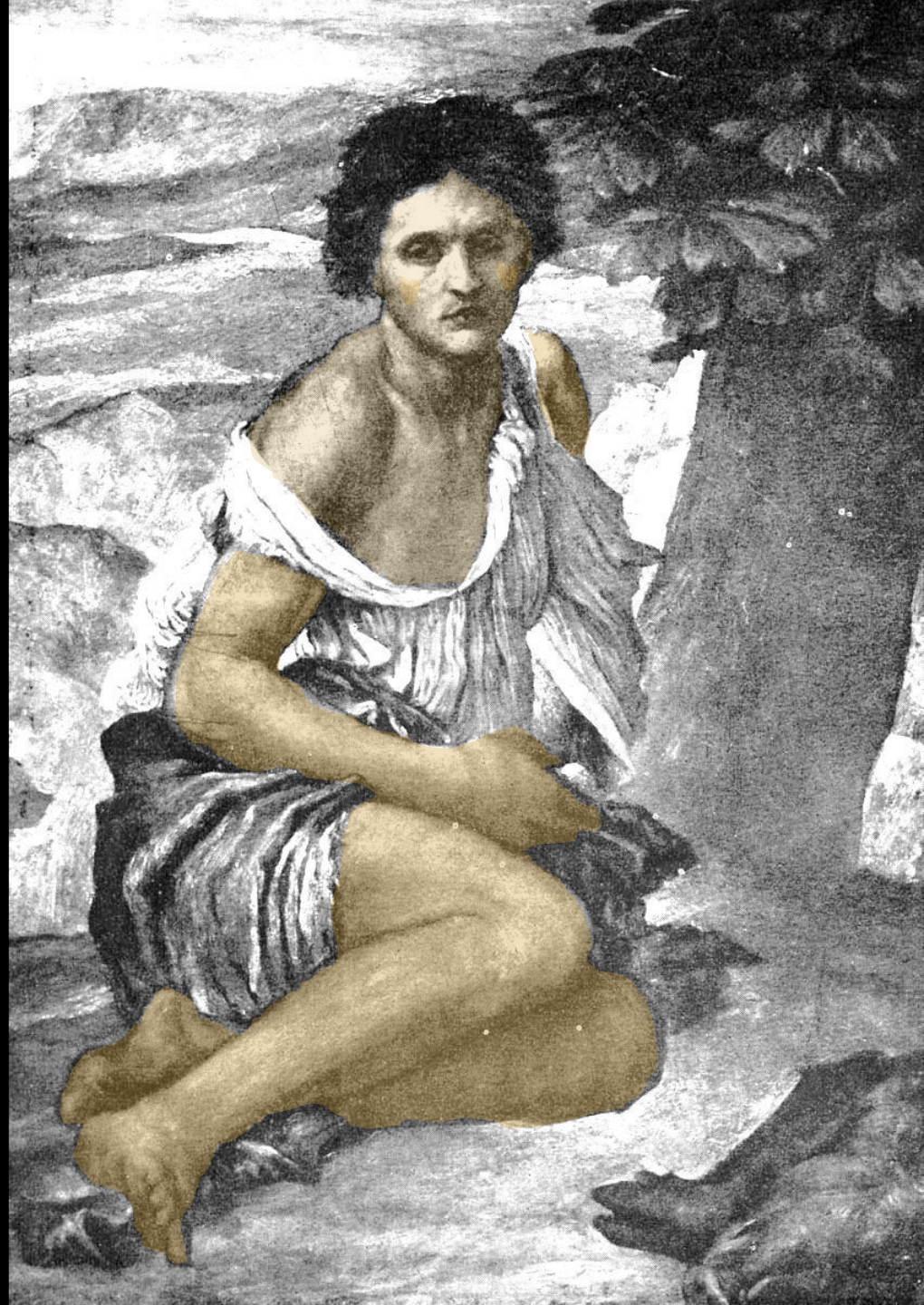
“So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him . . .”



David and his men were exhausted from the 3 days journey home, and now they must pursue the Amalekites and rescue their wives and children. At the brook Besor 200 of his men stayed behind, but David continued on with 400.



David and his men found an Egyptian in a field, a half starved and ill servant of an Amalekite. They fed him and convinced him to lead them to the Amalekites' camp.

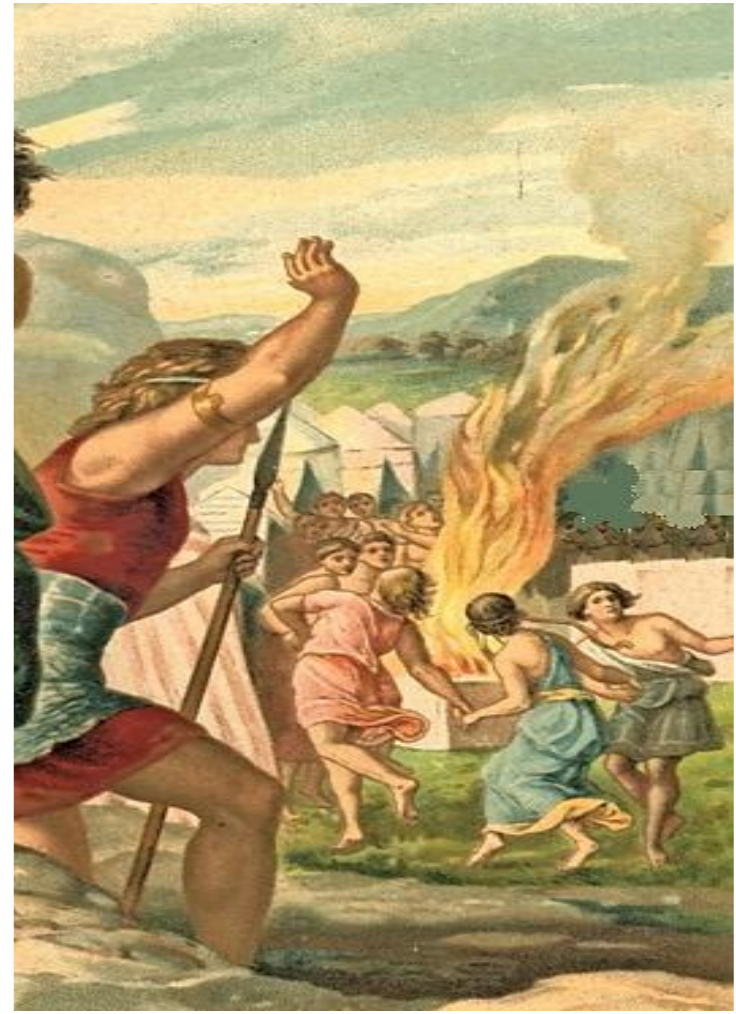


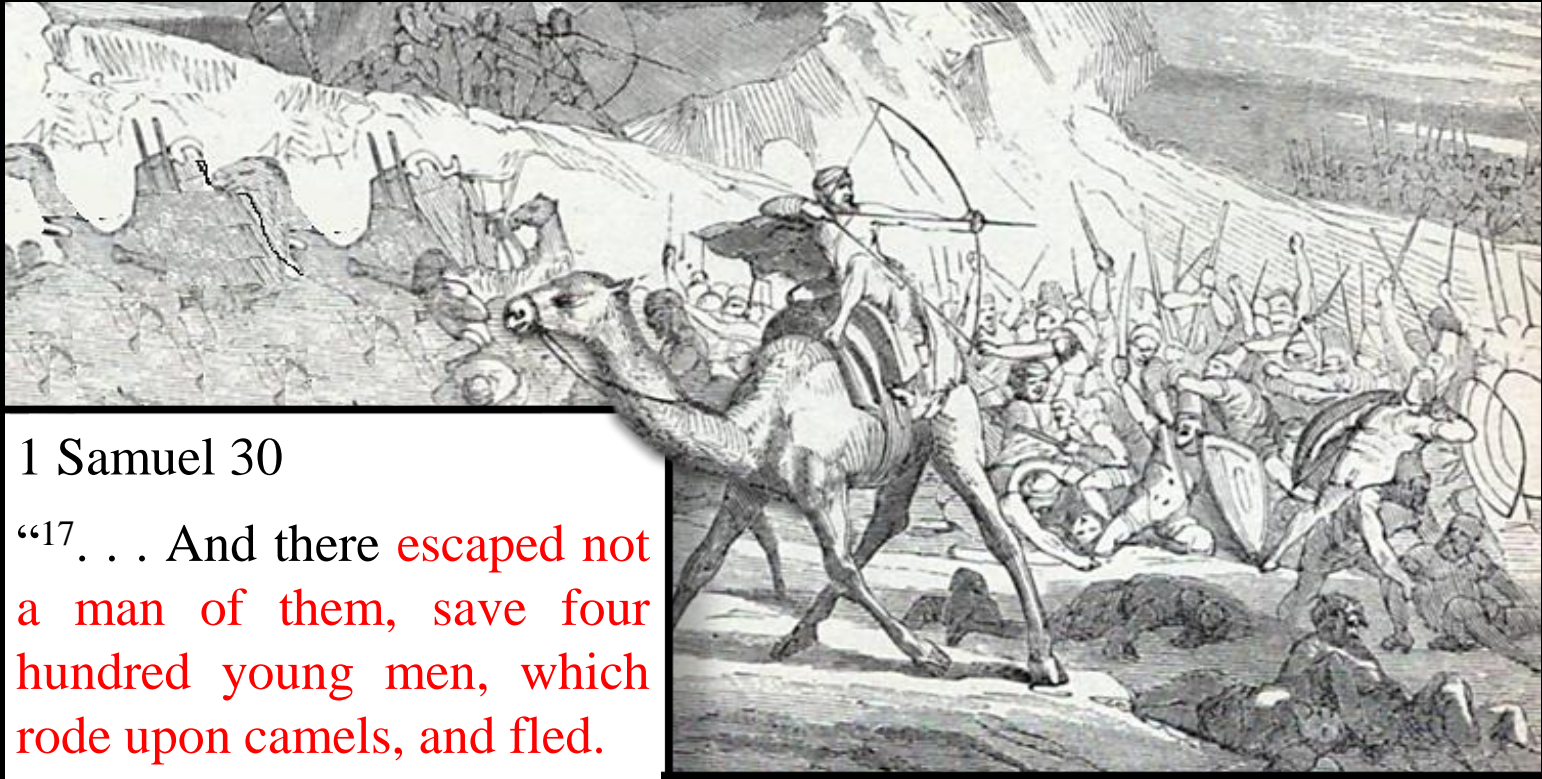


## 1 Samuel 30

“<sup>16</sup>And when he had brought him down, behold, **they were spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking, and dancing,** because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.

<sup>17</sup>And **David smote them** from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day . . .”

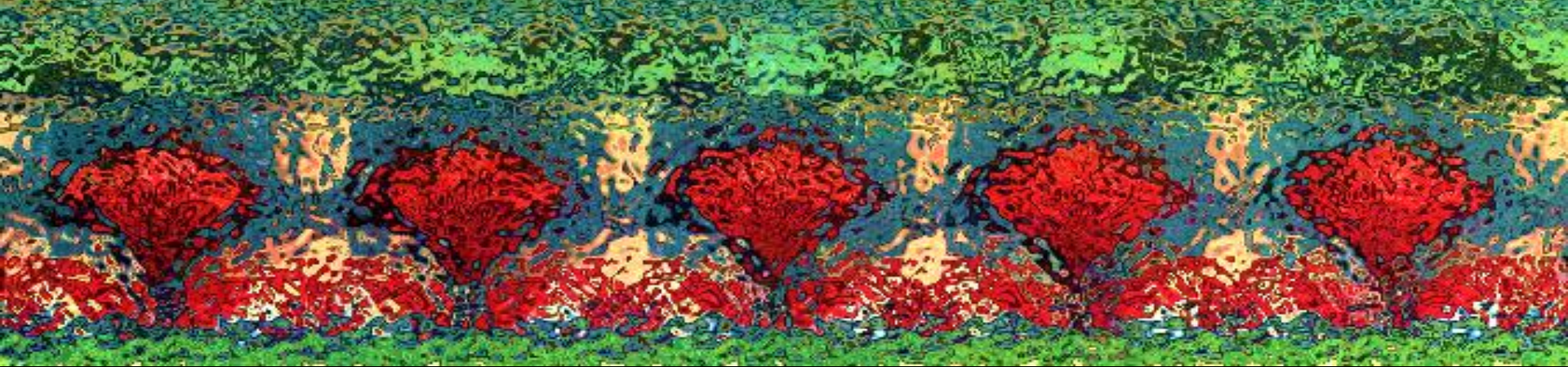




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“<sup>17</sup>. . . And there **escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.**

“<sup>18</sup>And **David recovered all** that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. <sup>19</sup>And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David recovered all.”



**THE END**

