

13 – DAVID’S EXILE (1 SAMUEL 27:1-28:25)

I. David at Ziklag (1 Samuel 27:1-12)

A. David’s Assessment (27:1)

- David reasoned that at some point Saul will be able to kill him.
- David decides that if he flees to land of the Philistines, Saul will give up seeking him.

B. David Flees to Gath (27:2-4)

- David, his men and their families fled to the Achish, the King of Gath.
- Upon hearing that David had fled to Gath, Saul stopped looking for him.

C. David Given Ziklag (27:5-7)

- They dwelt in the royal city with Achish until David requested a place to live.
- Achish gave David Ziklag to live in and afterward it belonged to the Kings of Judah.

D. David’s Duplicity (27:8-12)

- From Ziklag, David attacked the enemies of Israel, as far as Egypt.
- When David attacked, he killed everyone and took their possessions.
- When Achish asked David where he was raiding, David reported that he was raiding Judah.
- David had everyone killed so that no one could report who David was really attacking.
- Achish believed this because he thought that Israel would hate David.
- This would make David the servant of Achish forever.

II. The Witch at Endor (1 Samuel 28:1-25)

A. Philistines Gather for War (28:1-2)

- The Philistines gathered their armies to make war against Israel.
- Achish informed David that he would accompany the him in battle against Israel.
- David stated that the king knew what his servant can do, and Achish promoted him.

B. Saul’s Dilemma (28:3-6)

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- The writer once again points out that Samuel was dead and Israel mourned for him.
- Saul had also put out all of the mediums and spiritists out of Israel.
- When Saul saw the size of the Philistine army gathered against him, he was very afraid.
- When Saul tried to consult the Lord, the Lord would not respond to him.

C. Saul's Visits a Medium (28:7-11)

- Because Saul was getting no direction from the Lord, he sought a medium.
- His servants pointed out that there as a medium in En Dor.
- Saul disguised himself and went to the woman by night with two men.
- He asked the woman to conduct a séance for him and bring up the one he wants.
- The woman stated that Saul has cut off the mediums from the land and she feared a trap.
- Saul swore that no punishment would come on her and asked her to bring up Samuel.

D. The Appearance of Samuel (28:12-19)

- The woman cried out when she saw Samuel, and confronted Saul about his deception.
- Saul asked who she saw and she stated an old man coming up who was covered with a mantle.
- When Saul perceived that it was Samuel, he stooped and bowed to the ground.
- Samuel asked Saul why he had disturbed him by bringing him up.
- Saul stated that he was distressed by the Philistines and that God has departed him.
- Saul wanted Samuel to reveal to him what he should do.
- Samuel stated that Lord had become Saul's enemy and that the kingdom was given to another.
- This was happening because Saul disobeyed the Lord.
- The Lord will deliver Israel to the Philistines and tomorrow Saul and his sons will be dead.

E. Saul's Response (28:20-25)

- Saul responded by falling fully on the ground because of what Samuel told him.
- The men and the medium tried to get Saul to eat as the woman prepared food.
- After Saul had eaten, he and the men went away that night.