

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 1-2 Samuel 21-25  
October 14, 2020

## Review of Principles for reading Biblical Narrative

### 3 Key Components

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (time, places, season, geography, etc)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (descriptions, roles, development, dialogues)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (opening, conflict, rising intensity, climax, resolution, conclusion)

### Other important principles

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is always a character in every story. He is also the true hero
2. Biblical narratives are not \_\_\_\_\_. Their significance is in how they all relate to each other to move the big story along.
3. Biblical narratives do not necessarily \_\_\_\_\_ of what they record. They often give true to life details about human struggle and sin. This does not mean that the Bible is endorsing their behavior.

## Outline and Structure

### Section 1: Samuel, the last Judge (1 Samuel 1:1-7:17)

### Section 2: Samuel & Saul Israel's first King (1 Samuel 8:1-15:35)

### Section 3: Saul & David – The era of two kings (1 Samuel 16:1-2 Samuel 1:27)

1. The Future king introduced (1 Samuel 16)
2. David & Goliath (1 Samuel 17)
3. David in Saul's House (1 Samuel 18-20)
4. David flees and Saul pursues (1 Samuel 21-30)
  - A. David takes the \_\_\_\_\_ bread at Nob (21:1-9)
  - B. David \_\_\_\_\_ to Gath (21:10-15)
  - C. David in the \_\_\_\_\_ of Adullam (22:1-5)
  - D. Saul kills the \_\_\_\_\_ at Nob (22:6-19)
  - E. David provides \_\_\_\_\_ for Abiathar (22:20-23)
  - F. David \_\_\_\_\_ Keilah from the Philistines (23:1-14)
  - G. Saul \_\_\_\_\_ David in the wilderness (23:15-29)
  - H. David \_\_\_\_\_ Saul's life in the cave (24:1-22)
  - I. Abigail \_\_\_\_\_ David from wrongdoing (25:1-43)
  - J. David spares Saul's life \_\_\_\_\_ in the wilderness (26:1-25)
  - K. David \_\_\_\_\_ to flee and Saul pursue (27:1-30:31)
5. Saul's death and David's response (1 Samuel 31:1-2 Samuel 1:27)

**Section 4: The establishment of David's reign (2 Samuel 2:1- 9:13)**

**Section 5: The dark days of David's reign (2 Samuel 10:1-20:26)**

**Section 6: The conclusion of David's reign (2 Samuel 21:1-24:25)**

## **Digging Deeper**

### **A. David Takes The Holy Bread (1 Samuel 21:1-9)**

23 One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. 24 And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" 25 And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him: 26 how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?" 27 And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. 28 So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."

—Mark 2:23-28 (See also Matt 12:1-8, Luke 6:1-5)

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QUESTION: WHAT IS THE HOLY BREAD?

5 "You shall take fine flour and bake twelve loaves from it; two tenths of an ephah shall be in each loaf. 6 And you shall set them in two piles, six in a pile, on the table of pure gold[c] before the Lord. 7 And you shall put pure frankincense on each pile, that it may go with the bread as a memorial portion as a food offering to the Lord. 8 Every Sabbath day Aaron shall arrange it before the Lord regularly; it is from the people of Israel as a covenant

forever. 9 And it shall be for Aaron and his sons, and they shall eat it in a holy place, since it is for him a most holy portion out of the Lord's food offerings, a perpetual due."  
—Leviticus 24:5-9

QUESTION: WHY DOES DAVID LIE TO THE PRIEST?  
WAS THAT THE RIGHT CHOICE?

### **B. David Flees To Gath (21:10-15)**

Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

20 He keeps all his bones;  
not one of them is broken.

21 Affliction will slay the wicked,  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

22 The Lord redeems the life of his servants;  
none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned

—Psalm 34 superscription, v. 19-22

To the choirmaster: according to The Dove on Far-off Terebinths. A Miktam of David, when the Philistines seized him in Gath.

1 Be gracious to me, O God, for man tramples on me;  
all day long an attacker oppresses me;

2 my enemies trample on me all day long,  
for many attack me proudly.

3 When I am afraid,  
I put my trust in you.

4 In God, whose word I praise,  
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can flesh do to me?

5 All day long they injure my cause;

all their thoughts are against me for evil.

6 They stir up strife, they lurk;

they watch my steps,

as they have waited for my life.

7 For their crime will they escape?

In wrath cast down the peoples, O God!

8 You have kept count of my tossings;

put my tears in your bottle.

Are they not in your book?

9 Then my enemies will turn back

in the day when I call.

This I know, that God is for me.

10 In God, whose word I praise,

in the Lord, whose word I praise,

11 in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

12 I must perform my vows to you, O God;

I will render thank offerings to you.

13 For you have delivered my soul from death,

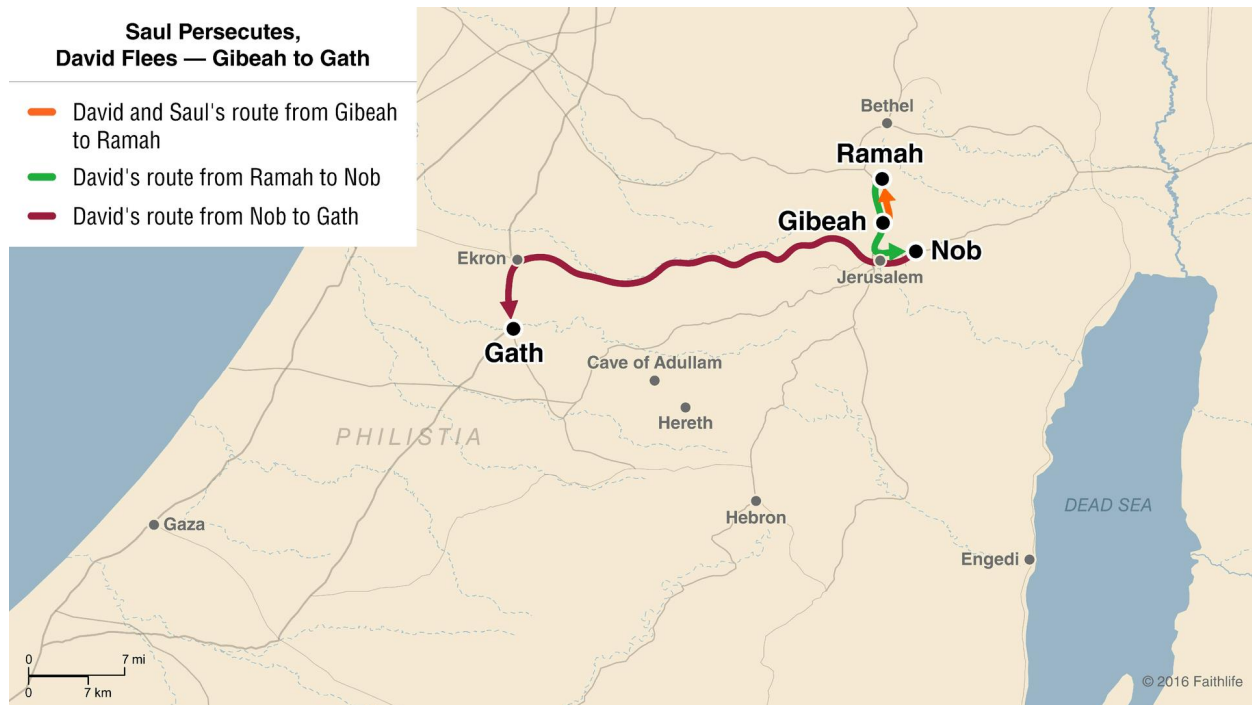
yes, my feet from falling,

that I may walk before God

in the light of life.

—Psalm 56

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### C. David in the cave of Adullam (22:1-5)

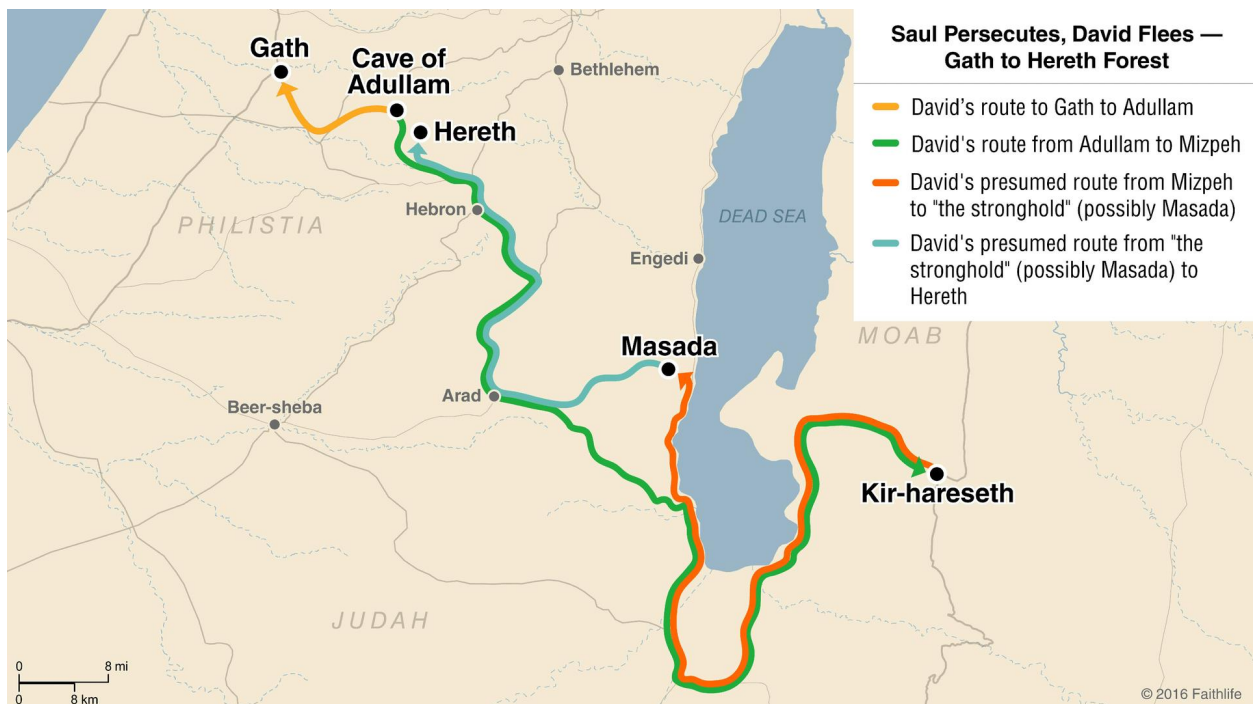
To the choirmaster: according to Do Not Destroy. A Mikram of David, when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,  
for in you my soul takes refuge;  
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,  
till the storms of destruction pass by.  
2 I cry out to God Most High,  
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.  
3 He will send from heaven and save me;  
he will put to shame him who tramples on me. Selah  
God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!  
—Psalm 57:1-3

A Maskil of David, when he was in the cave. A Prayer.

142 With my voice I cry out to the Lord;  
with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.  
2 I pour out my complaint before him;  
I tell my trouble before him.  
3 When my spirit faints within me,  
you know my way!

In the path where I walk  
they have hidden a trap for me.  
4 Look to the right and see:  
there is none who takes notice of me;  
no refuge remains to me;  
no one cares for my soul.  
5 I cry to you, O Lord;  
I say, "You are my refuge,  
my portion in the land of the living."  
6 Attend to my cry,  
for I am brought very low!  
Deliver me from my persecutors,  
for they are too strong for me!  
7 Bring me out of prison,  
that I may give thanks to your name!  
The righteous will surround me,  
for you will deal bountifully with me.  
—Psalm 142



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QUESTION: WHY DOES DAVID TAKE HIS FAMILY TO MOAB?

### **D. Saul kills the Priests at Nob (22:6-19)**

KEY DETAIL: The priests at Nob represent \_\_\_\_\_ descendants. Ahimelech was the great-grandson of Eli and Abiathar the great-great grandson

31 Behold, the days are coming when I will cut off your strength and the strength of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house. 32 Then in distress you will look with envious eye on all the prosperity that shall be bestowed on Israel, and there shall not be an old man in your house forever. 33 The only one of you whom I shall not cut off from my altar shall be spared to weep his eyes out to grieve his heart, and all the descendants of your house shall die by the sword of men.

—1 Samuel 2:31-33

Psalms 52 written about this occasion

### **E. David provides safety for Abiathar (22:20-23)**

### **F. David rescues Keilah from the Philistines (23:1-14)**

### **G. Saul pursues David in the wilderness (23:15-29)**

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water....  
9 But those who seek to destroy my life

shall go down into the depths of the earth;  
10 they shall be given over to the power of the sword;  
they shall be a portion for jackals.  
11 But the king shall rejoice in God;  
all who swear by him shall exult,  
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.  
—Psalm 63:1, 9-11

#### **H. David Spares Saul's life in the cave (24:1-22)**

1. David \_\_\_\_\_ Saul's life (v. 1-7)
2. David tries to \_\_\_\_\_ with Saul (v. 8-15)
3. David's \_\_\_\_\_ to Saul (v. 16-22)

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#### **I. Abigail prevents David from wrongdoing (25:1-43)**

1. Note about Samuel's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 1a)
2. Nabal's \_\_\_\_\_ behavior (v. 1b-12)
3. David's \_\_\_\_\_ response (v. 13)
4. Abigail \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 14-31)
5. David's \_\_\_\_\_ response (v. 32-35)
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ of Nabal (v. 36-38)
7. David's \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 39-44)

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## **Questions and Answers**