

# The Jewish Kingdom - Lesson 19

## The Growing Rift

David, now the national hero, is made part of Saul's court and the object of Saul's jealousy.

### 47. Jonathan's Intercession - I Samuel 19:1-7

- vs. 1 - Saul is no longer secret about his intentions.
- vs. 2 - It is so dire that David hides away that night.
- vs. 4-5 - I'm sure that this is a summary of a much longer appeal. Jonathan's logic is sound. Saul should have no cause for ill will toward David.
- vs. 6 - Is Saul lying or does he intend to keep this vow?

### 48. Saul's Relapse - I Samuel 19:8-10

- War returns with the Philistines. But who leads the army and wins the day? David. Saul has been upstaged again, not through the intentions of David, but by his own inaction.
- vs. 9 - You would think they would take that javelin away from Saul by now...
- If this sounds familiar, its because it happened before in I Samuel 18:11

### 49. Michal saves David - I Samuel 19:11-17

- How does Michal know of Saul's plot? She is trying to help her husband and is not aiding in Saul's schemes. She must have observed the would-be assassins and deduced their intentions.
- vs. 12 - similar to how the spies escaped Jericho (Joshua 2:15) and how Paul escaped Damascus (Acts 9:25)
- vs. 13 - "image" is the Hebrew word *teraphim*, which almost always is an idolatrous statue. Why does Michal, daughter of Saul and wife of David, have such an item? Was she secretly a pagan? This may help explain her actions later, but we'll get to that eventually.
- "bolster" means a pillow.
- vs. 17 - Michal's motivations prove less faithful than Jonathan's. Her lies only further Saul's suspicion of David.
- David pens Psalm 59 about this occasion.

### 50. David and Samuel at Naioth - I Samuel 19:18-24

- Note who David runs to: Samuel. He is running towards God in time of trouble.
- Naioth - literally "dwellings". Was near Samuel's home of Ramah and was home to a school for prophets. Perhaps it is the camp or community where this school was located.
- vs. 20-21 - Three times Saul sends men to capture David. All three times the men are overcome by the Spirit of the Lord and simply join in with the prophets.
- Sechu - seems to have been a watchtower between Gibeah and Ramah.
- vs. 23 - Saul is overcome by the Spirit long before reaching Naioth.

- vs. 24 - Let's get this clear: Saul was not "naked" in the modern sense. This means he had taken off his outer, probably royal, robe. He would still be more modestly clothed than many folks today in the garments he wore under this outer robe. This details shows the sincerity of Saul's action.
- "Is Saul also among the prophets?" - echoes I Samuel 10:10-12. You would never expect Saul, the jealous and angry king, to join in the worship and work of the Lord.