

DAVID – FROM BOY TO KING

#4 DAVID'S 3D ARMY

▶ **David now on the run –fleeing from Saul and his men**

Previously God had used 3 people to assist David and save his life.

- **Jonathan....** Warned David of danger, encouraged David
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- **Michal....** Street smart, tells David to 'Run tonight'
- **Samuel....** Someone to 'listen' to David pour out his worries

► 1 Samuel 21

David went to Nob, to Ahimelek the priest. Ahimelek trembled when he met him, and asked, "Why are you alone? Why is no one with you?"

David answered Ahimelek the priest, "The king sent me on a mission and said to me, 'No one is to know anything about the mission I am sending you on..... Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever you can find'."

David asked Ahimelek, "Don't you have a spear or a sword here? I haven't brought my sword or any other weapon, because the king's mission was urgent." The priest replied, "The sword of Goliath is here."

David said, "There is none like it; give it to me."

...Now one of Saul's servants was there that day, detained before the LORD; he was Doeg the Edomite, Saul's chief shepherd.



► 1 Samuel 21

That day David fled from Saul and went to Achish king of Gath. But the servants of Achish said to him, "Isn't this David, the king of the land? Isn't he the one they sing about in their dances: "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands'?"

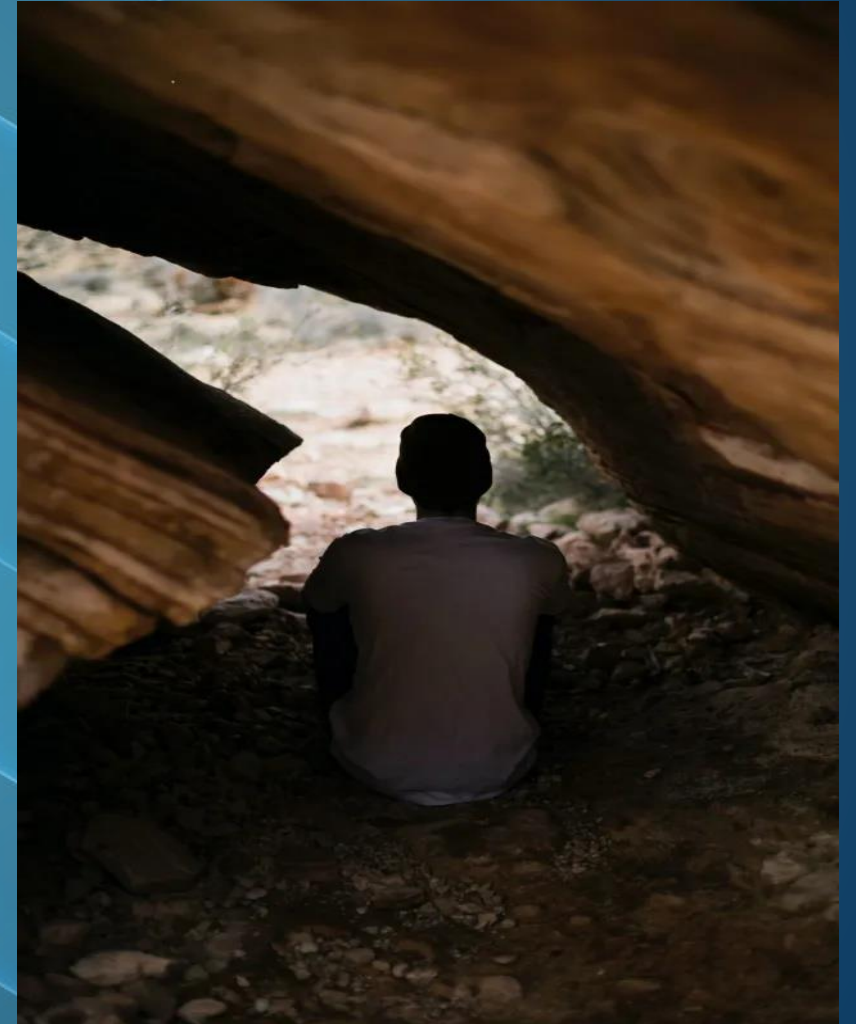
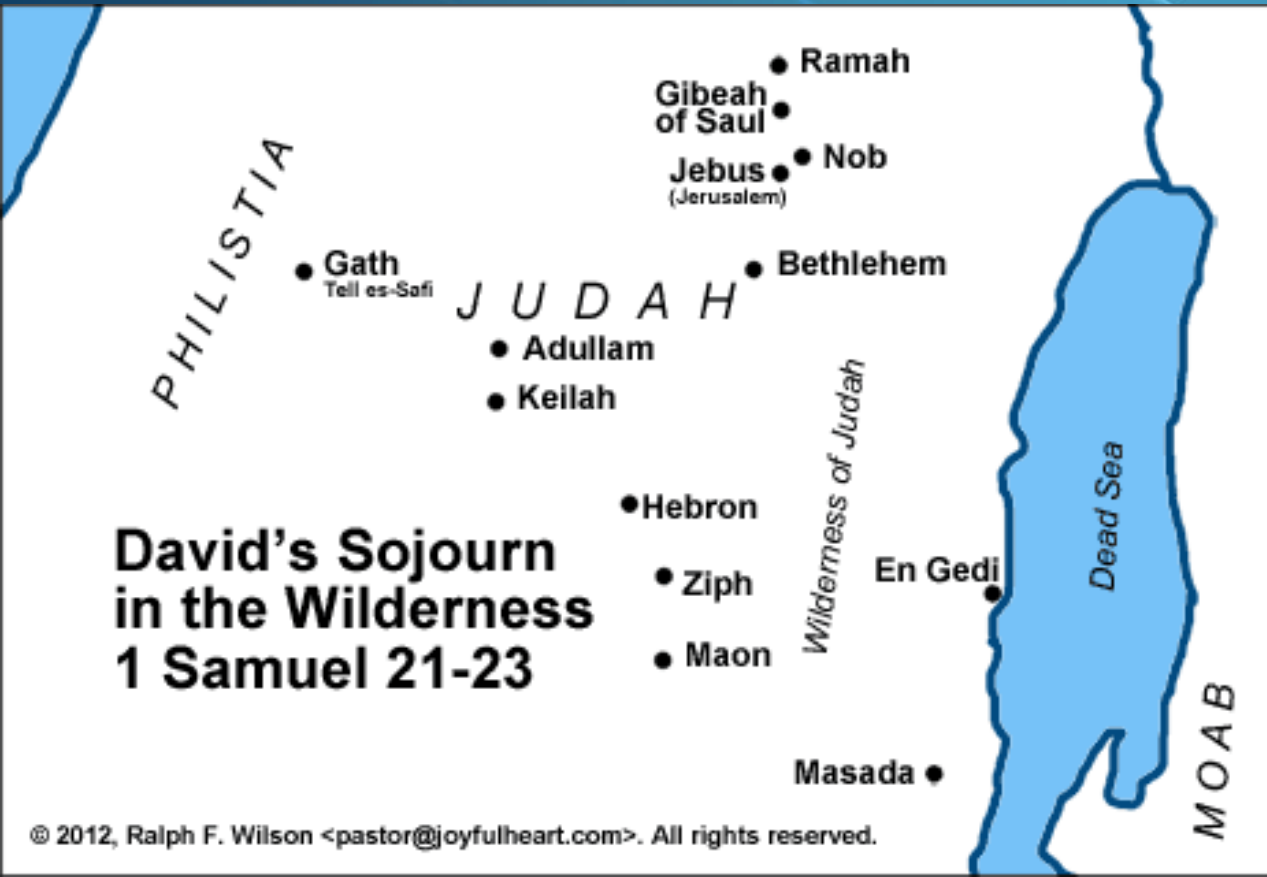


*David took these words to heart and **was very much afraid** of Achish king of Gath. So he pretended to be insane in their presence; and while he was in their hands he acted like a madman, making marks on the doors of the gate and letting saliva run down his beard.*

Achish said to his servants, "Look at the man! He is insane! Why bring him to me? Must this man come into my house?"

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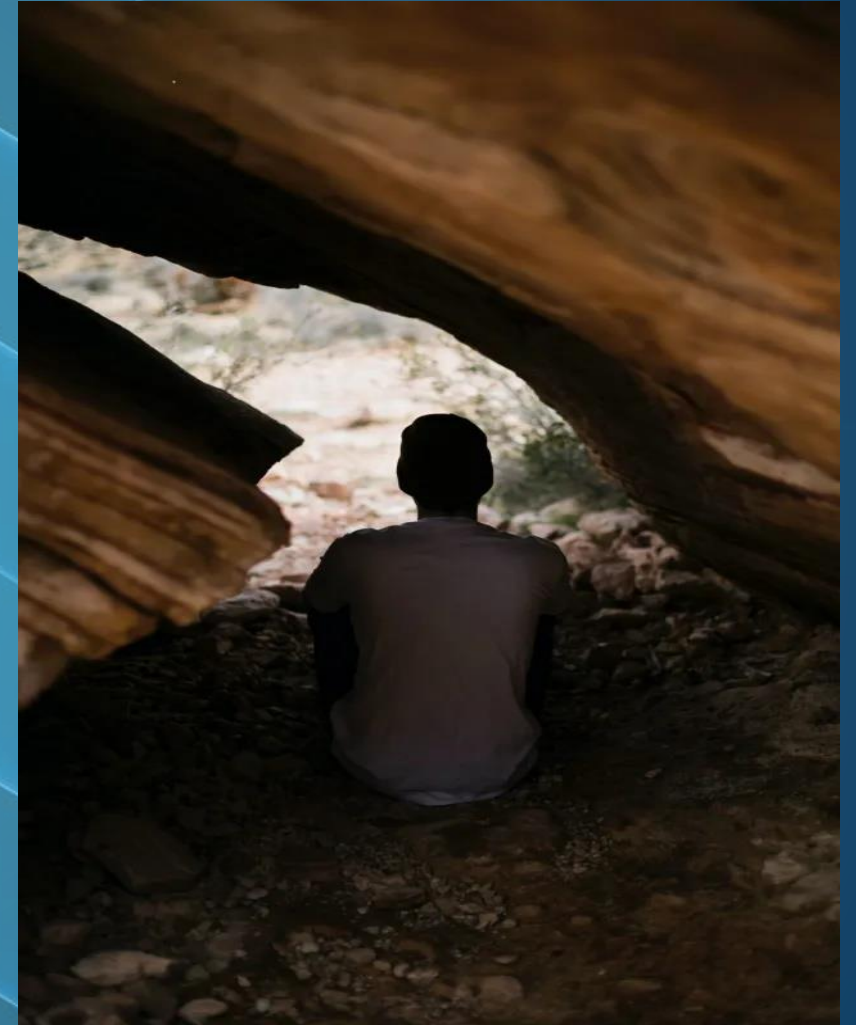
All alone, there seems no future

Nobody cares, I am being hunted

Where is my life going? From fame
to fugitive – it's all falling apart

My family is at risk because of me

What did I do wrong?



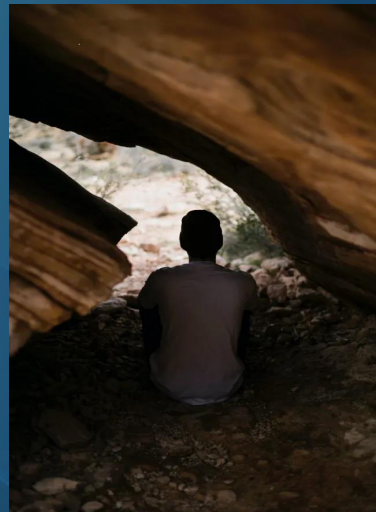
► Ps 56: Ps 57: PS 142:

*My enemies would hound me all day,
For there are many who fight against me, O Most High
...All day they twist my words; All their thoughts are against me
for evil. They hide, they mark my steps, they lie in wait for my
life. ...Lord put my tears into Your bottle;*

...They have prepared a net for my steps; My soul is bowed down;

*Look on my right hand and see,
For there is no one who acknowledges me;
Refuge has failed me; No one cares for my soul.*

*For I am brought very low; Deliver me from my persecutors,
For they are stronger than I.*



► 1 Samuel 22

David left Gath and escaped to the cave of Adullam...

When his brothers and his father's household heard about it, they went down to him there.

*All those who were in **distress** or in **debt** or **discontented** gathered around him, and he became their commander.*

About four hundred men were with him.



► PS 142:

*...When my spirit was overwhelmed within me,
Then You knew my path.
In the way in which I walk,*

*..I cried out to You, O Lord: I said, "You are my
refuge, My portion in the land of the living..*

*...Bring my soul out of prison, That I may praise
Your name;
The righteous shall surround me,
For You shall deal bountifully with me."*



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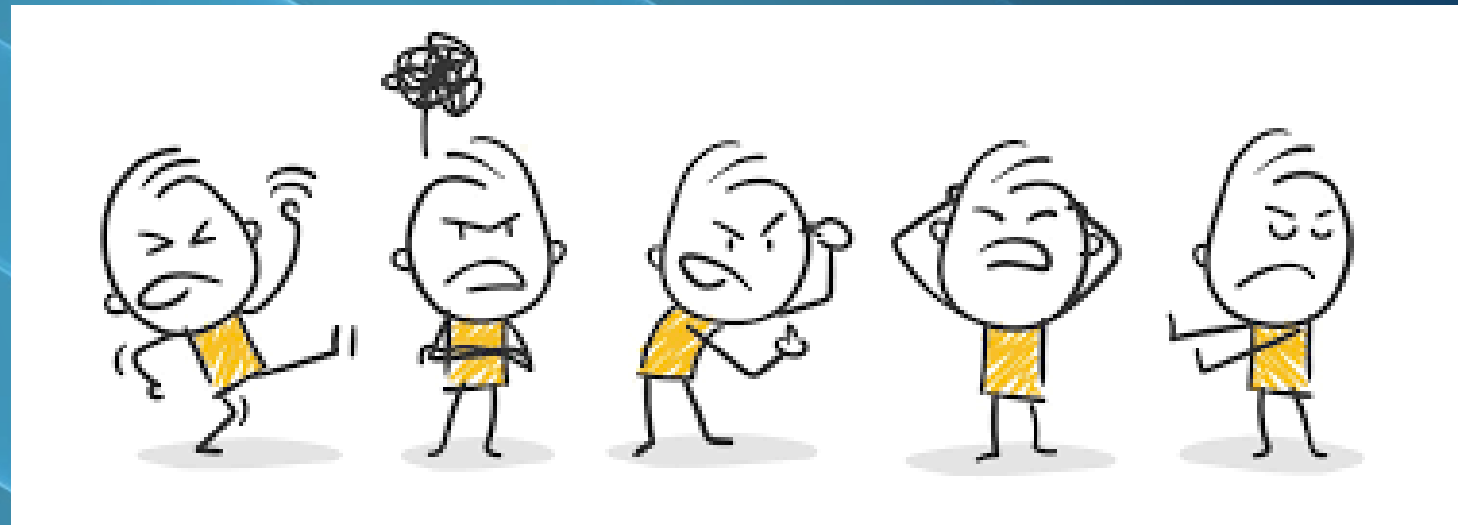
3D Army



▶ **Distressed**

▶ **In Debt**

▶ **Discontented**



▶ **Distressed, In Debt, Discontented men become mighty warriors under David's leadership**

1. Josheb-Basshebeth, a Tahkemonite, chief of the Three. "He raised his spear against eight hundred men, whom he killed in one encounter" (2 Samuel 23:8).



2. Eleazar son of Dodai the Ahohite. "The men of Israel retreated, but he stood his ground and struck down the Philistines till his hand grew tired and froze to the sword" (2 Samuel 23:9-10).

3. Shammah son of Agee the Hararite. "Israel's troops fled from [the Philistines], but Shammah took his stand in the middle of the field. He defended it and struck the Philistines down" (2 Samuel 23:11-12).

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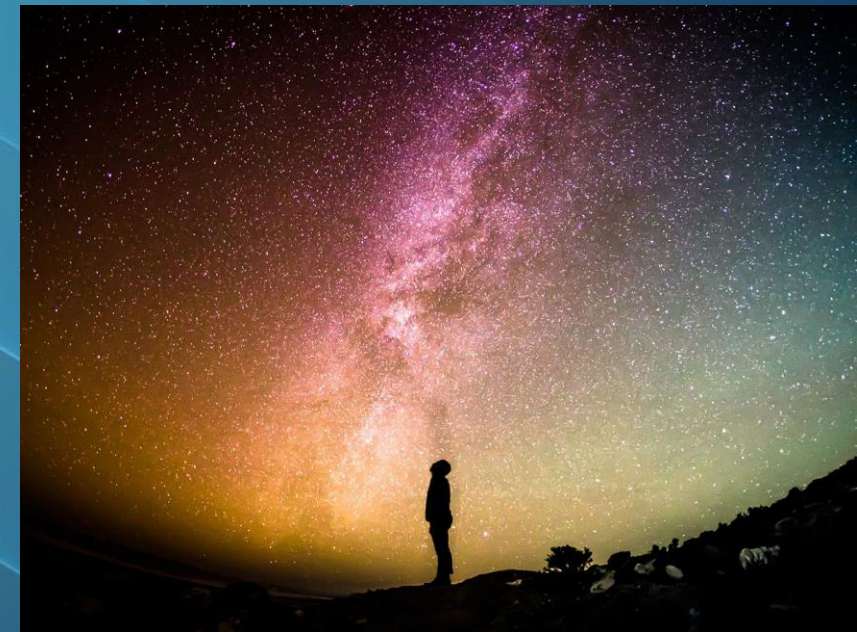
➤ Abishai the brother of Joab son of Zeruiah was chief of the Three. "He raised his spear against three hundred men, whom he killed" (2 Samuel 23:18).



➤ Benaiah son of Jehoiada from Kabzeel, in charge of his bodyguard. "He struck down two of Moab's best men. He also went down into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion. And he struck down a huge Egyptian ... and killed him with his own spear." (2 Samuel 23:20-21)

▶ **Going through a Wilderness Experience**

- **Provision**
- **God's training**
- **Leadership**
- **Learning**
- **Guidance**
- **Betrayal**
- **Praise**



► Psalm 57

*Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Your glory be above all the earth.*



For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth:
Thou art exalted far above all gods.
For Thou, O Lord, art high above all the earth:
Thou art exalted far above all gods.

I Exalt Thee! I Exalt Thee!
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I Exalt Thee, O Lord!
I Exalt Thee, O Lord!