Lesson 11 – August 14

1 Samuel 24-25

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LORD Sees the Heart

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1 Samuel

1.	June 5	Answered!	1-2	Hannah Prays, Vows, Samuel Born
2.	June 12	Called	3	Boy Samuel Clearly God Called
3.	June 19	Worthy!	4-7	Philistines Take Ark … oooops!
4.	June 26	King?	8-11	Israel, "Give us a King!"
5.	July 3	Feared	12	Thunder and Rain … to Obey?
6.	July 10	Judged	13-15	Samuel Regrets, Rejects King Saul
7.	July 17	Anointed!	16	David Anointed—Lord Sees the Heart
8.	July 24	Delivered	17	David Whips Goliath
9.	July 31	Faithful	18-20	David and Jonathan's Loyalty
10.	Aug. 7	Blinded	21-23	Saul Pursues David & Followers
11.	*Aug. 14*	*Protected*	*24-25*	*Abigail's Wisdom Saves Home*
12.	Aug. 21	Respect	26-29	David Spares King Saul's Life II
13.	Aug. 28	Victory	30-31	David Pursues Raiders & Saul Killed

1 Samuel 24-25

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Sticks and Stones may break my bones

. . . Selah . . .

But Words Will Never Hurt Me!

BALOOONEY ... sooo unbiblical too

Tongue is a FIRE (James 3:6)

Words *BURN* and HURT a LOT

1 Samuel 24-25

Lesson Author's Theme

God guards the honor of His name and the steps of His people

24:1-7	*David in Cave, Cuts Saul's Robe*
24:8-15	*David's Delicate Defense to Saul*
24:16-22	*Saul Repents, Asks David for Mercy*
25:1	*Samuel Dies – David to Desert of Param*
25:2-13	*Nabal Refuses to Help and Insults David*
25:14-17	**Disaster Foreseen – Abigail told of David's Protection**
25:18-31	*Abigail Acted Quickly*
25:32-35	**David Relents – Thanks God for Abigail's Wisdom**
25:36-38	**God Intervenes – Abigail Tells Nabal and He Collapses**
25:39-44	*David Hears, Rejoices, Invites Abigail to be his Wife*

David Spares TWO Lives

- ü **King Saul**
- ü **Nabal & House**

1 Samuel 21-23

Alternative Title

Wise Women Rock!

Subversive Title

***SMALL* Flower Rises from Saul's Dead Soul**

at least for a short, short, short, time

1 Samuel 21-23

Key Verse – just a portion

Key Verse 25:18a

Abigail acted quickly…

sooo courageously

so selflessly … so wisely … as we shall see

Last Week, David Goes from Ziph to En-Gedi

We left 1 Sam. 23 as David was in the Desert of Ziph.

Saul hot on David's heals

Saul ALMOST got David, too

Philistines attack north, and Saul has to LEAVE David, go north to fight Philistines.

Whew – rest under bright moon and by warn campfire

Then, last verse of 1 Sam. 23

David goes to En-Gedi

24:1-7 David in Cave, Cuts Saul's Robe

[1] After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi."

Dead Sea Climate—1,400 Feet Below Sea Level

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Record high °C (°F)	26.4 (79.5)	30.4 (86.7)	33.8 (92.8)	[illegible] (108.5)	[illegible] (113)	[illegible] (115.5)	[illegible] (116.6)	[illegible] (112.1)	[illegible] (110.5)	[illegible] (104)
Average high °C (°F)	20.5 (68.9)	21.[illegible] (71.[illegible])	24.8 ([illegible])	[illegible] (85.8)	[illegible] (93.4)	[illegible] (99.7)	[illegible] (103.5)	[illegible] (102.2)	[illegible] (97.7)	[illegible] (90.3)
Daily mean °C (°F)	16.6 (61.[illegible])	[illegible]	[illegible] ([illegible]9.4)	[illegible] (77.7)	[illegible] (84.9)	[illegible] (90.7)	[illegible] (94.5)	[illegible] (94.1)	[illegible] (90.3)	[illegible] (83.5)
Average low °C (°F)	[illegible]	13.[illegible]	16.7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	29.6 (85.3)	29.9 (85.8)	28.3 (82.9)	24.7 (76.5)
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	26.0 (78.8)	26.8 (80.2)	24.2 (75.6)	17.0 (62.6)
[illegible] (inches)	[illegible] (0.307)	[illegible] (0.354)	[illegible] (0.299)	[illegible] (0.169)	[illegible] (0.008)	[illegible] (0)	[illegible] (0)	[illegible] (0)	[illegible] (0)	[illegible] (0.047)

Whatever you feel in a Texas Summer

ADD 10 Degrees – that's the Dead Sea!!

Climate Houston – Texas

	Jan	[illegible]	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct
Average high in °F:	62	65	[illegible]	78	84	90	92	93	88	81
Average low in °F:	44	46	54	60	66	72	74	74	70	61
Av. precipitation in inch:	3.7	3.23	2.4	3.43	4.45	3.82	5.16	3.54	3.82	3.58
Days with precipitation:	10	10	9	8	8	8	10	9	9	7

Review …

Gilgal / Jericho

Mizpah / Michmash

Ramah / Gibeah

Jebus > Jerusalem

Ashdod – *Dagon Down*

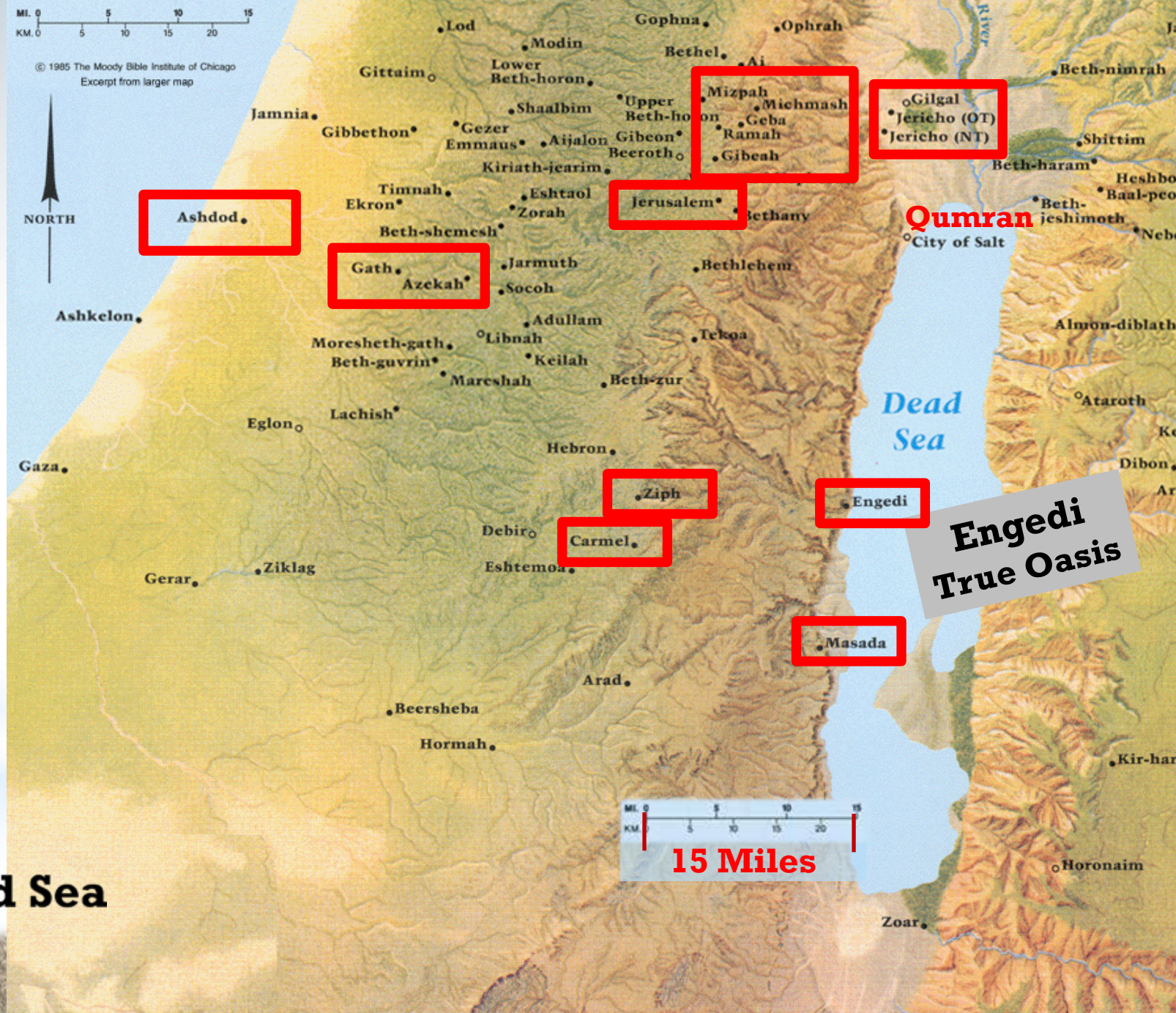
Gath / Azekah

Ziph & wilderness of

Carmel

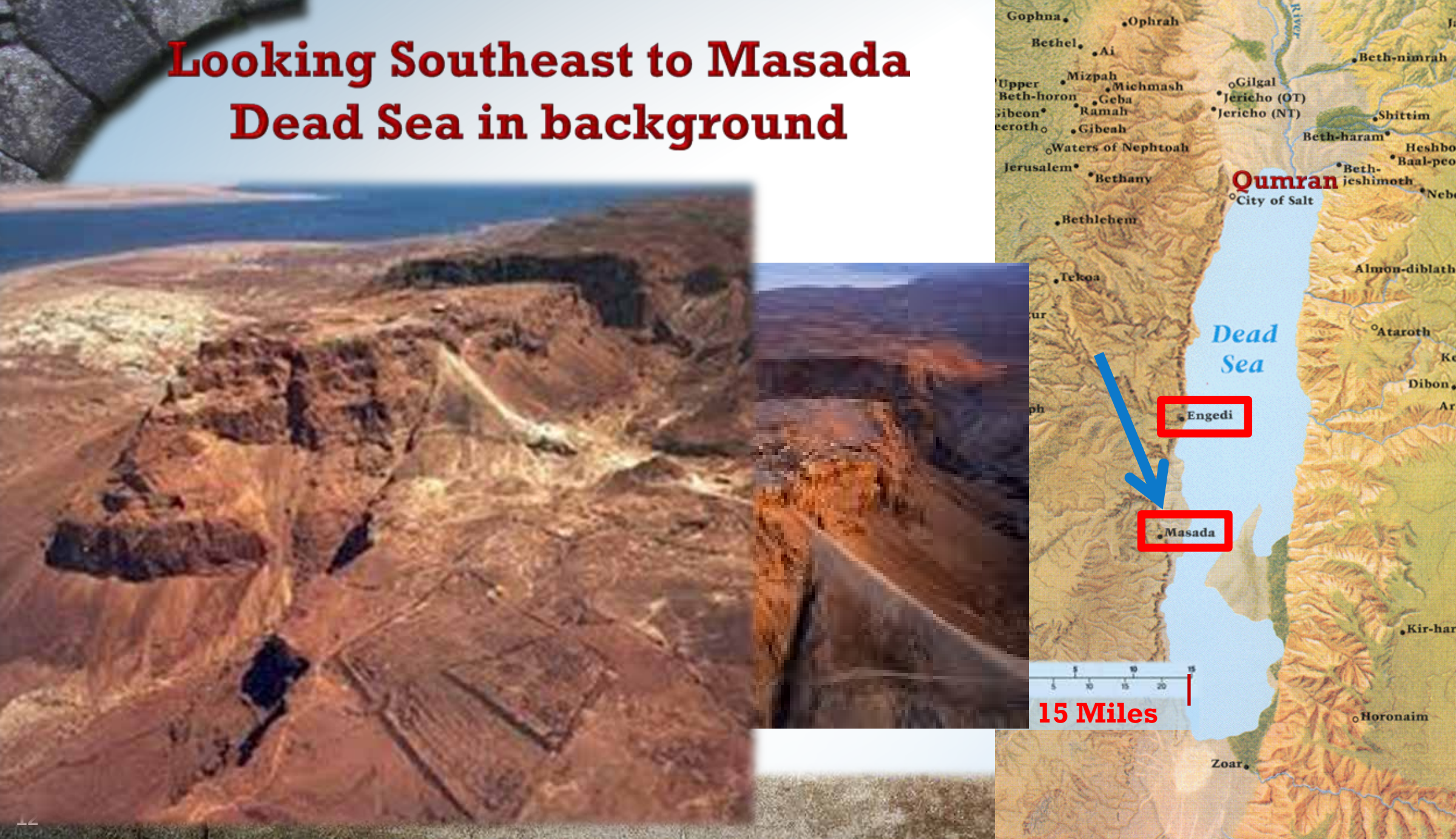
Masada

Engedi – Oasis on Dead Sea

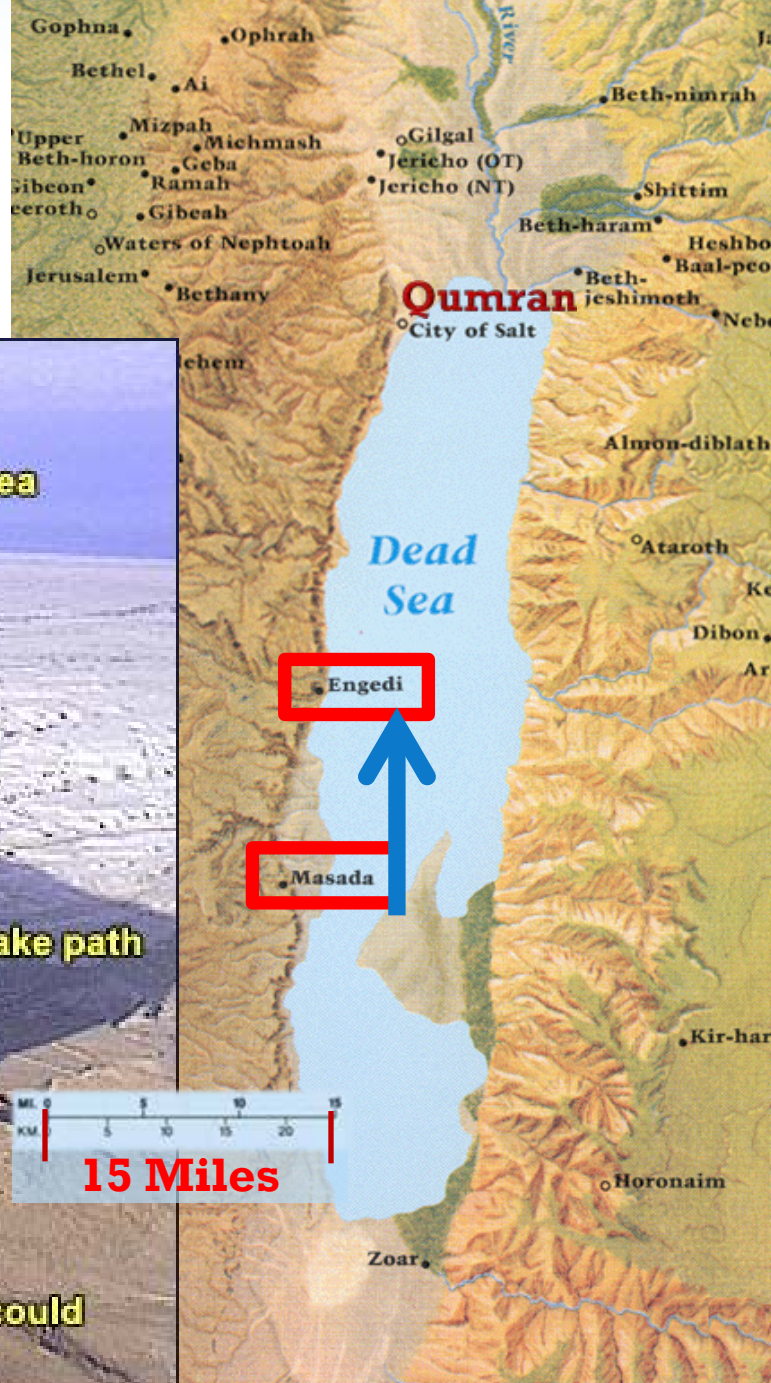


View of Dead Sea from Qumran

Looking Southeast to Masada
Dead Sea in background



Masada and Dead Sea



Engedi – Spring of Baby Goat

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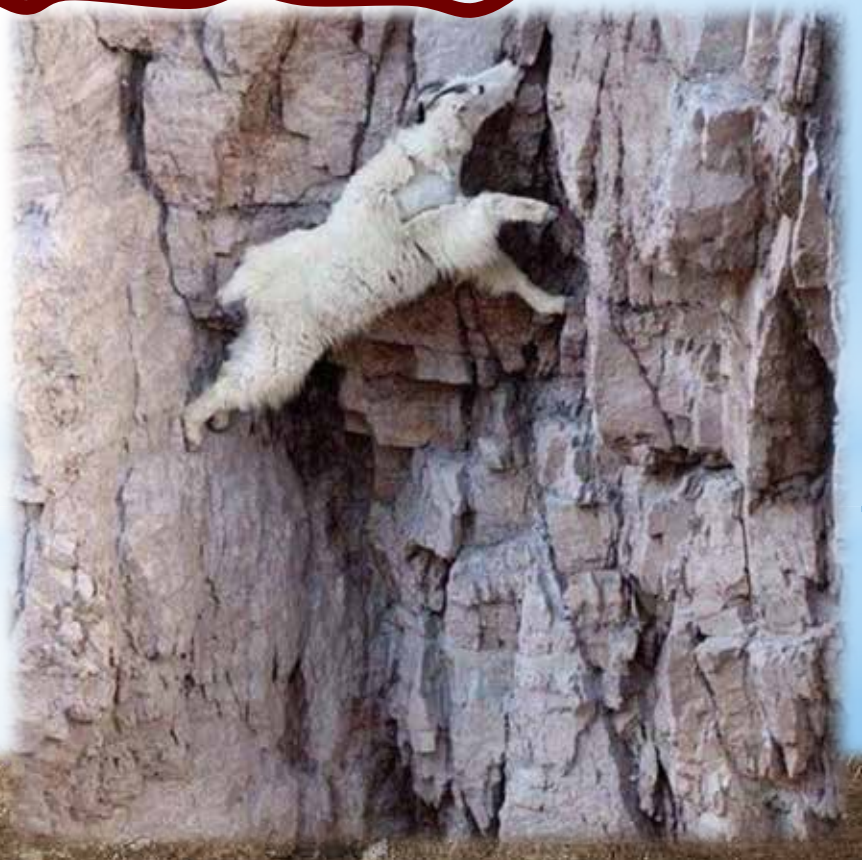
24:1-7 David in Cave, Cuts Saul's Robe

[1] After Saul returned from pursuing the Philistines, he was told, "David is in the Desert of En Gedi."

[2] So Saul took three thousand able young men from all Israel and set out to look for David and his men near the Crags of the Wild Goats.



24:1-7 David in Cave, Cuts Saul's Robe

3 Saul came to the sheep pens along the way; a cave was there, and Saul went in to relieve himself. (literally, *use the restroom*)

David and his men were far back in the cave.

4 The men said, "This is the day the LORD spoke of when he said to you, 'I will give your enemy into your hands for you to deal with as you wish.'"

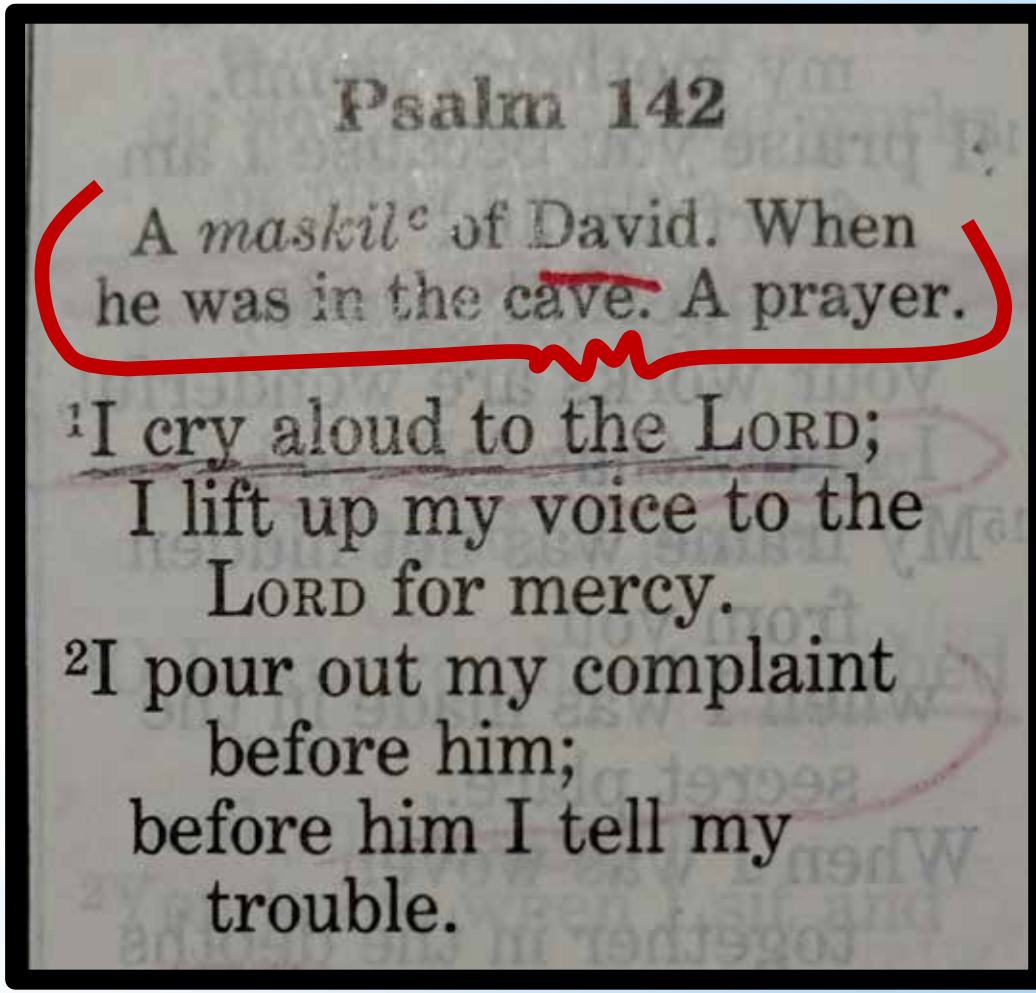
Psalm 142 – when David was in Cave

3-4 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me … they laid a snare for me … no man that would know me … no man cared for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD: I said, Thou art my refuge and my portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry; I am brought low…

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may praise thy name: the righteous shall compass me about; for thou shalt deal bountifully with me.



Psalm 142

A *maskil*[c] of David. When he was in the cave. A prayer.

1 I cry aloud to the LORD;
I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.
2 I pour out my complaint before him;
before him I tell my trouble.

24:1-7 David

4 Then David crept up unnoticed and cut off a corner of Saul's robe.

David Cuts Saul's Robe
in book, Die Bibel in Bildern
Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld's 1794-1872

24:1-7 David in Cave, Cut

[5] David was conscience-stricken for cutting Saul's robe ...

[6] He said to his men, "The LORD forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the **LORD's anointed**, or lay my hand on him; for he is the anointed of the LORD."

[7] **David rebuked his men and did not allow them to attack Saul.**

And Saul left the cave and went his way.

David Spares Saul's Life
Pietro Antonio Magatti (1691-1767)

24:8-15 David's Delicate Defense to Saul

[8] Then David went
out of the cave and called
to Saul, "My lord the king!"

When Saul looked behind
him, David bowed down and
prostrated himself with
his face to the ground.

James J. Tissot, 'David and Saul in the Cave'
(1896-1902), The Jewish Museum, New York

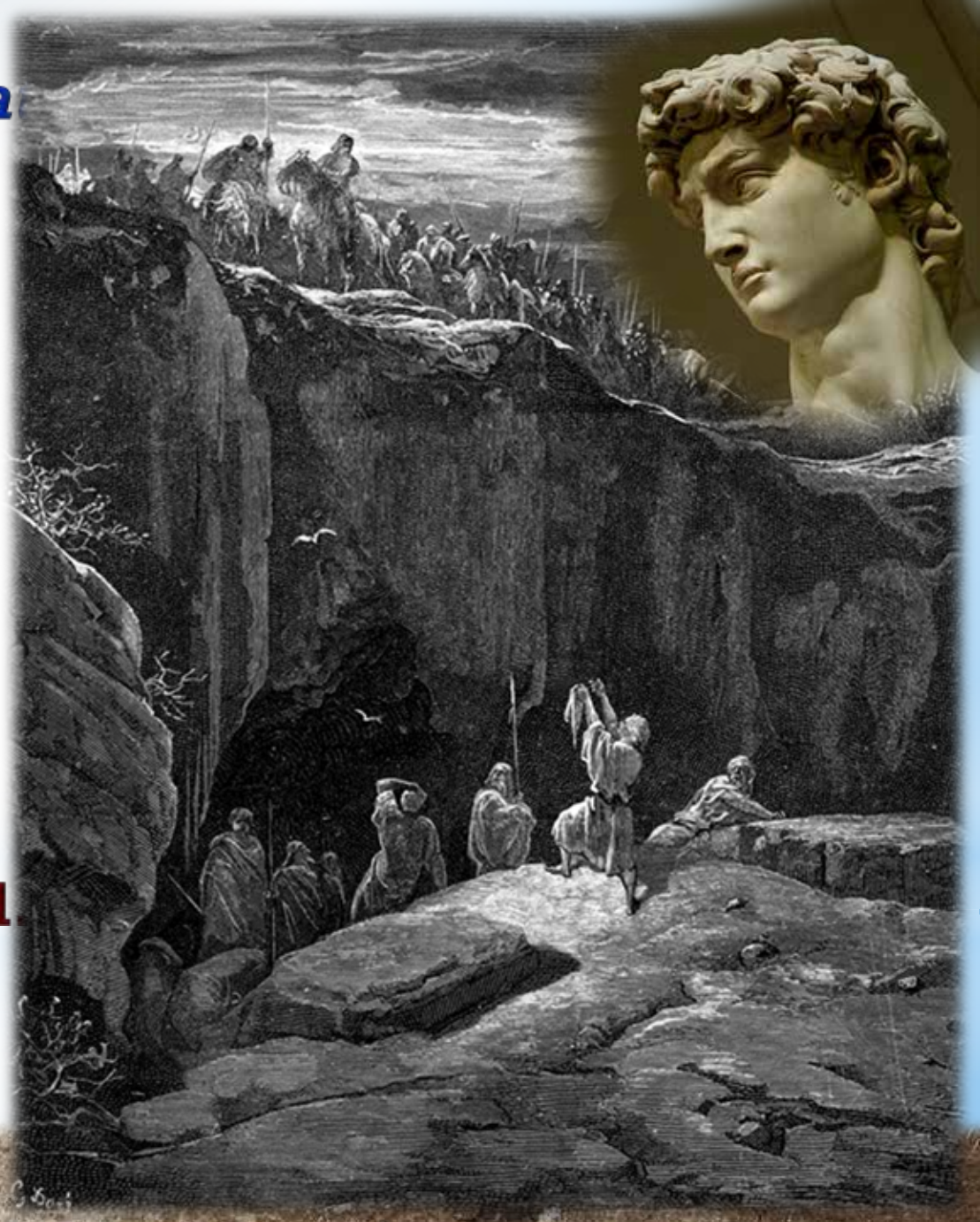
24:8-15 David's Delica

9 He said to Saul,
"Why do you listen when men say,
'David is bent on harming you'?

10 This day you have seen with
your own eyes how the LORD
delivered you into my hands in
the cave. Some urged me to kill you,

but I spared you; *I said,*

'I will not lay my hand on my lord,
because he is the LORD's anointed

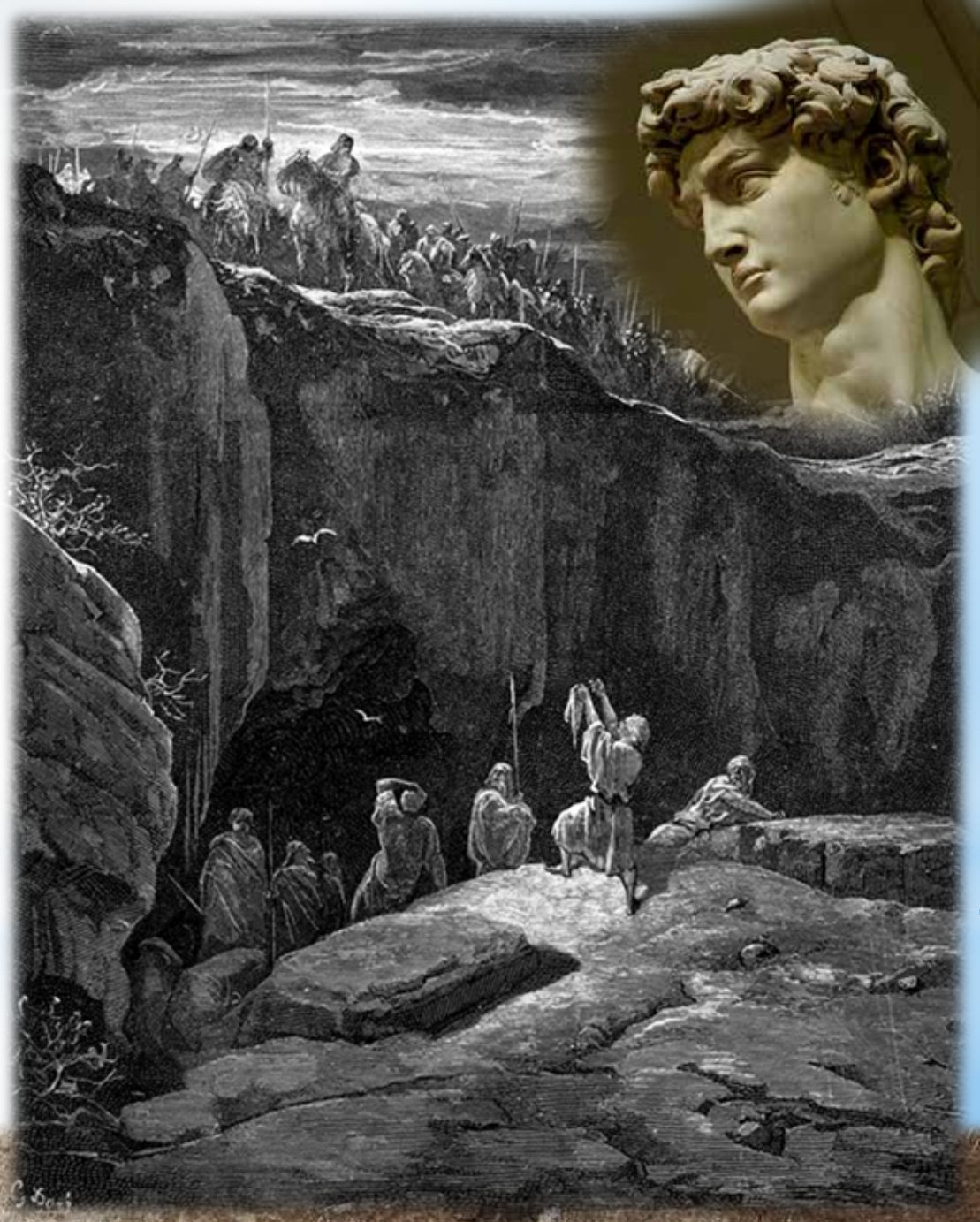


"David shows Saul he spared his life"
from *Gustave Doré Bible Illustrations*

[11] See, my father, look at this
piece of your robe in my hand!
I cut off the corner of your robe
but **did NOT KILL you**.

See that there is nothing in my
hand to indicate that I am guilty of
wrongdoing or rebellion. I have not
wronged you, but you are hunting
me down to take my life.

[12] May the LORD judge between you
and me.



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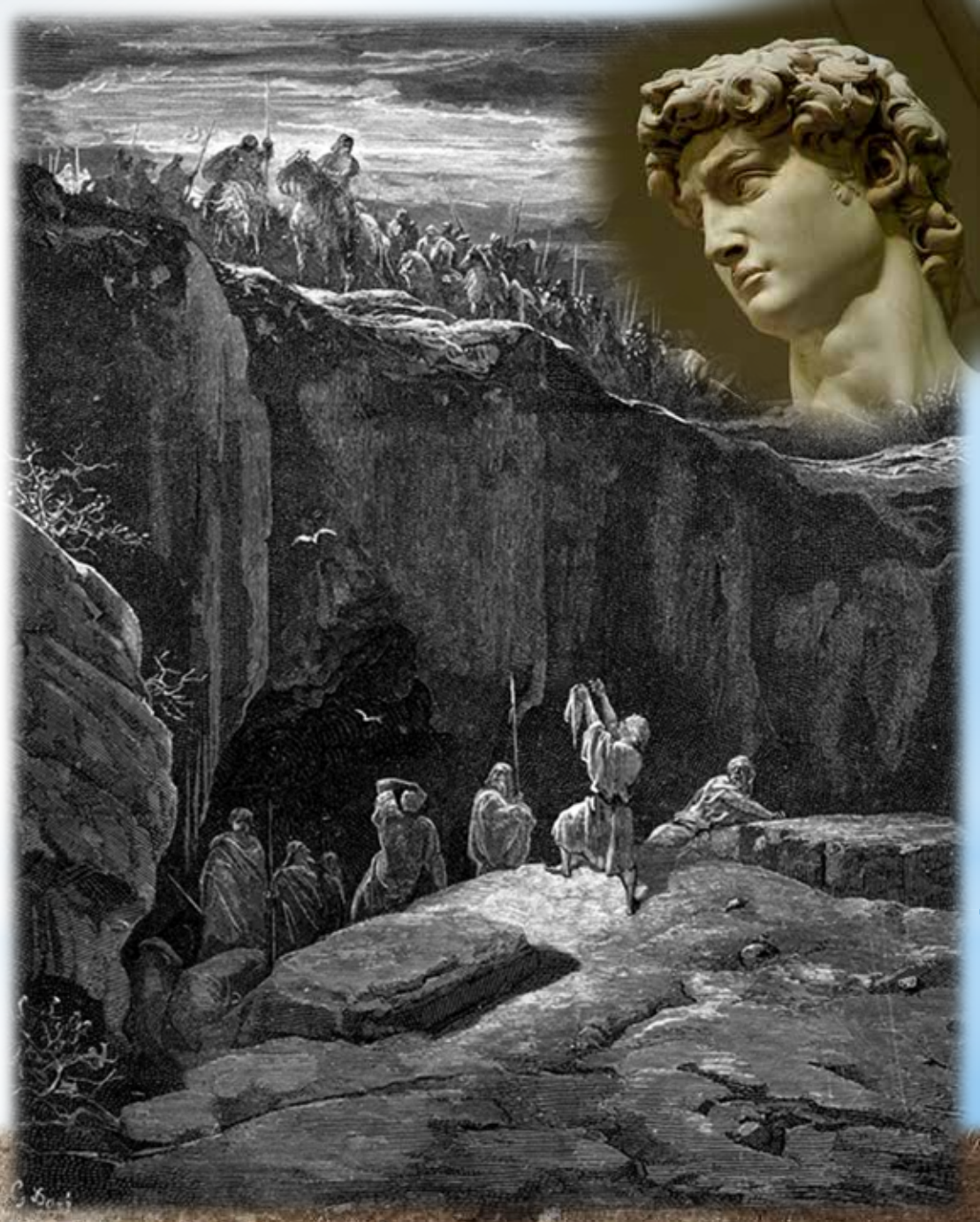
[12] **May the LORD judge between you and me.**

And may the LORD avenge the wrongs you have done to me, but my hand will not touch you.

[13] **As the old saying goes, 'From evildoers come evil deeds,' so my hand will not touch you.**



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14 "Against whom has the king of Israel come out? Who are you pursuing? A dead dog? A flea?

talk about feeling ... SMALL ...
or, rather, *KNOWING one's place!!!*

15 May the LORD be our judge and decide between us. May he consider my cause and uphold it; may he vindicate me by delivering me from your hand."

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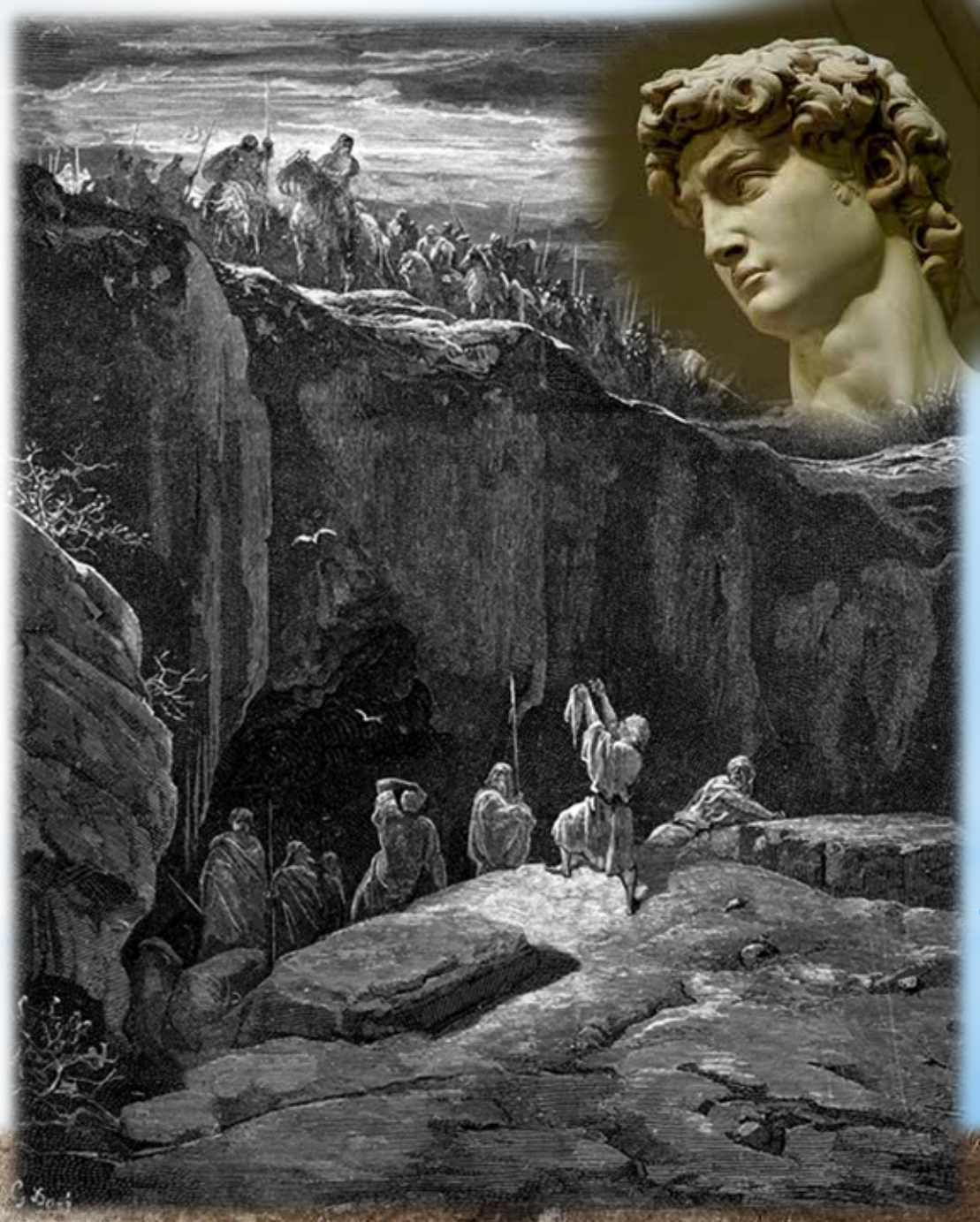


24:16-22 Saul Repents, Asks David for Mercy

16 When David finished saying this, Saul asked,
"Is that your voice, David my son?" **And he *WEPT* aloud.**
17 "You are more righteous than I," he said.
**"You have treated me well,
but I have treated you badly.**
18 You have just now told me
about the good you did to me;
the LORD delivered me into your
hands, but you did **NOT KILL me!**
19 When a man finds his enemy,
does he let him get away unharmed?
**May the LORD reward you well for
the way you treated me today.**

David and Saul
Ernst Josephson, 1878

24:16-22 Saul Repents, Asks David for Mercy

20 I know that you will surely be king and that the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hands.

a small flower rises in Saul's dead soul

21 Now swear to me by the LORD that you will not kill off my descendants or wipe out my name from my father's family."

22 So David gave his oath to Saul.

Then Saul returned home, but David and his men went up to the stronghold.

Saul to Gibeah …

David likely to Cave at Adullum or Masada

Peace … some PEACE at long last

David and Saul
Ernst Josephson, 1878

24:16-22 Saul Repents, Asks David for Mercy

PEACE at long last ???

but … no … it would not last

Saul comes again … chap. 26 …

How quickly the flower in rocky soil *DIES* …

For a time, though, *I suspect* that the seeds for the sublime Psalm 18 were in the making …

Perhaps … at the END of 1 Samuel David finished this masterpiece

David and Saul
Ernst Josephson, 1878

Psalm 18 – David Delivered

spend a week with this Psalm alone

3 I will call upon the LORD … worthy to be praised … be saved from mine enemies….

5 The sorrows of hell compassed me about: the snares of death prevented me….

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD….

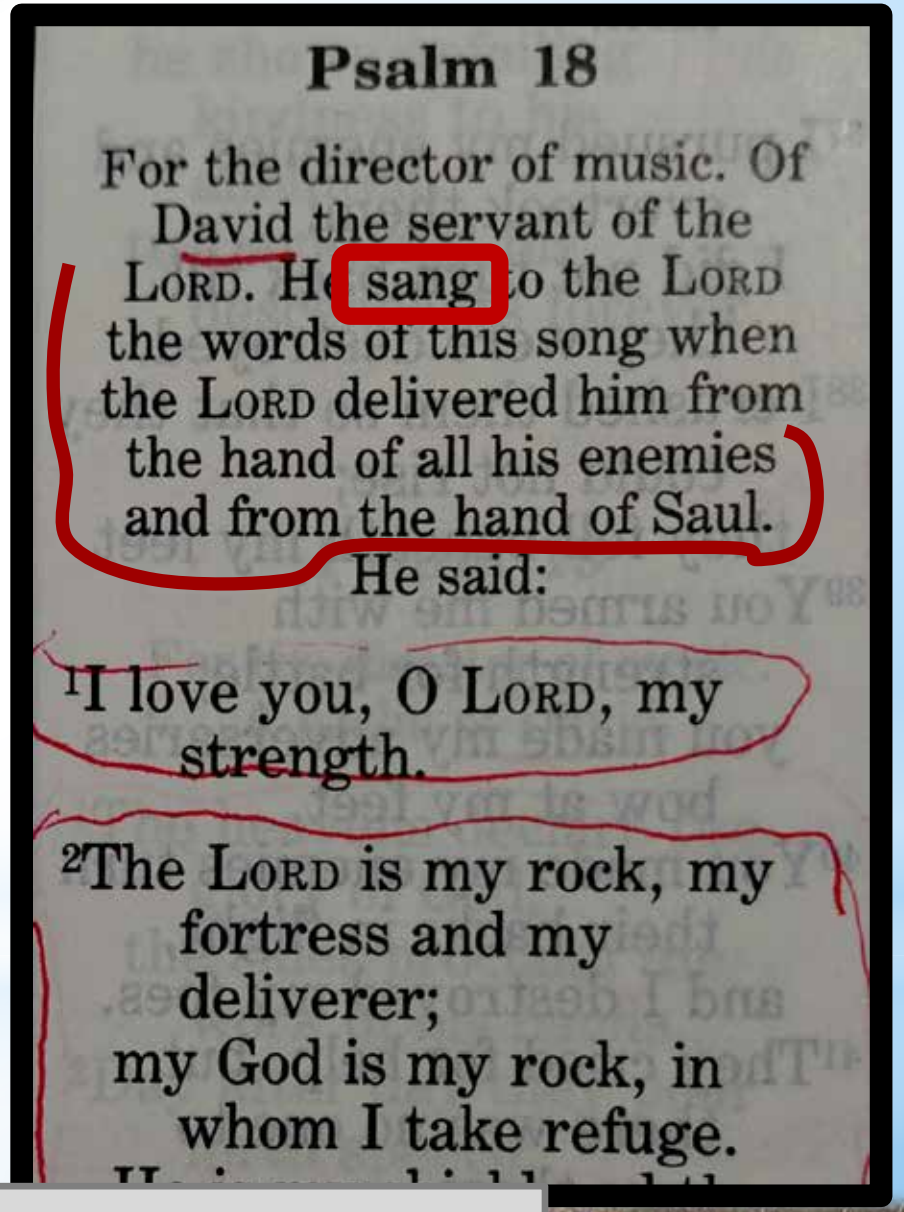
7 Then the earth shook and trembled….

11 He made darkness his secret place….

15 Then the channels of waters were seen … foundations of the world were discovered….

28 For thou wilt light my candle: the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness….

50 Stupendously Sublime Verses!



Psalm 18

For the director of music. Of David the servant of the LORD. He sang to the LORD the words of this song when the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said:

1 I love you, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

Perhaps the BEST SONG ever written in human history

LEGAL Cross-Cultural Conundrum

Yet, before Psalm 18, David has more trials to go through …

Be Prepared for a Cross Cultural Criss-Cross!

What seems Right is Wrong – and Wrong is Right

David Spares Saul's Life … Spares Nabal's Life

NOTICE – David spares TWO very DIFFERENT lives …

"We should not take offense and forgive" … *IS THIS THE LESSON?*

Really … we all turn the other cheek, but there are times for defense

A powerful lesson comes to us here … MORE for adults

***IN FACT*—passage says more and more to us the OLDER we get!**

to see this, we must review just a tad

LEGAL Cross-Cultural Conundrum

Is it a bit of Christian Trickery to take a verse and impose our 21st Century LAW and New Testament Wisdom *BACKWARD?*

Ooooh … not *reaaalllyy* … Look at David, he let Nabal go … sooo

so … when offended, we should LET GO tooo … here's a hanky

If that's ALL – *please* – something *TERRIBLE* happens to the STORY

What happens? . . . if "forgiving offense" is the message, then

We ERASE Abigail from the story and ERASE her to our Moral Peril

Don't Erase or Minimize the Power of a WISE Woman

LAW – the Sparing of Saul and Sparing of Nabal – LAW

To TRULY grapple with these, we must look at the LAW in 1000 B.C.

LEGAL Cross-Cultural Conundrum

Cultural Criss-Crossing—*yes and MORE*

King Saul WAS the Law … not a lot of Moses' Law

Most of the feasts were NOT being followed …

Where IS the the Ark of the Covenant?

After KILLING of ALL priests, ALL the town
ALL the women and chilrden …
perhaps Ark made it back to Kireath Jearim?

It is clear, legally, that King Saul felt he was ABOVE the Ark!

Here is the Cultural Criss-Cross …

LEGAL Cross-Cultural Conundrum

Saul and Nabal vis-à-vis Then and Today

		1000 B.C.	
LAW	David NOT to KILL Saul	Then, ILLEGAL	Today, Self-Defense
	David NOT to KILL Nabal	Then, LEGAL	Today, Premeditated Murder
Ethic	David NOT to KILL Saul	Then, Saul Anointed	Today, Saul DESERVED
	David NOT to KILL Nabal	Then, Nabal DESERVED	Today, *No WAY*

a Big Mouth NOT Deserve DEATH

Ethic – fancy term for one's "Moral Obligation"
what YOU feel is "right and wrong" … *and more*

Saul's "ethic" clearly did not include Moses' Law …

yes, a real *Legal Cross-Cultural Conundrum*

LEGAL Cross-Cultural Conundrum

still not clear … let me reinforce with itsy-bitsy review

Lesson 3, Raiders of the Lost Ark …

we, today, cannot *FULLY grapple*,

we *CANNOT* understand their Idols …

. . . even David had an Idol in his HOME!

Lesson 5, Samuel Kept His Vow, and how HARD, almost

impossible for us to understand a 1000 B.C. Oath/Vow

then add Jephthah's oath or Judges 19 or *10,000s David KILLED*

1000 B.C.

THEN: Impossible for THEM to see LAW as we do after 3000 years

TODAY: our LAW is FAR more precious to us than LAW was to them

TODAY – our LAW is, *thankfully*, even ABOVE the King

LEGAL Cross-Cultural Conundrum

Saul and Abigail vis-à-vis Then and Today

		THEN	TODAY
LAW	NOT KILL Saul	ILLEGAL	Self-Defense against Mass Murderer
	NOT KILL Nabal	LEGAL	Premeditated Murder
Ethic	NOT KILL Saul	Saul Anointed	Saul DESERVED—Mass MURDERER
	NOT KILL Nabal	Nabal DESERVED	Today, *No WAY – not for a Big Mouth*

Like Idols & Oaths, HARD to Grapple with 1000 B.C. LAW

yes, it's a

Legal Cross-Cultural Conundrum

yet aaahhhh … with the Finest, Clearest, GOODEREST Ending

25:1 Samuel Dies – David to Desert of Param

[1] Now Samuel died, and all Israel assembled and mourned for him; and they buried him at his home in Ramah.

Then David moved down into the Desert of Paran.

David and crew stopped off at **Carmel**, while Nabal's men were shearing

Beersheba – Well of Oath, founded when Abraham and Abimelek settled conflict

- ✓ Where Samuel's sons ministered …
- ✓ Elijah would take refuge from Jezebel
- ✓ Israel's Southern border Israel

Then south to Desert of Paran

25:1 Samuel Dies – David to Desert of Param

Then David moved down into the Desert of Paran.

Mediterranean Sea
40 Miles
Gaza
Dead Sea
Beersheba
Tell el-Farama
Bir el-Abud
Wadi el-Arish
Desert of Zin
Tell ed-Dab'a
(Avaris; Rameses)
Tell Hebua
Bir el-Mazar
Maghara
Jebel Helal
Ein Qudeirat
(Kadesh Barnea)
likely not all the way south
W. Tumilat
Tell el-Maskhuta
(Succoth?)
Tell er-Retabah
(Pithom?)
Great Bitter Lake
Tell el-Yahudiya
Little Bitter Lake
Jebel Geneife
Ruweisat el-Ahdar
Har Karkom
Desert of Paran
On (Heliopolis)
Suez
Bir Mara
Memphis
Ras el-Jeifa
Darb el-Hagg
Timnah Mines
Saqqara
Ayun Musa
En Rujum
Jebel Sin Bisher
Jebel Khashm et-Tarif
Desert of Sinai
W. es-Siq
Ein Hawwara
W. Gharandal
Serabit el-Khadim
Nile R.
Gulf of
W. Sidri
Hazeroth (?)

25:2-13 Nabal Refuses to Help and Insults David

2 A man in Maon, who had property there at Carmel—very wealthy.

1,000 goats & 3,000 sheep he was shearing in Carmel.

3 His name was Nabal and his wife's name was Abigail. She was an intelligent and beautiful woman,

her husband was surly and mean in his dealings—he was a Calebite.

Calebite – one of chief tribes of Judah

Carmel on southern border of Judah

"Nabal" his means "foolish"

25:2-13 Nabal Refuses to Help and Insults David

3 … his wife's name was Abigail. She was an intelligent and beautiful woman

"Abigail" – "Father/Leader of Dance"
… or "Father/Leader of Joy"

Others say "My Father's Joy" or
… or "My Father Rejoiced"

There is another girl's name
Abi*hail* – means "My Father's Terror"

Whatever … I certainly like

Abigail – "My Father's Joy"

as we shall see, she brings of JOY & Rescue to Her Home

25:2-13 Nabal Refuses to Help and Insults David

4 While David was in the wilderness, he heard that Nabal was shearing sheep.

5 So he sent ten young men and said to them, "Go up to Nabal at Carmel and greet him in my name.

6 Say to him: 'Long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours!

25:2-13 Nabal Refuses to Help and Insults David

7 " 'Now I hear that it is sheep-shearing time. When your shepherds were with us, we did **not mistreat them**, and the **whole time** they were at Carmel nothing of theirs was missing.

8 Ask your own servants and they will tell you. Therefore be **favorable** toward my men, since we come at a festive time. Please give your servants and your son David **whatever you can find for them**.' "

25:2-13 Nabal Refuses to Help and Insults David

[9] When David's men arrived, they gave Nabal this message in David's name. Then they waited.

[10] Nabal answered David's servants,
"Who is this David? Who is this son of Jesse?
Many servants are breaking away from
their masters these days.

[11] Why should I take my bread and water, and the meat I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it

to men coming from who knows where?"

Not the BEST answer to hot, hungry **men from dah desert!**

25:2-13 Nabal Refuses to Help and Insults David

[12] **David's men turned around and went back.**

When they arrived, they reported every word.

Got to know, they were wondering,
but pretty SURE what David was going to do

LADIES … close your ears

Men … we KNOW the two things DEAR to every man

Honor and FOOD

***If you watch him eat, sometimes it's* FOOD then Honor**

25:2-13 Nabal Refuses to Help and Insults David

now ALL that David had done for Nabal
David was a former shepherd, too … KNEW well

David KNEW Nabal VERY well
kind of man he was – rich, narcissistic
self-serving … mean and surly

Total OPPOSITE in M A N Y W A Y S to David

13 David said to his men,

"Each of you strap on your sword!"

They did, and David strapped on his sword, too.

400 Men went with David, 200 stayed with the supplies.

25:14-17 Disaster Foreseen – Abigail told of David's Protection

14 Servants told Abigail, "David sent men from the wilderness … greetings … but *Nabal hurled insults at them.*

15 Yet they were very good to us…. not mistreat us … whole time … nothing was missing.

TRUST Abigail engendered!

We also know, as Nabal insulted, several of HIS servants also LAUGHED at David's men

Toads with similar warts hang together …

Nabal the Stupid Toad

David and Abigail
by Antonio Molinari (1655-1704

25:14-17 Disaster Foreseen – Abigail told of David's Protection

Furthermore … the servants added:

16 Night and day they were a WALL AROUND us the whole time we were herding our sheep….

TRUST Abigail engendered!

Then the servants say something … fearful

17 Now think it over and see what you can do, because disaster is hanging over our master and his whole household. He is such a wicked man that no one can talk to him."

David and Abigail
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25:14-17 Disaster Foreseen – Abigail told of David's Protection

Leadership … Trust … Credibility !!!

For a servant to say his master was WICKED to his master's WIFE?

In the Nabal Household … TWO groups

1. around Nabal, surly and mean
2. around Abigail … honest and true

… read between lines, read END of story,

Clearly, Nabal TRUSTED Abigail …

Most of all

– select # of servants **TRUSTED** Abigail!

David and Abigail
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25:18-31 Abigail Acted Quickly

18 **Abigail acted quickly. She took**

200 loaves of bread – 2 skins of wine – 5 dressed sheep

5 seahs of roasted grain – 100 cakes of raisins

200 cakes of pressed figs … on donkeys.

19 **Then she told her servants, "Go on ahead; I'll follow you."**

She did NOT tell her husband Nabal.

20 **She rode her donkey into a mountain ravine … David and his men descending toward her, and she met them.**

21-22 **David had just said, "It's been useless—all my watching over this fellow's property in the wilderness so that nothing of his was missing. He has paid me back evil for good. May God deal with David … so severely, if by morning I leave alive one male … who belong to him!"**

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23 When Abigail saw David, she quickly got off her donkey and bowed down before David with her face to the ground.

Remember, not too long ago, David bowed before Saul – he, just a flea, dead dog

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Joseph Schonmann (1799-1889)

David Meeting Abigail, 1630
Theodoor Rombouts

[24] She fell at his feet and said: "Pardon your servant, my lord, and let me speak to you; hear what your servant has to say.

David & Abigail, 1666
Juan Antonio de Frías y Escalante

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Abigail's beautiful words …

25 Please pay no attention, my lord, to that wicked man Nabal. He is just like his name—means Fool, and folly goes with him. As for me, your servant, I did not see the men….

26 Now, my lord … as the LORD … has kept you from bloodshed … may … all who are intent on harming my lord be like Nabal.

27 And let this gift, which your servant has brought to my lord, be given to the men who follow you.

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28 "Please forgive your servant's presumption. The LORD your God will certainly make a lasting dynasty for my lord, because you fight the LORD's battles....

29 Even though someone is pursuing you ... the life of my lord will be bound securely in the bundle of the living by the LORD your God, but the lives of your enemies He will hurl away as from the pocket of a sling.

Remember the famed sling that slew Goliath

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25:18-31 Abigail Acted Quickly

30-31 When the LORD has fulfilled for my lord every good thing he promised concerning him and has appointed him **Ruler over Israel**, my lord will **not have on his conscience** the **staggering burden of needless bloodshed** or of having avenged himself.

aahh – little late for that
David has shed a LOT of blood to date

And when the LORD your God has brought my lord success, **remember your servant**."

Counting on David's Honor

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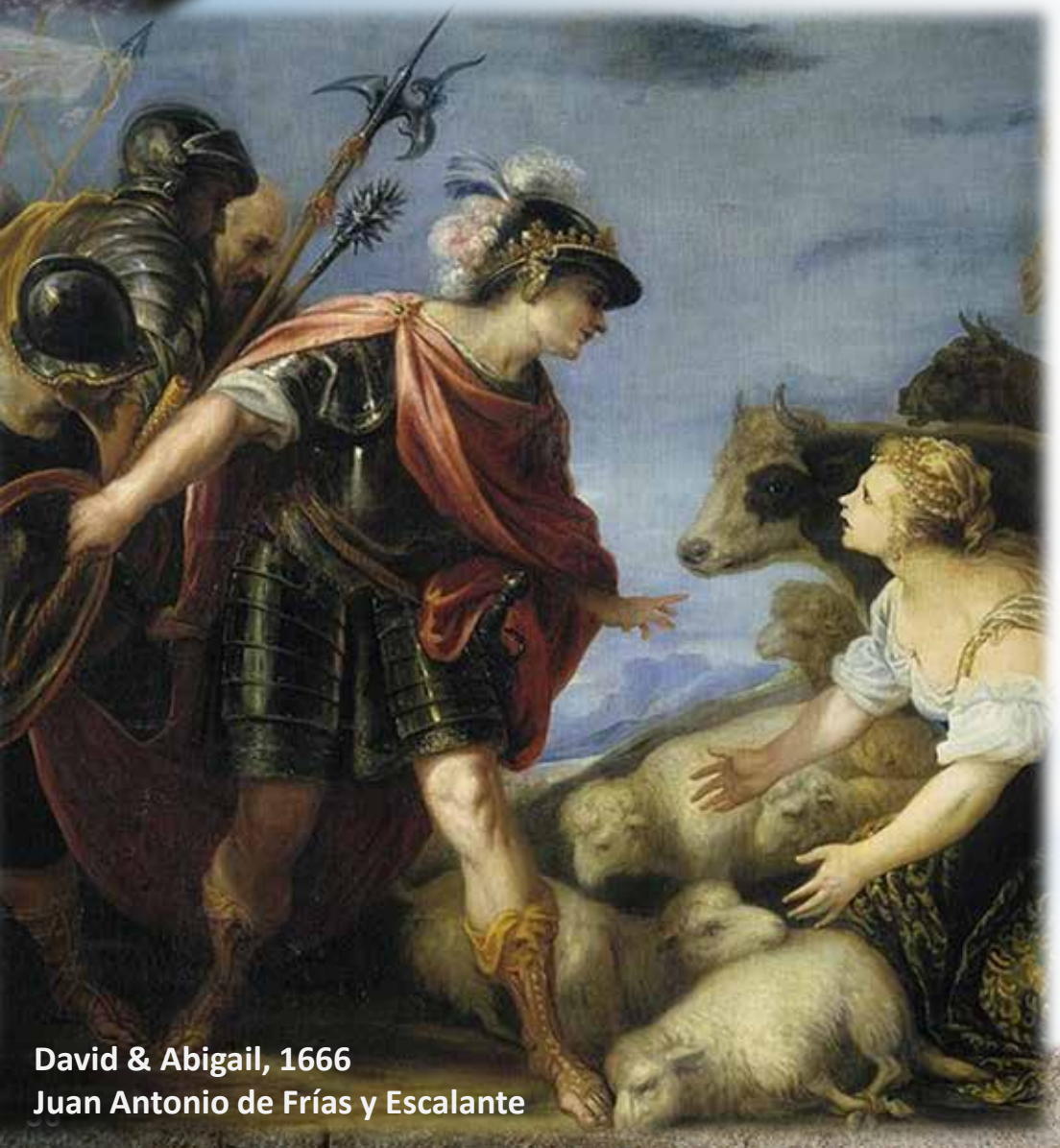
25:32-35 David Relents – Thanks God for Abigail's Wisdom



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32 David said to Abigail, "Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me.

33 May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands.

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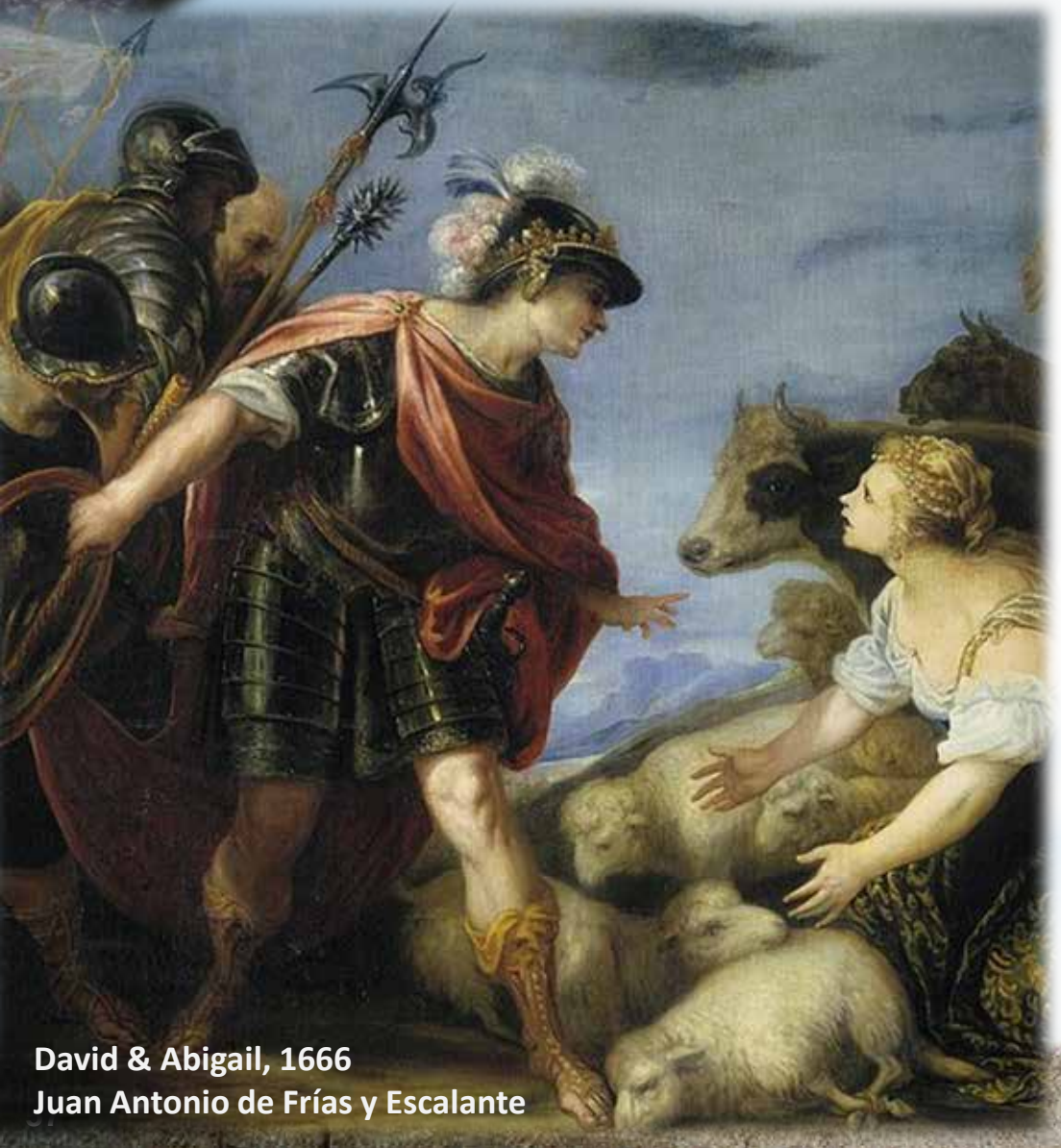

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34 Otherwise, as surely as the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, who has kept me from harming you, if you had not come quickly to meet me, not one male belonging to Nabal would have been left alive by daybreak."

35 Then David accepted from her hand what she had brought him and said, "Go home in peace. I have heard your words and granted your request."

25:39-44 David Hears, Rejoices, Invites Abigail to be his Wife

39-40 When David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, "Praise be to the LORD, who has upheld my cause…."

David sent word to Abigail, asking her to become his wife.

41 Abigail bowed … to the ground and said, "I am your servant and am ready to serve you and wash the feet of my lord's servants."

42 Abigail quickly got on a donkey and, attended by her five female servants, went with David's messengers and became his wife.

43-44 David also married Ahinoam … But Saul gave Michal to Paltiel….

The LAST reason this is NOT about merely forgiving Nabal …

Because David NEVER did … he in FACT held onto to Nabal's Death

The Lesson … for ALL of us for ALL time … so precious

Wise Women ROCK!

The Lesson of the Lesson … the Cross-Culture Conundrum CLEARED

But, easy on the soul … something to warm your heart from within

When David met Abigail … THE REASON David did NOT Kill Nabal

. . . Selah. . .

Listen to the Drama … Hungry Soldiers Meet GOOD COOKING

a beautiful woman bowing … her servants *cringing in fear*

Wise Women ROCK!

. . . *Selah*

Feel the heartbeats of ALL present

Stump nods to David, "Cakes, the cakes *suurre* smell good my Lord."

David nods … listens to Abigail's words her PRECIOUS words …

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David knows, KNOWS deep in his heart as the Lord Sees the Heart, and David toooo …

A tear comes to David's eye, just a little tear … a tear only HE felt

. . . . . for . . . you . . . see . . . he saw something ONLY he could see

God Intervenes

. . . Selah

David looked and listened …

Like a light from heaven …

WAS a LIGHT from HEAVEN, from GOD

David saw in Abigail …

David saw in Abigail …

David saw in Abigail … HIMSELF

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Abigail Risked HER Life to Save others,
just as David himself had done

Abigail Risked HER life to save Nabal the Toad *FOR* her HOME,
just as David himself had done to Saul

. . . Selah

Best of ALL … superb and sublime

When she bowed, she COULD have said, "Who am I, but a FLEA …"

David saw in Abigail … True Woman

Humble, Strong … Devoted to Family

Here was a VALUABLE Woman, more Honorable than the King chasing him

Here was a Woman more COURAGEOUS than some of the men following him!

David & Abigail, 1666
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In his fleeing from Saul, from town to town …

David KNEW courage, honor … NOT many Men or Women like Abigail

. . . Selah

Best of ALL … superb and sublime

Abigail Put Servants ABOVE Herself …
just as David himself had done

Oohh … the HONOR of such a woman

… the grace of such a woman

… the selfless concern and love for people … love for the poor
just as David himself had been doing

David & Abigail, 1666
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… Here was a Valuable Woman …

… What an asset, what a treasure to the home of Foolish Toad Nabal

… David … Sweet Psalmist of Israel … COULD NOT KILL HER

. . . Selah

Best of ALL … superb and sublime

Even stupendous sublimity is seen

Reason he did NOT KILL Nabal
… had nothing … *NOTHING*
to do with the Fool Toad Nabal

Reason David did NOT KILL … ???

David had met a SISTER in honor

David had met KIN that would
Sacrifice Herself for OTHERS

David & Abigail, 1666
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David had met a SISTER … JUST LIKE HIMSELF

oooh, and 1000 yrs later … *JUST LIKE CHRIST!*

Yes … Wise Women ROCK . . .

Be like Abagail … even like Christ

Sacrifice for Others