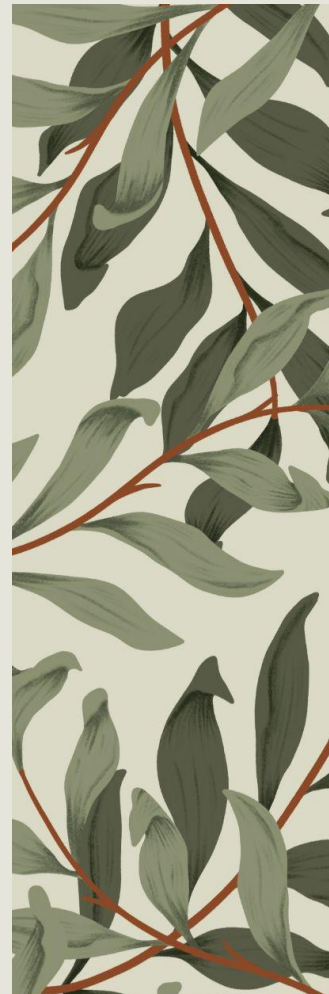


# A Wise Woman and a Foolish King

## 1 SAMUEL 25-26

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01

David loses a friend



# 1 Samuel 25:1

1 Then Samuel died; and all Israel gathered together and mourned for him, and buried him at his house in Ramah. And David arose and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

**1 Samuel 25:1 (NASB)**





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David discovers  
an enemy

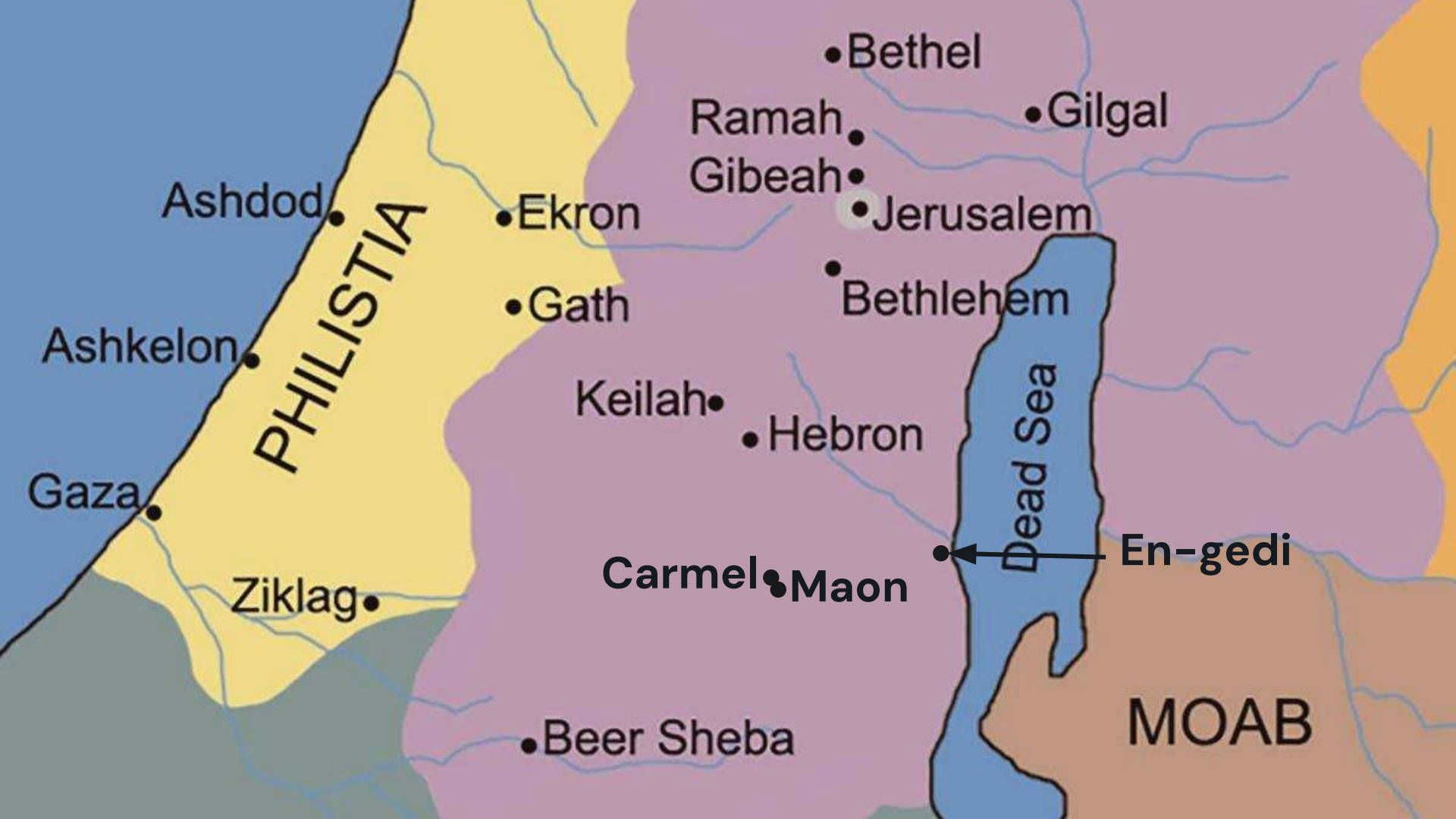


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**1 Samuel 25:2-4 (NASB)**



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**5** So David sent ten young men; and David said to the young men, "Go up to Carmel, visit Nabal and greet him in my name; **6** and thus you shall say, 'Have a long life, peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have. **7** Now I have heard that you have shearers; now your shepherds have been with us and we have not insulted them, nor have they missed anything all the days they were in Carmel. **8** Ask your young men and they will tell you. Therefore let my young men find favor in your eyes, for we have come on a festive day. Please give whatever you find at hand to your servants and to your son David.'"

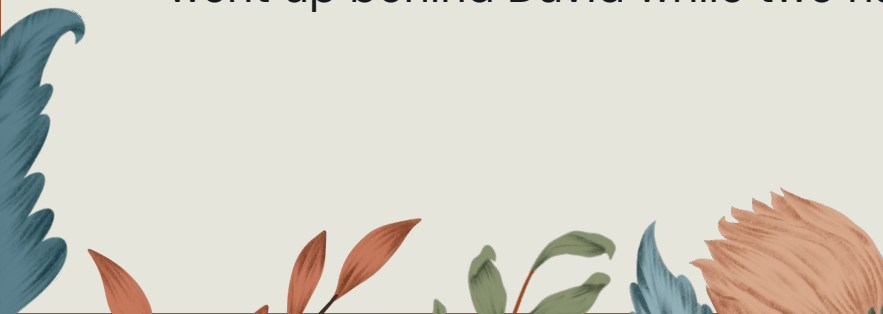
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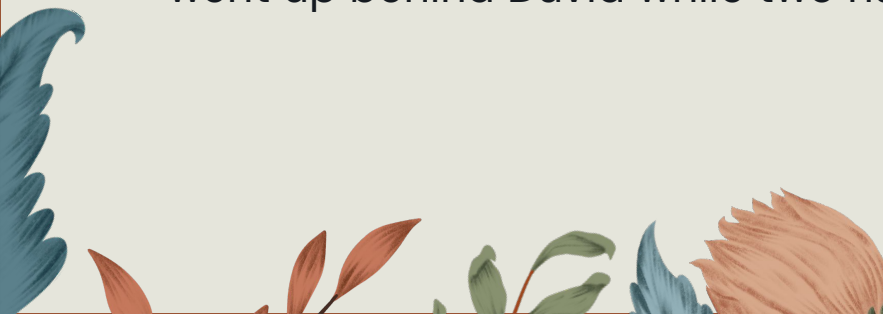
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**1 Samuel 25:9–13 (NASB)**





# 03

David takes a wife



# 1 Samuel 25:14-44

**14** But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, "Behold, David sent messengers from the wilderness to greet our master, and he scorned them. **15** Yet the men were very good to us, and we were not insulted, nor did we miss anything as long as we went about with them, while we were in the fields. **16** They were a wall to us both by night and by day, all the time we were with them tending the sheep. **17** Now therefore, know and consider what you should do, for evil is plotted against our master and against all his household; and he is such a worthless man that no one can speak to him."

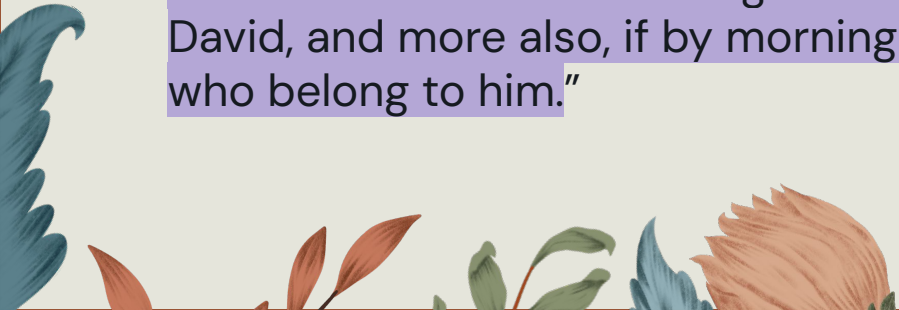
**1 Samuel 25:14-17 (NASB)**



# 1 Samuel 25:14-44

**18** Then Abigail hurried and took two hundred loaves of bread and two jugs of wine and five sheep already prepared and five measures of roasted grain and a hundred clusters of raisins and two hundred cakes of figs, and loaded them on donkeys. **19** She said to her young men, "Go on before me; behold, I am coming after you." But she did not tell her husband Nabal. **20** It came about as she was riding on her donkey and coming down by the hidden part of the mountain, that behold, David and his men were coming down toward her; so she met them. **21** Now David had said, "Surely in vain I have guarded all that this man has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him; and he has returned me evil for good. **22** May God do so to the enemies of David, and more also, if by morning I leave as much as one male of any who belong to him."

**1 Samuel 25:18-22 (NASB)**



# 1 Samuel 25:14-44

**23** When Abigail saw David, she hurried and dismounted from her donkey, and fell on her face before David and bowed herself to the ground. **24** She fell at his feet and said, "On me alone, my lord, be the blame. And please let your maidservant speak to you, and listen to the words of your maidservant. **25** Please do not let my lord pay attention to this **worthless man**, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name and folly is with him; but I your maidservant did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent.

**1 Samuel 25:23-25 (NASB)**



# 1 Samuel 25:14-44

**26** "Now therefore, my lord, as the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, since the Lord has restrained you from shedding blood, and from avenging yourself by your own hand, now then let your enemies and those who seek evil against my lord, be as Nabal. **27** Now let this gift which your maidservant has brought to my lord be given to the young men who accompany my lord. **28** Please forgive the transgression of your maidservant; for the Lord will certainly make for my lord an enduring house, because my lord is fighting the battles of the Lord, and evil will not be found in you all your days. **29** Should anyone rise up to pursue you and to seek your life, then the life of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of the living with the Lord your God; but the lives of your enemies He will sling out as from the hollow of a sling. **30** And when the Lord does for my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and appoints you ruler over Israel, **31** this will not cause grief or a troubled heart to my lord, both by having shed blood without cause and by my lord having avenged himself. When the Lord deals well with my lord, then remember your maidservant."

1 Samuel 25:26-31 (NASB)

# 1 Samuel 25:14-44

**32** Then David said to Abigail, “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me, **33** and blessed be your discernment, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodshed and from avenging myself by my own hand. **34** Nevertheless, as the Lord God of Israel lives, who has restrained me from harming you, unless you had come quickly to meet me, surely there would not have been left to Nabal until the morning light as much as one male.” **35** So David received from her hand what she had brought him and said to her, “Go up to your house in peace. See, I have listened to you and granted your request.”

**1 Samuel 25:32-35 (NASB)**



# 1 Samuel 25:14-44

**36** Then Abigail came to Nabal, and behold, he was holding a feast in his house, like the feast of a king. And Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk; so she did not tell him anything at all until the morning light. **37** But in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal, his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him so that he became as a stone. **38** About ten days later, the Lord struck Nabal and he died.

**1 Samuel 25:36-38 (NASB)**



# 1 Samuel 25:14-44

**39** When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Blessed be the Lord, who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal and has kept back His servant from evil. The Lord has also returned the evildoing of Nabal on his own head." Then David sent a proposal to Abigail, to take her as his wife. **40** When the servants of David came to Abigail at Carmel, they spoke to her, saying, "David has sent us to you to take you as his wife." **41** She arose and bowed with her face to the ground and said, "Behold, your maidservant is a maid to wash the feet of my lord's servants." **42** Then Abigail quickly arose, and rode on a donkey, with her five maidens who attended her; and she followed the messengers of David and became his wife.

**1 Samuel 25:39-42 (NASB)**



# 1 Samuel 25:14-44

**43** David had also taken Ahinoam of Jezreel, and they both became his wives.

**44** Now Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to Palti the son of Laish, who was from Gallim.

**1 Samuel 25:43-44 (NASB)**





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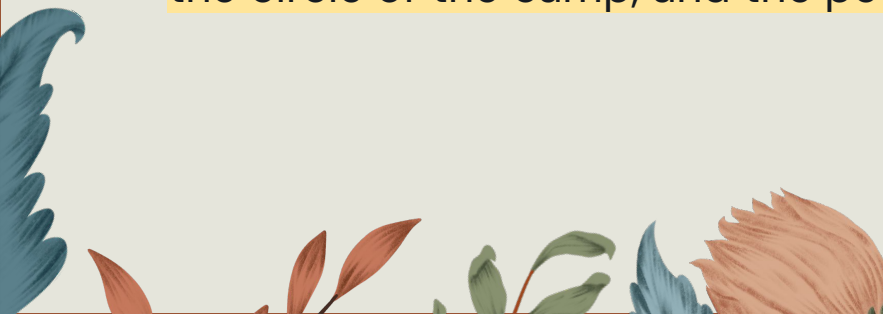
## David spares a king



# 1 Samuel 26:1-25

**1** Then the Ziphites came to Saul at Gibeah, saying, “Is not David hiding on the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon?” **2** So Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having with him three thousand chosen men of Israel, to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. **3** Saul camped in the hill of Hachilah, which is before Jeshimon, beside the road, and David was staying in the wilderness. When he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness, **4** David sent out spies, and he knew that Saul was definitely coming. **5** David then arose and came to the place where Saul had camped. And David saw the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the commander of his army; and Saul was lying in the circle of the camp, and the people were camped around him.

**1 Samuel 26:1-5 (NASB)**



# 1 Samuel 26:1-25

**6** Then David said to Ahimelech the Hittite and to Abishai the son of Zeruah, Joab's brother, saying, "Who will go down with me to Saul in the camp?" And Abishai said, "I will go down with you." **7** So David and Abishai came to the people by night, and behold, Saul lay sleeping inside the circle of the camp with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the people were lying around him. **8** Then Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hand; now therefore, please let me strike him with the spear to the ground with one stroke, and I will not strike him the second time."

**1 Samuel 26:6-8 (NASB)**



# 1 Samuel 26:1-25

**9** But David said to Abishai, “Do not destroy him, for who can stretch out his hand against the Lord’s anointed and be without guilt?” **10** David also said, “As the Lord lives, surely the Lord will strike him, or his day will come that he dies, or he will go down into battle and perish. **11** The Lord forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the Lord’s anointed; but now please take the spear that is at his head and the jug of water, and let us go.” **12** So David took the spear and the jug of water from beside Saul’s head, and they went away, but no one saw or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a sound sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

**1 Samuel 26:9-12 (NASB)**



# 1 Samuel 26:1-25

**13** Then David crossed over to the other side and stood on top of the mountain at a distance with a large area between them. **14** David called to the people and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, "Will you not answer, Abner?" Then Abner replied, "Who are you who calls to the king?" **15** So David said to Abner, "Are you not a man? And who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not guarded your lord the king? For one of the people came to destroy the king your lord. **16** This thing that you have done is not good. As the Lord lives, all of you must surely die, because you did not guard your lord, the Lord's anointed. And now, see where the king's spear is and the jug of water that was at his head."

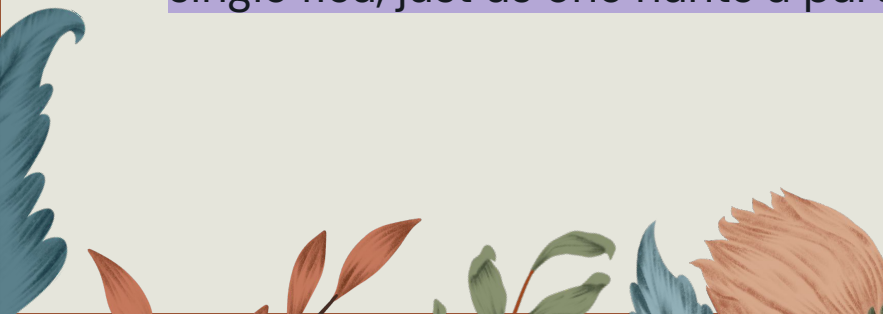
**1 Samuel 26:13-16 (NASB)**



# 1 Samuel 26:1-25

**17** Then Saul recognized David's voice and said, "Is this your voice, my son David?" And David said, "It is my voice, my lord the king." **18** He also said, "Why then is my lord pursuing his servant? For what have I done? Or what evil is in my hand? **19** Now therefore, please let my lord the king listen to the words of his servant. If the Lord has stirred you up against me, let Him accept an offering; but if it is men, cursed are they before the Lord, for they have driven me out today so that I would have no attachment with the inheritance of the Lord, saying, 'Go, serve other gods.' **20** Now then, do not let my blood fall to the ground away from the presence of the Lord; for the king of Israel has come out to search for a single flea, just as one hunts a partridge in the mountains."

**1 Samuel 26:17-20 (NASB)**



# 1 Samuel 26:1-25

**21** Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I will not harm you again because my life was precious in your sight this day. Behold, I have played the fool and have committed a serious error." **22** David replied, "Behold the spear of the king! Now let one of the young men come over and take it. **23** The Lord will repay each man for his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the Lord delivered you into my hand today, but I refused to stretch out my hand against the Lord's anointed. **24** Now behold, as your life was highly valued in my sight this day, so may my life be highly valued in the sight of the Lord, and may He deliver me from all distress." **25** Then Saul said to David, "Blessed are you, my son David; you will both accomplish much and surely prevail." So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

**1 Samuel 26:21-25 (NASB)**

