

# 1 Samuel 27

## *David Among the Gentiles*

### 1. 27:1 – David's Escape

- a. 26:21,25 - Saul promises not to harm, and blesses David, but David disbelieves
- b. David is not losing faith in the Lord, but faith in wicked Saul. 29:6, 30:8, 23, Ps 141
- c. *"I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul"* - Mk 8:27-31
- d. *"nothing better than ... escape"* - If peace cannot be together, it can only be had apart.
- e. A relationship so damaged, the Anointed plans to leave - Jn 7:1, 32-35
- f. *"land of the Philistines"* - David sees a greater opportunity for peace with his enemies
- g. By Saul's pursuit the remnant scattered out of Israel - Acts 8:1, 9:1, Acts 10 (Lk 7:9)
- h. *"Saul shall despair ... so shall I escape"* - He will not find the Anointed at all in Israel.
- i. He is received by some outside Israel/Judah - Mt 15:21-22, Acts 11:18, 21

### 2. 27:2-4 – David Dwells at Gath

- a. 2 - *"with six hundred... unto Achish"* - Unlike ch 21:10, he is not afraid and not alone.
- b. 3 - *"David dwelt ... at Gath..."* - Was supposed to be a city of Israel, but the Philistines
  - i. The ark of God was there 5:8, Ebenezer conquered all in 7:14.
  - ii. David goes to the place of giants, he already fell their champion 17:4, 23
- c. David's two wives: one is from Israel; one is from Judah = united by him.

### 3. 27:5-7 – David Receives Ziklag

- a. Rejected by sons of Israel, he goes to dwell and excel among Gentiles (like Joseph)
- b. 5 - *"if I have now found grace"* - David considers himself a stranger/subject to Achish.
- c. Peter gives instruction - 1 Pet 1:1, 2:11-18, as does Jeremiah 29:4-7, and Paul 1Tim 2:2
- d. 6 - *"Achish gave him Ziklag"* - to be David's and the kings of Judah from that time on.
- e. People know Rivendell, Hogwarts, Asgard, Tony Stark, but not Gath or Ziklag.
- f. Ziklag was in Judah, then apportioned to Simeon, then taken by the Philistines.
- g. David now has a town of his own, a restored city, and hundreds of faithful men.
- h. 7 - 1 yr 4 months includes the time until he becomes king in Hebron in 2 Sam 2.

### 4. 27:8-12 – David Protects His People

- a. 8 - *"David and his men went up and invaded..."* - David's numbers grew in Ziklag.
- b. While in Ziklag, mighty men gathered to help him - 1Chron 12:1, 8, 17, 21-22
- c. David leaves Israel, an army of men gathers to him, he returns to deliver Israel.
- d. Another Anointed one spoke of leaving and returning with angels - Matt 13:37-41
  - i. *"invaded... those nations were of old"* - He fought against the enemies of Israel.
  - ii. They did not expel them before, but now David did - Josh 13:13
- e. 9 - David does what Saul could not - and brings back gifts to Achish.
- f. 10 - Judah (David's home), Jerahmeel (his great-Uncle), Kenites (Jethro, Jael)
  - i. *"south of..."* - He did not fight his people but removed their enemies.
  - ii. If you remove *"south of"* you make David a liar. The place is not wrong.
  - iii. While with the Philistines, David fought for his people Israel.
- g. 11 - *"saved neither man nor woman alive"* - Why? No witnesses to betray him.
- h. 12 - Achish thinks David is betraying Israel, when it is Israel that betrayed him.
- i. 28:1-2 - David commanded to fight against Israel with Achish. The LORD will win.