



Lesson 73

DAVID: MAN ON THE RUN – PART 3

Story Elements

- **Text:** 1 Samuel 23:1-24:22
- **Setting:** approx. 1030 B.C.
- **Main Characters:** God, David, and Saul
- **Plot:** David continues to evade Saul, refusing to battle against the LORD's anointed.
- **Key word(s):** “the LORD's _____” (24:6, 10)
- **Climax:** *“And the men of David said unto him, Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee.” (24:4)*

David Saves Keilah (23:1-15)

1. Keilah, a city located in the western foothills of Judah near Adullam where David was hiding, was under attack by the Philistines; the _____ were being looted.
2. David inquired of the LORD via Abiathar the priest who brought an ephod. (23:6) In the ephod would've been the _____ and _____ which were used as sacred lots that were cast. These sacred lots would render a “yes” or “no” answer from the LORD. God's directive to David was to go and deliver Keilah from the Philistines.
3. David was victorious over the Philistines but had to flee to the wilderness of _____ to avoid Saul.

David Spares Saul (23:16-24:22)

4. Jonathan caught up to David in Ziph and “and strengthened his hand in God” (23:16), meaning, he reminded David of God's covenant promises and _____.
5. After the Ziphites disclosed to Saul David's position (23:19) David fled to the wilderness of _____. There, his army nearly encountered Saul's army before Saul was called away to battle the Philistines. (23:25-29)
6. Later, Saul's continued pursuit of David brings him to the wilderness of Engedi, an oasis on the western shore of the _____.
7. David and some of his men were hiding in a cave (which were often used as _____), when Saul entered the cave to “cover his feet” (a euphemism for relieving oneself).
 - a. One of David's men sees an opportunity and whispered to David: *“Behold the day of which the _____ said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee.” (24:4)*

