

The Life of David – Lesson 7

Final Years of Exile

27. David and Nabal

I Samuel 25:1-38, 1060 B.C., Age 25

- Note the passing of Samuel in 25:1.
- Paran – the area south of Judah and north of Sinai, likely near Kadesh-Barnea.
- *Nabal* means “fool” or “folly”
- David’s humble request for a favor (vs. 6-7) is rebuffed by Nabal (vs. 10-11).
- David is moved by anger to act very foolishly in seeking revenge (vs. 13, 21-22)
- Abigail’s gifts (vs. 18) and words (vs. 24-31) stop David committing a terrible crime.

28. The Wives of David

I Samuel 25:39-44, 1060 B.C., Age 25

- Here he marries Abigail and Ahinoam.
- His first wife, Michal, has been given to another man.
- He will eventually take more wives: Maacah, Haggith, Abital, Eglah, Bathsheba, and possibly more. (II Samuel 3:2-5, 5:13; I Chronicles 3:1-3)

29. Second Betrayal at Ziph

I Samuel 26:1-25, 1059 B.C., Age 26

- vs. 8 – Abishai has seen that David will not kill Saul and offers to do it himself.
- vs. 12 – It’s about time someone took that spear away from Saul!
- vs. 23-24 – Note David’s faith in and appeal to God to approve his actions.
- This is the last time David and Saul will meet.

30. Refuge with the Philistines at Gath

I Samuel 27:1-4, 1059 B.C., Age 26

- For a second time, David seeks safety with the Philistines six years before.

♪ Psalm 18 / II Samuel 22

- Spurgeon on Psalm 18: “We have another form of this Psalm, with significant variations (II Samuel 22), and this suggests the idea that it was sung by David at different times when he reviewed his own remarkable history, and observed the gracious hand of God in it all.”

31. At Ziklag

I Samuel 27:5-12, I Chronicles 12:1-18, 1059-7 B.C., Ages 26-28

- Achish gives David a village for he, his men, and their families to settle in.
- From there, David launches campaigns against Canaanite tribes (27:8-12)
- The ranks of his mighty men grow (12:1-18)

32. Excluded from the Philistine Campaign

I Samuel 29:1-10, 1056 B.C., Age 29

- It is important to note that God divinely removed David from the battle to follow. David did not seize the throne through battle, it was given to him by Divine Providence.

33. Return to Ziklag

I Samuel 29:11, I Chronicles 12:19-22, 1056 B.C., Age 29

- More warriors join his band (12:19-22)

34. Rescue of Ziklag

II Samuel 30:1-31, 1056 B.C., Age 29

- vs. 6-7 – A key to David's success is his trust in God, as seen in who he turns to for encouragement and guidance.
- vs. 20-31 – More examples of David's great character and leadership in how he handled the spoils of the victory.

