

THE RISE AND FALL OF
DAVID



1 SAMUEL 23:26-29 NIV

Saul was going along one side of the mountain, and David and his men were on the other side, hurrying to get away from Saul. As Saul and his forces were closing in on David and his men to capture them,²⁷ a messenger came to Saul, saying, “Come quickly! The Philistines are raiding the land.”²⁸ Then Saul broke off his pursuit of David and went to meet the Philistines. That is why they call this place Sela Hammahlekoth.²⁹ And David went up from there and lived in the strongholds of En Gedi.



THE FALL OF SAUL

HOLY SPIRIT REMOVED; EVIL SPIRIT GIVEN

1 SAMUEL 16:14-23

JEALOUS AND TREACHEROUS

1 SAMUEL 18

ATTEMPTS TO KILL DAVID

1 SAMUEL 19

FAILED HOLY WARRIOR

1 SAMUEL 15

KINGDOM TORN AWAY

1 SAMUEL 13:13-14; 15:11, 26

THE RISE OF DAVID

ANOINTED WITH HOLY SPIRIT

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

FAITHFUL FRIEND

1 SAMUEL 20

PROTECTS SAUL'S LIFE

1 SAMUEL 24:26

MIGHTY HOLY WARRIOR

1 SAMUEL 17

KINGDOM PROMISED FOREVER

2 SAMUEL 7:1-17



ISAIAH 55:9 NIV

“As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”



DAVID ACKNOWLEDGED
THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD
AND RECOGNIZED SAUL AS
THE ANOINTED KING OF ISRAEL.



PSALM 115:3 ^{NET}

Our God is in heaven! He does whatever He pleases!



1 SAMUEL 24:1-2 NIV

After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, “David is in the Desert of En Gedi.”² So Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crags of the Wild Goats.



1 SAMUEL 24:3-4 NIV

He came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. David and his men were far back in the cave. ⁴ The men said, “This is the day the LORD spoke of when he said to you, ‘I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.’ ” Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul’s robe.



ROMANS 12:19 ^{NIV}

Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

DEUTERONOMY 32:35 ^{NIV}

It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them.



1 SAMUEL 24:5-7 NIV

Afterward, David was conscience-stricken for having cut off a corner of his robe.⁶ He said to his men, “The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the LORD’s anointed, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the LORD.”⁷ With these words David sharply rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul. And Saul left the cave and went his way.



1 SAMUEL 24:8 NIV

Then David went out of the cave and called out to Saul, “My lord the king!” When Saul looked behind him, David bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground.



1 SAMUEL 24:9-10 NIV

He said to Saul, “Why do you listen when men say, ‘David is bent on harming you’? ¹⁰ This day you have seen with your own eyes how the LORD delivered you into my hands in the cave. Some urged me to kill you, but I spared you; I said, ‘I will not lay my hand on my lord, **because he is the LORD’s anointed.**’”



1 SAMUEL 24:11-13 NIV

“See, my father, look at this piece of your robe in my hand! I cut off the corner of your robe but did not kill you. See that there is nothing in my hand to indicate that I am guilty of wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not wronged you, but you are hunting me down to take my life. ¹² May the LORD judge between you and me. And may the LORD avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you. ¹³ As the old saying goes, ‘From evildoers come evil deeds,’ so my hand will not touch you.”



1 SAMUEL 24:14-15 NIV

“Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Who are you pursuing? A dead dog? A flea? ¹⁵ May the LORD be our judge and decide between us. May he consider my cause and uphold it; may he vindicate me by delivering me from your hand.”



1 SAMUEL 24:16-17 NIV

When David finished saying this, Saul asked, “Is that your voice, David my son?” And he wept aloud. **17** “You are more righteous than I,” he said. “You have treated me well, but I have treated you badly.”



1 SAMUEL 24:18-20 ^{NIV}

“You have just now told me about the good you did to me; the LORD delivered me into your hands, but you did not kill me. ¹⁹ When a man finds his enemy, does he let him get away unharmed? May the LORD reward you well for the way you treated me today.

²⁰ I know that you will surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hands.”

1 SAMUEL 24:21-22 NIV

“Now swear to me by the LORD that you will not kill off my descendants or wipe out my name from my father’s family.” ²² So David gave his oath to Saul. Then Saul returned home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

RECOGNIZE AND BOW
IN HUMILITY BEFORE
THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD.



REVENGE, UNFORGIVENESS, AND ANGER
ONLY HARM THE VESSEL IN WHICH THEY ARE CONTAINED.



LET IT GO.



FORGIVE



EPHESIANS 4:32 ^{NIV}

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving
each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

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