

DAVID “Decisions”

I Samuel 26:1 – 28:24

Why does Saul go to the Desert of Ziph? 26:1,2

_____ v.1

_____ v.2

What action does David take? vv.3-17

_____ v.5

_____ v.6,7

_____ v.9-11

_____ v.12

“Saul kept his spear next to him to remind everybody that he was king. David took the spear from him, a significant action.”

“With the Word” Warren W. Wiersbe p.177

_____ v.14-16

What does he ask Saul? vv.17-20; 22-24

_____ v.17

_____ v.24

How does Saul react? v.18,25

_____ v.18

_____ v.25

What does David decide and do? Why? 27:1-6

_____ v.1-3

_____ v.6

_____ v.8

_____ v.9-11

“Achish thought that David and his band were attacking cities and towns in Judah, when in reality they were raiding the towns and camps of the allies of Achish! David was wiping out the people that Joshua and his successors failed to exterminate when they entered the land, following the orders given by Moses in Deuteronomy 20:16-18. At the same time, he was eliminating the danger of any survivors taking the word to Gath that David was a liar. David took Achish gifts from the spoils of battle and gave him false reports of their activities, and Achish believed him.” “Be Successful” Warren W. Wiersbe p.174

Why does Achish trust David? vv.9,11,12

_____ v.12

“. . . it is clear that David was Saul’s mortal enemy and that David could even be useful to the Philistines in their ongoing struggle with Israel.”

“The Bible Knowledge Commentary” Walvoord and Zuck p.453

What does Achish order David to do? Why? 28:1,2

_____ v.1

_____ v.2

“David found himself in a terrible quandary when the Philistines decided to attack Israel. No future king of the nation of Israel could ever fight against his own people. But David could not show any hesitation to the Philistine king.

“A Heart Like His” Rebecca Manley Pippert p.210

Why is Saul terrified? vv.4-6

_____ v.4,5

_____ v.6

What does he decide to do? vv.7-11

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_____ v.11

What does Samuel tell him? vv.15-19

“Samuel’s appearance here is explained by the intervention of the Lord who graciously permitted Saul one last encounter with the prophet whom he had first sought so long ago.”

“The Bible Knowledge Commentary” Walvoord and Zuck p.454

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_____ v.19

_____ v.19

How does Saul react? vv.20-25

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_____ v.23

_____ v.25

“When Saul was first introduced to the reader, he was seeking help from Samuel because he knew that Samuel was “a man of God. . . highly respected” But by the end of his reign, Saul was seeking help from a medium. At the first meal where we observed Saul eating, Samuel had placed him at the honored end of the table in recognition that he would become king. The prophet said emphatically, “Eat, because it was set aside for you for this occasion. But the last meal Saul ate was prepared by a witch, who also gave him an emphatic order to eat. That first meal was given as a covenant with God, but Saul’s last meal was a covenant with evil.”

“A Heart Like His” Rebecca Manley Pippert p.202