

## 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)

- b. \_\_\_\_\_ the Edomite stepped forward to volunteer information, disclosing that he had seen David at Nob, and that David was helped by Ahimelech the priest.
- 7. The rage-filled Saul descended on the priest-city of Nob and demanded a confession from Ahimelech.
  - a. Ahimelech defended his innocence of any crimes against the crown, but Saul nevertheless demanded his \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. To the credit of Saul's men, none of them would lift a hand against the priests none but the vile Doeg. He murdered \_\_\_\_\_\_ priests that day and killed the city's inhabitants.
- 8. Only one son of Ahimelech survived \_\_\_\_\_. He served as David's priest the rest of David's life.

### Application

- Doeg, through his tattle-telling and vicious bloodthirstiness, is an appropriate illustration of Satan who is described as the "\_\_\_\_\_\_." (Rev. 12:10)
- 10. We find a type of Christ and the Church in David and his men: as David attracted all that were in distress, in debt, and discontented, so God has "chosen the \_\_\_\_\_\_ things of the world to confound the wise." (cf: 1 Cor. 1:26-29)

#### **Answer Key**

1. Because Saul would never look there • 2. Because the king of Gath would be focused on David's strange behavior instead of his military history, and also because he would understand that David's visit was out of madness and not a plot • 3. Adullam • 4. four hundred • 5. Because the Moabites were enemies of Saul, but David was related to the Moabites through his great-grandmother Ruth • 6. a) paranoia; b) Doeg • 7. a) execution; b) eighty-five • 8. Abiathar • 9. accuser of the brethren • 10. foolish