

David with the Philistines **1 Samuel 27:1-28:2, 29-30**

David established a principle for his reign
Those staying with stuff share with those fighting
8. David shares spoils with towns in Judah – 26-30
He remembers those who helped him

I. David Makes a Choice – 27:1-28:2

1. David ponders his situation – 1
“He said in his heart” – considers his options
Stay in Israel - Saul will hunt me down & kill me
Escape to the Philistines - find refuge there
He does have two wives to protect – 25:42-44
2. He & his 600 men went to Gath – 2-3
He reconnected with King Achish
David and his two wives – his men & their families
3. Saul learned & ceased his hunt – 4
It seems David has made a wise choice
4. David asks for a small town – 5-7
Wisely seeks separation from king & royal city
Achish gives him Ziklag for his people
David and his people live there 1 yr. & 4 months
5. David & his men invaded old tribes 8-12
Former Canaanite towns destroying everything
He reported his raids were on towns in Judah
Convincing Achish he would continue to do this
Achish believed David would be loyal to him
6. War with Israel breaks-out - 28:1-2
Achish reminds David he will fight with him
David says “you know what I can do”

II. David’s Loyalty Challenged - 29

1. Philistine generals reject David – 1-5
If he goes with us he will defect to Israel
Achish defends David but the princes prevail
2. Achish sends David home – 6-11
David returns to Ziklag
Is God’s hand keeping him from fighting Israel?

III. David Fights for Ziklag - 30

1. David finds Ziklag destroyed – 1-5
Amalekites destroyed and burned the city
David’s two wives taken captive with others
David & his men wept over the loss
2. David seeks God’s comfort – 6-8
David is in danger of being stoned
He turned to God for comfort & encouragement
He asked God for direction in his response
God said “pursue” with a promise of success
3. David & 400 pursue the Amalekites – 9-10
4. God provides a witness to help – 11-15
A weary Egyptian who was with Amalekites
They fed him & he led them to Amalekite camp
5. David & his men destroyed enemy – 16-17
All but 400 who escaped on camels
6. David recovered all that was taken – 18-19
Including his two wives
7. David took spoil to be shared – 20-25
Spoils taken from Amalekites shared with 600
Some wanted to cut out 200 that stayed behind