

SAUL, DAVID, & SOLOMON

Lessons In Faith





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.

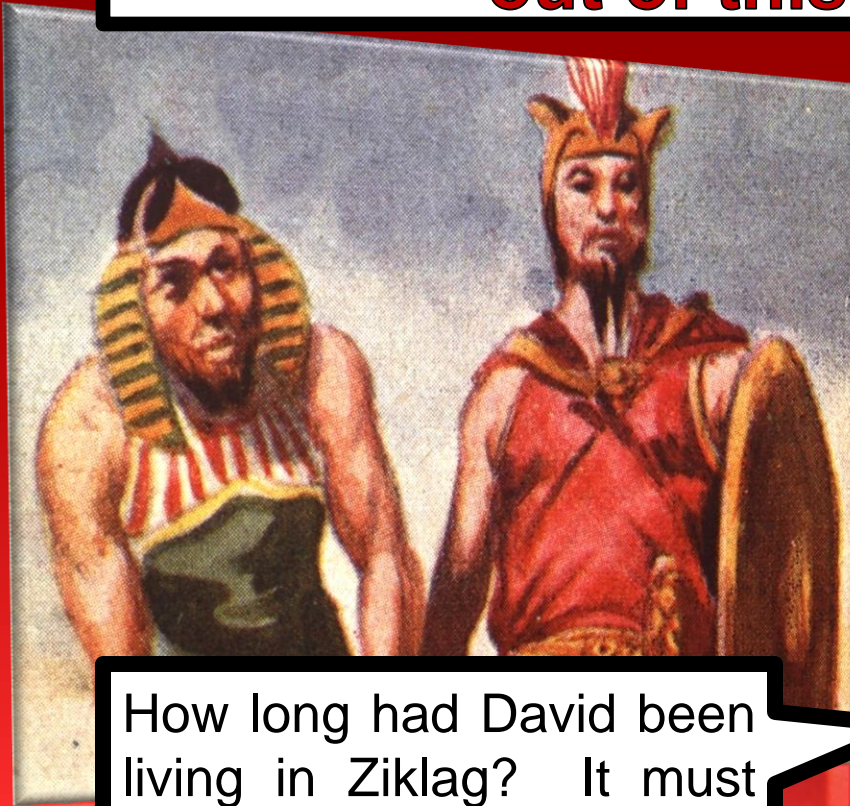


David and his 600 men lined up for the battle with King Achish at the rear of the army.

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.

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“³Then 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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“⁴And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him . . .”



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“⁴. . . 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? ⁵Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying, Saul slew his thousands, and David his ten thousands?”



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“⁶Then 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. ⁷Wherefore 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.



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“¹And 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.”

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

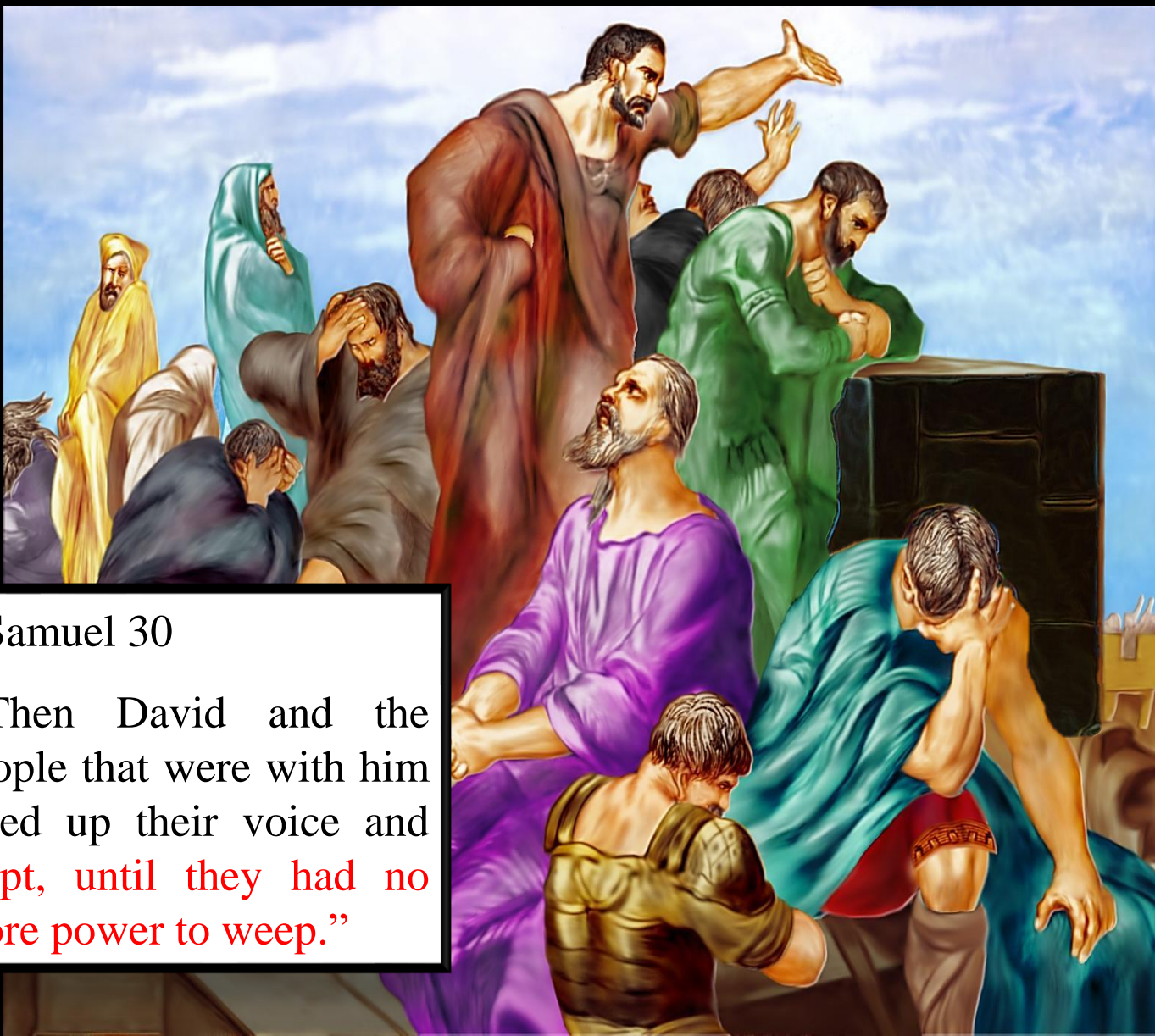


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²And had taken the women captives, that were therein: they slew not any, either great or small, but carried them away, and went on their way.

³So 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.”





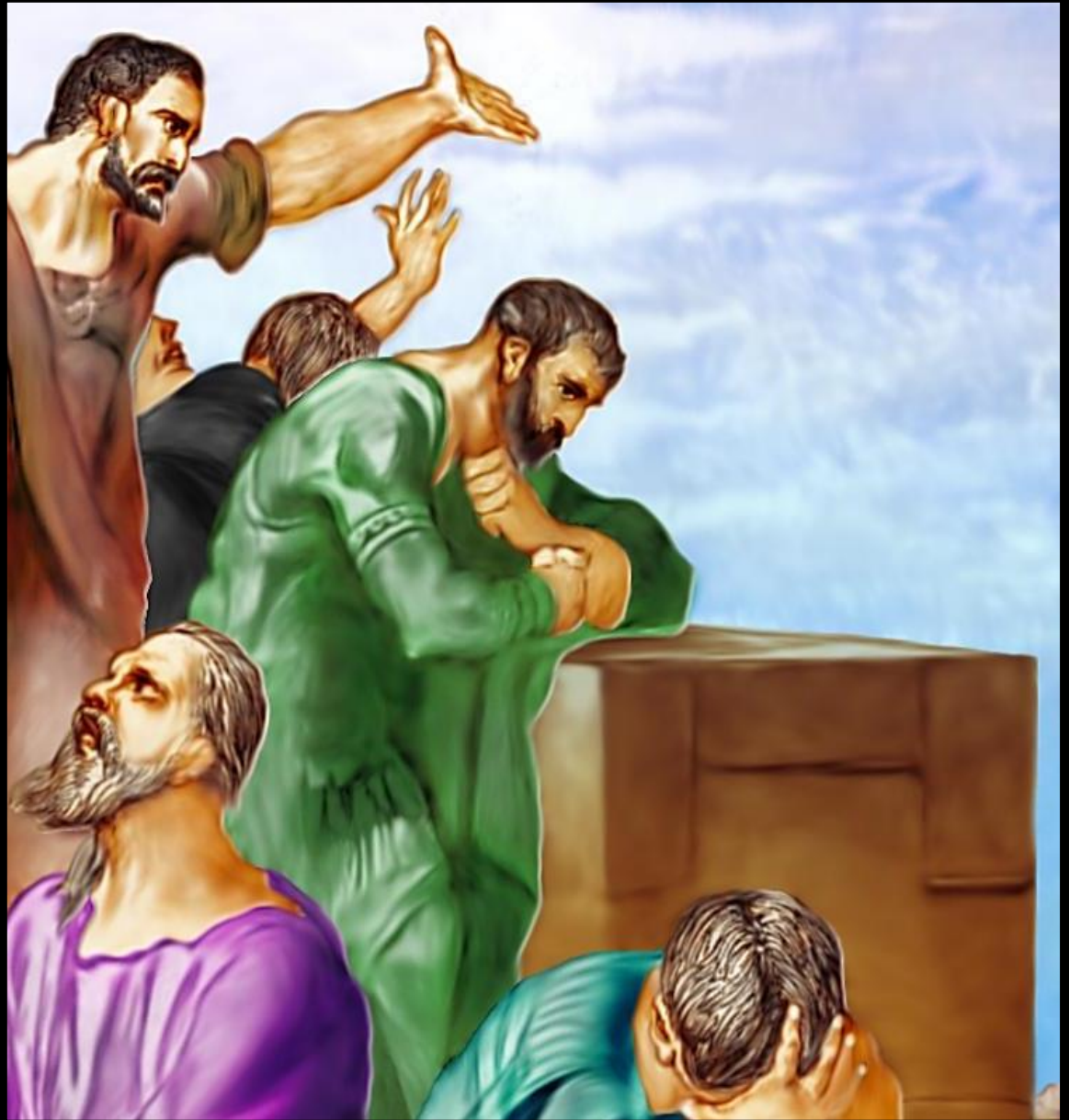
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“⁴Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep.”

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

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“⁷And 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.

⁸And 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.”



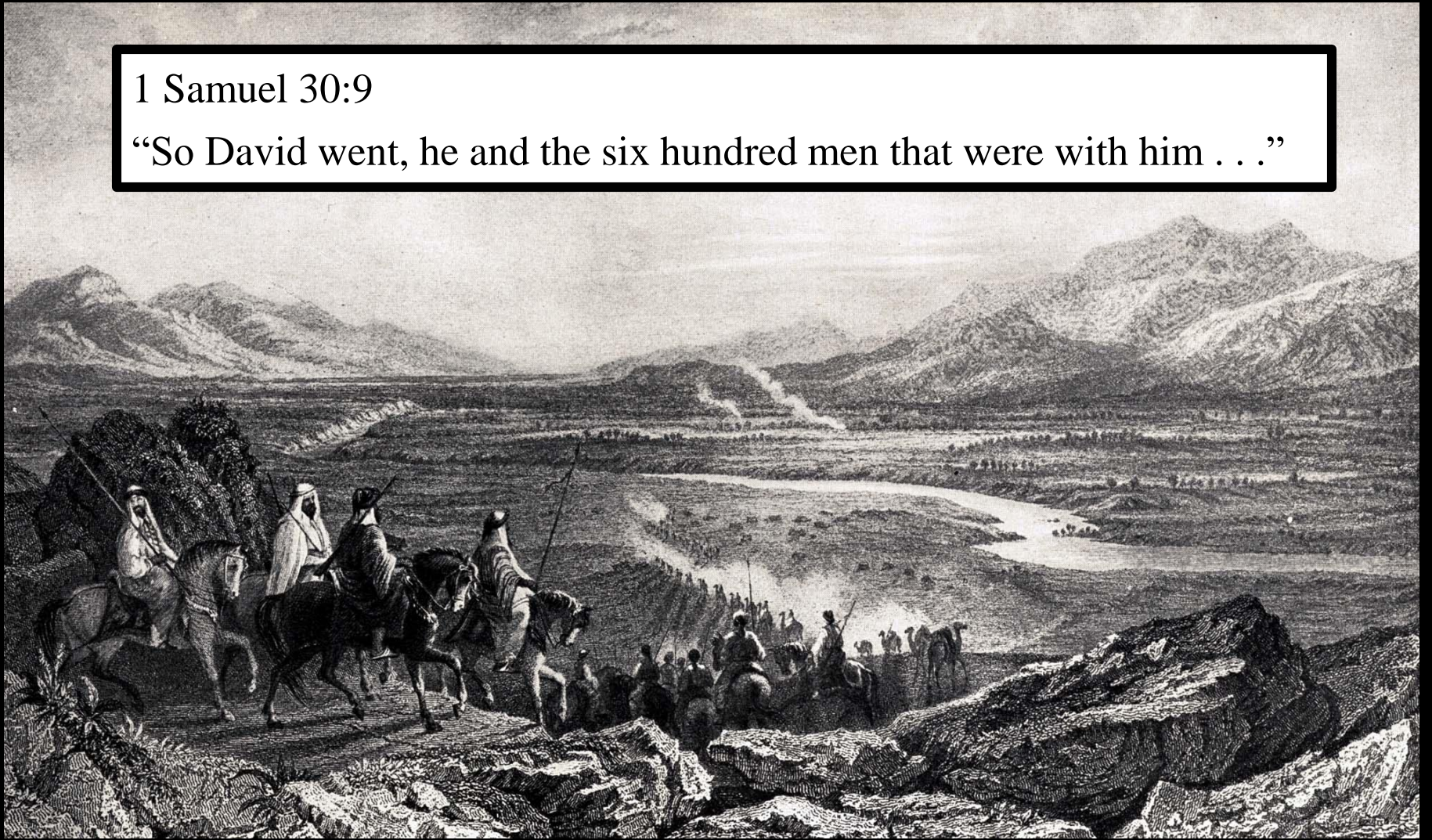
Numbers 27:21

“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.”

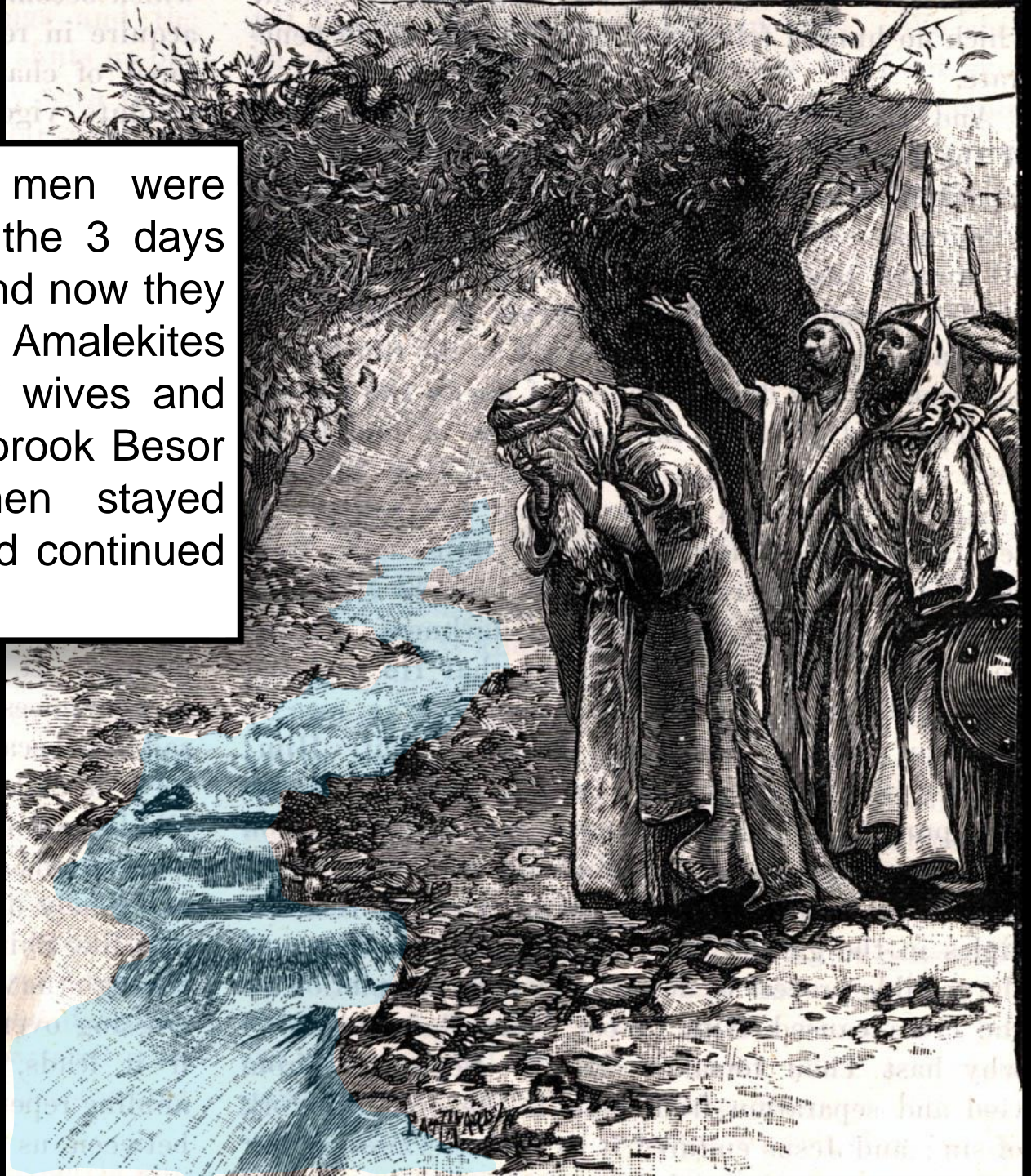
David pursued the Amalekites . . .

1 Samuel 30:9

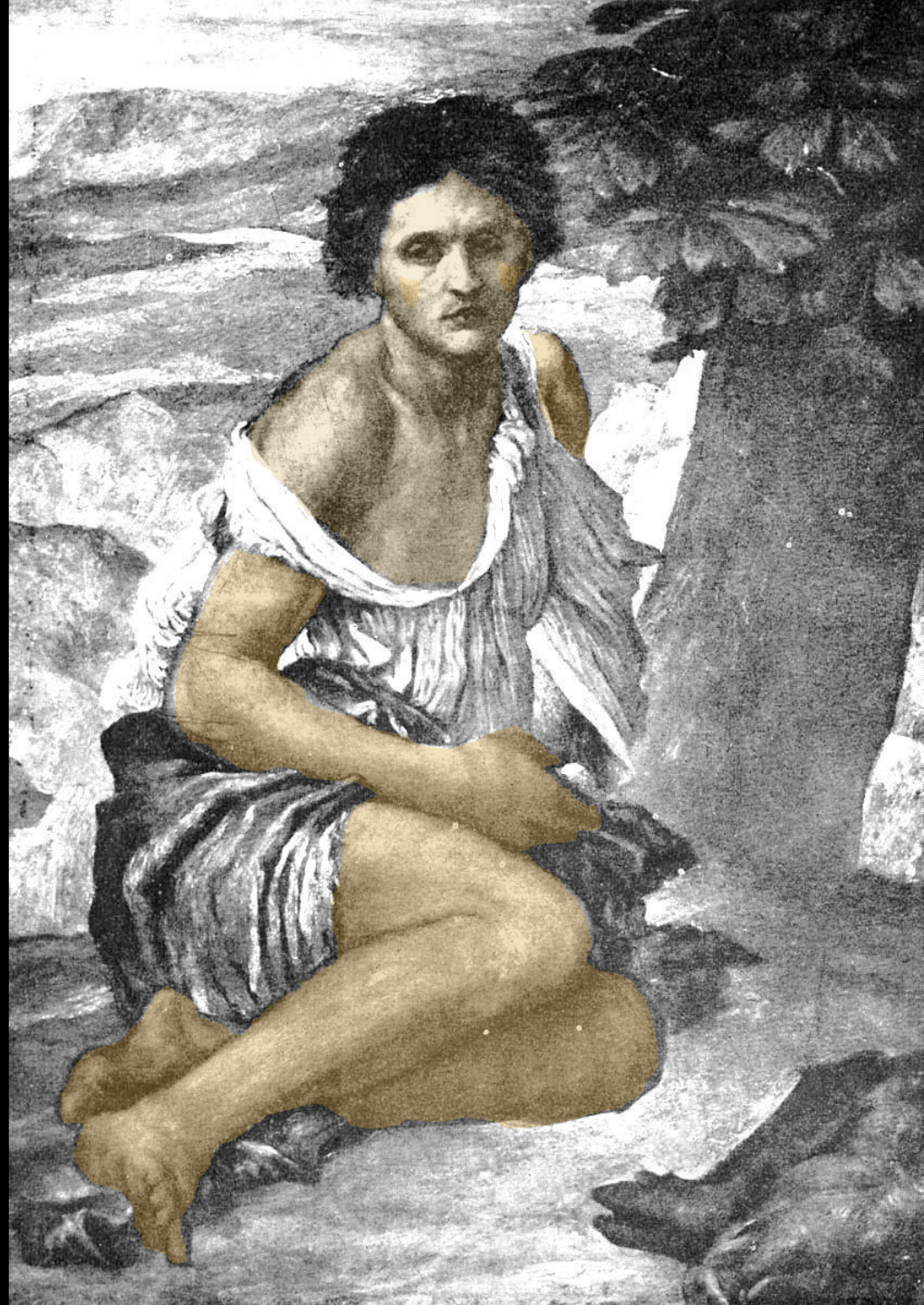
“So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him . . .”



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.



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“¹⁶And 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.

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

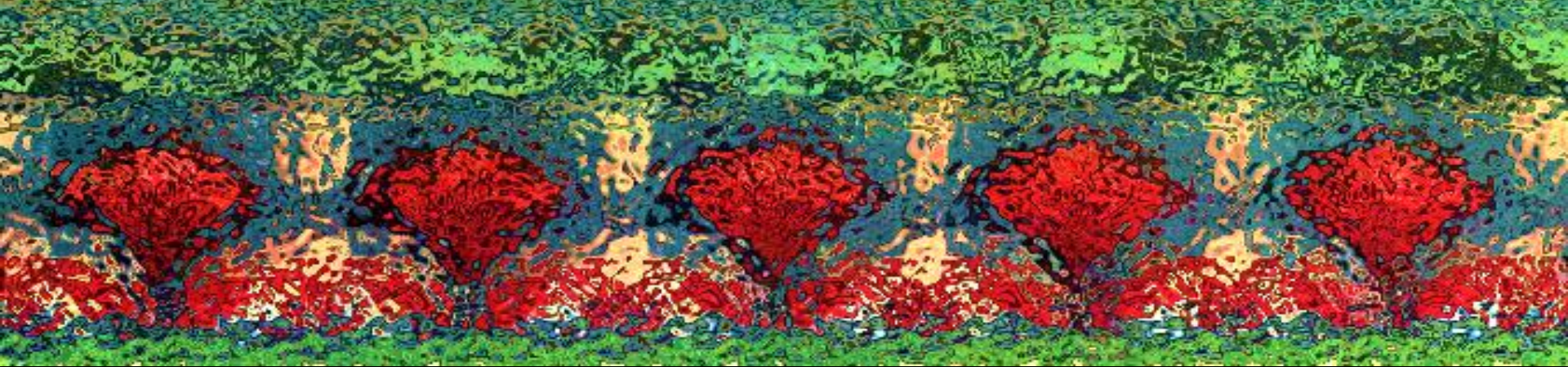




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“¹⁷. . . And there **escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men, which rode upon camels, and fled.**

“¹⁸And **David recovered all** that the Amalekites had carried away: and David rescued his two wives. ¹⁹And 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

