



Lesson 73

DAVID: MAN ON THE RUN – PART 2

Story Elements

- **Text:** 1 Samuel 21:10-22:23
- **Setting:** approx. 1030 B.C.
- **Main Characters:** God, David, Saul, Doeg the Edomite, and Abiathar the priest
- **Plot:** David evades Saul and gathers a band of malcontents and misfits.
- **Key word(s):** “every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented...” (22:2)
- **Climax:** “*And the king said, Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house.*” (22:16)

David's Feint (21:10-15)

1. David, having been supplied with food and weapons by the hand of Ahimelech the priest, fled to Gath, a Philistine city. Why do you think David would dare to go to the hometown of Goliath? _____
2. David soon realized that the people of Gath recognized him as the champion of Israel, and he feared for his life. To escape, he pretended that he was a crazy man by drooling into his beard and clawing at the doors of the gate. Why did David think this strategy would secure his escape? _____

David's Followers (22:1-5)

3. David left Gath and headed to _____, an area about 17 miles southwest of Jerusalem. His family, to escape the rage of Saul, made the journey to Adullam to hide with David.
4. David was too popular a war hero to go unnoticed. Soon, about _____ down-and-outers gathered themselves under David's leadership.
5. David went from Adullam to Moab, where he entreated the king to protect his parent from Saul. Why do you think David would go to Moab for such a need? _____

Doeg's Fiendishness(22:6-19)

6. Meanwhile in Gibeah, Saul grew desperate to find David.
 - a. In a fit of anger and _____, he berates his men for their inability to track him down. (22:6-8)

