

**DAVID IN EXILE**  
(1 Samuel 21-23) PT 2

**III. David, Israel's Choice King (chp 16-31)**

**A. God's Selection of David as His New Leader (16:1-13)**

**B. God's Preparation of the New Leader (16:14-23)**

**C. David's Defeat of Goliath (17)**

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**E. David in Exile (21-23)**

1. David at Nob (21:1-9)

2. David at Gath (21:10-15)

3. David on the move (22:1-5)

a. Upon hearing that David was at Adullam, his whole \_\_\_\_\_ joined him there.

- Why would they go to Adullam?

b. While at Adullam, David is \_\_\_\_\_ by many others who are \_\_\_\_\_ to Saul's kingdom & rule. It is here, that David's following begins to \_\_\_\_\_ & he becomes their leader.

c. David then goes to a stronghold in Moab, where he makes request of the king that his family could join him there & be kept \_\_\_\_\_ from the hand of Saul.

- Why would this foreign king allow this?

4. Saul & the \_\_\_\_\_ of priests of Nob. (22:6-23)

a. On hearing the name of \_\_\_\_\_, Saul explodes angrily and challenges his men concerning a supposed \_\_\_\_\_ against himself & his kingdom.

- Who is Saul's real enemy? Who is yours?

b. After the challenge by Saul, Doeg the Edomite, states, "*I saw David \_\_\_\_\_ by Ahimelech the priest, at Nob!*"

- What testimony transpired about them at Nob? (22:10) 3 things are stated:

- 1) Ahimelech \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord on behalf of David.
- 2) Ahimelech gave David \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3) Ahimelech gave David a \_\_\_\_\_.

c. With Doeg's statement of what transpired between David & Ahimelech \_\_\_\_\_ things are clear:

1) By David “*inquiring of the Lord*” indicated that David is \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord’s direction & will in all of this confusion.

2) Saul mistakenly \_\_\_\_\_ that Ahimelech, along with the other priests at Nob, were using the office of priest to help \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom against himself!

d. Ahimelech, sensing a spirit of misunderstanding & imminent danger, answered the king’s charge \_\_\_\_\_.

• What did Ahimelech state?

1) Concerning *David* he stated:

a) Who among all your servants is as \_\_\_\_\_ as David?

b) He is your \_\_\_\_\_

c) He goes & does your \_\_\_\_\_ (isn’t he the \_\_\_\_\_ of your personal body guard?)

d) He is highly \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ in your house!

2) Concerning *himself* he stated:

a) What I did as priest for David by “*inquiring of the Lord*” was \_\_\_\_\_, for this was \_\_\_\_\_ the first time I have done this!

b) He repeatedly referred to himself before King Saul as “your \_\_\_\_\_” indicating his recognition & explicit \_\_\_\_\_ to King Saul!

c) He stated that he knew \_\_\_\_\_ of any \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ against the king!

e. King Saul immediately sentences all the priests at Nob to \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_!

f. But the soldiers of Saul would \_\_\_\_\_ lift their hands \_\_\_\_\_ the priests of the Lord!

• Why did they not obey the king? (3 reasons)

1) Just a few days prior they had been under David’s command & they knew him to be \_\_\_\_\_ to King Saul.

2) Perhaps they felt this sentence against the priests of the Lord was \_\_\_\_\_ & a rash decision.

3) And although not directly stated here, perhaps they sensed, “*It is better to obey \_\_\_\_\_ rather than \_\_\_\_\_*”! (Acts 5:29)

g. Understanding the Israelites’ \_\_\_\_\_ to kill God’s priest’s, Saul ordered Doeg, a non-Israelite, to “turn and \_\_\_\_\_ the priests” (v. 18).

h. Abiathar testified to David that it was Saul who had \_\_\_\_\_ the slaughter of all people at Nob.

i. Yet, David takes personal responsibility for his negligence in not \_\_\_\_\_ Doeg while he was at Nob.

j. David could not bring back the people who were killed, but he encouraged Abiathar to stay & \_\_\_\_\_ his band of men, for with David he would find \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

\* What can we learn from chp 22?