

*Greetings, today our manna is 1Sam. 27; 1Cor. 8; Ezekiel 6; Psalms 44.*

## *September 3 – Melchizedek Devotional Perspective*

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**1Sam. 27** David sees no immediate end of Saul pursuing his life; therefore, he makes plans to escape to the land of the Philistines.

### **David Flees to the Philistines**

**1Sa 27:1** And Dawid said in his heart, **“Now I shall perish by the hand of Sha’ul, some day. There is naught better for me than to escape to the land of the Philistines. Then Sha’ul shall give up searching for me any longer in any part of Yisra’el, and I shall escape out of his hand.”**

There are strong commentary opinions towards David’s decision to go into the land of the Philistines. Other lands of Israel had proven unsafe. They were constantly on high alert for their very lives, since various individuals would go to Saul and alert him of every new location.

David had six hundred men with him; but also, there were wives; children; and livestock. David, himself had two of his wives with him.

Until we have walked a mile in another person’s shoes; we should not be ‘quick’ to condemningly criticize. David was existing in ‘no-man’s’ land with the responsibility of many souls.

**1Sa 27:2** So Dawid rose up and passed over with the six hundred men who were with him to Aġish son of Ma’oġ, sovereign of Gath.

**1Sa 27:3** And Dawid dwelt with Aġish at Gath, he and his men, each man with his household – Dawid with his two wives, Ahino’am the Yizre’elitess, and Abiġayil the Karmelitess, Nabal’s widow.

**1Sa 27:4** **And it was reported to Sha’ul that Dawid had fled to Gath, so he sought him no more.**

### **Ellicott’s Commentary gave some good insights:**

Achish, the son of Maach, king of Gath.—The same, we believe, as that Achish to whom David fled before (see [1Samuel 21:11](#)), and identical with Achish, son of Maachah ([1Kings 2:39](#)). This would involve the necessity of ascribing a fifty years’ reign to this prince. (Such a lengthy reign is quite possible.) The whole of Philistia subsequently fell under King David’s rule. It seems,

however, that he permitted, even after the conquest, Achish to remain in his old city of Gath, most likely as his tributary: thus, we may suppose, paying back the old debt of kindness to Achish.

We recall David's encounter with Achish in 1Samuel 21:

### David Flees to Gath in 1Samuel 21

1Sa 21:10 And Dawid rose and fled that day from before Sha'ul, and went to Achish the sovereign of Gath.

1Sa 21:11 But the servants of Achish said to him, "Is this not Dawid the sovereign of the land? Did they not sing of him to each other in dances, saying, 'Sha'ul struck his thousands, and Dawid his ten thousands'?"

1Sa 21:12 And Dawid took these words to heart, and was very much afraid of Achish the sovereign of Gath,

1Sa 21:13 and changed his behavior before them, and feigned madness in their hands, and scratched on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva run down on his beard.

1Sa 21:14 Then Achish said to his servants, "Look, you see the man is acting like a madman. Why do you bring him to me?"

1Sa 21:15 "Am I short of madmen, that you have brought this one to act as a madman near me? Should this one come into my house?"

Friend and foe knew who David was and knew his plight. In this second appearance before Achish, David and his following had become more substantial and their reputation well-known. We also must not forget that YHWH had Samuel anoint David to become King of Israel; and this was a known fact. Achish gives David the land of Ziklag; Saul is no longer pursuing David in this territory; and now those under David could set-up camp. David would dwell in this land for 16 months.

1Sa 27:5 And Dawid said to Achish, "**If I have now found favor in your eyes**, let them give me a place in some town in the country, to dwell there. For why should your servant dwell in the royal city with you?"

1Sa 27:6 And Achish gave him Tsiklag that day. That is why Tsiklag has belonged to the sovereigns of Yehudah to this day.

1Sa 27:7 And the time that Dawid dwelt in the country of the Philistines came to be a year and four new moons.

David did many raids and took spoils of livestock and garments.

1Sa 27:8 And Dawid and his men went up and raided the Geshurites, and the Girzites, and the Amaleqites. For those nations were the inhabitants of the land from of old, as you go to Shur, even as far as the land of Mitsrayim.

1Sa 27:9 And when Dawid had stricken the land, he left neither man nor woman alive, but **took away sheep, and cattle, and donkeys, and camels, and garments, and returned**

and came to Aqish.

**Ellicott notes:**

**Went up**—The expression is strictly accurate. The nomad tribes against whom his expeditions were directed dwelt on higher ground than David's home at Ziklag, apparently on the wide extent of the mountain plateau, that high table-land at the north-east of the desert of Paran.

The Geshurites, and the Gezerites, and the Amalekites. —These were all "Bedaween" tribes, the scourge of the Israelitish families dwelling on the south of Canaan. It is not easy to identify the first two named of these nomads against whom David directed his operations. We hear of these Geshurites in the neighborhood of Bashan ([Deuteronomy 3:14](#)), and of another tribe of them in Syria ([2Samuel 15:8](#)). They were a widely scattered race of nomad Arabs. The Gezerites, or Gizrites, it has been supposed, were the remains of a once powerful race dispossessed by the Amorites. The third named, the Amalekites, were the remnant of that once powerful tribe destroyed by Saul in his famous war, when his disobedience incurred the wrath of Samuel.

**1Sa 27:10** And Aqish would say, "Where have you made a raid today?" And Dawid would say, "Against the South of Yehudah, or against the South of the Yerahme'elites, or against the South of the Qeynites."

**1Sa 27:11** Dawid did **not keep alive man nor woman, to bring news to Gath**, saying, "Lest they inform against us, saying, 'Thus Dawid did.'" And this was his practice all the days that he dwelt in the country of the Philistines.

**1Sa 27:12** And Aqish trusted Dawid, saying *to himself*, "He has indeed made himself a stench to his people in Yisra'el, and has become my servant forever."

Trust had been earned between Aqish and David. David essentially bloomed where he was planted. Time would reveal that his true destination would be to only serve YHWH. Would David be perfect? No. Would David fail at times? Yes. Would David repent and get back on the narrow path? Yes.

**Children's Word Search Activity on next page:**

# David the King

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annointed	Bear	Blessing	Boy
Captain	David	Faith	God
Israel	Jerusalem	King	Lion
Saul	Shepherd	Victory	

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**1Corinthians 8** But if anyone loves Elohim, this one is known by Him.

### Food Offered to Idols

**1Co 8:1** And concerning *food* offered to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.

**1Co 8:2** If anyone thinks that he knows somewhat, he does not yet know as he should know.

**1Co 8:3** But if anyone loves Elohim, this one is known by Him.

**1Co 8:4** So then, concerning the eating of *food* offered to idols, we know that an idol is no *matter* at all in the world, and **that there is no other Elohim but one.**

**1Co 8:5** For even if there are so-called mighty ones, whether in heaven or on earth – as there are many mighty ones and many masters –

**1Co 8:6** for us there is one Elohim,<sup>a</sup> the Father, from whom all came and for whom we live, and one Master יהושע Messiah, through whom all came and through whom we live. Footnote: <sup>a</sup> [Eph 4:6](#), [1Ti 2:5](#), [Mar 12:32](#), [Mar 12:34](#).

Not all have this knowledge... We should be mindful not to be a stumbling block to weaker brethren in any respect that detracts them from their set-apart life in Messiah.

**1Co 8:7** However, **not all have this knowledge.** But some, being aware of the idol, until now eat it as having been offered to an idol, so their conscience, being weak, is defiled.

**1Co 8:8** But food does not commend us to Elohim, for we are none the better if we eat, nor any worse for not eating.

**1Co 8:9** But look to it, lest somehow this right of yours becomes a stumbling-block to those who are weak.

**1Co 8:10** For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's place, shall not his conscience, if he is weak, be built up to eat *food* offered to idols?

**1Co 8:11** So this weak brother, for whom Messiah died, shall perish through your knowledge!

**1Co 8:12** Now sinning in this way against the brothers, and wounding their weak conscience, you sin against Messiah.

**1Co 8:13** Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I am never again going to eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

**Ezekiel 6** Ezekiel 6 is also within the 13th Scroll.

EZEKIEL 13 SCROLLS REFERENCE CHART		
SCROLLS	Text in Chronological Order (Chapter & Verse)	Date Given in Text (M/D/Y) <small>(of King Jehoiachin's captivity)</small>
13	1:1-2 - 7:27 (Priestly Commission of judgment discharged as rebellious Israel has rejected the constitution set forth)	04/05/30

### Judgment Against Idolatry

**Eze 6:1** And the word of יהוה came to me, saying,

Eze 6:2 “Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Yisra’ël, and prophesy against them.

Eze 6:3 “And you shall say, ‘O mountains of Yisra’ël, hear the word of the Master יהוה!’

**Thus said the Master יהוה!**

- to the mountains,
- to the hills,
- to the ravines,
- and to the valleys,

YHWH is all powerful; all knowing; and all present. Who can stand against Him? None! He is the Creator of the heavens and the earth; He is the only One worthy of our praise. In Him, is the only way to escape His wrath to come; this world is fallen and full of sin; nations have turned their backs on Him. There is only one door; one narrow gate that leads to life; and that is through Yahusha HaMashiach – the Promised One.

Rom 14:11 For it has been written, “As I live, says יהוה, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to Elohim.” [Isa 45:23](#).

“Look, I Myself am bringing a sword against you, and I shall destroy your high places.

- Eze 6:4 “And your slaughter-places shall be ruined,  
• your sun-pillars shall be broken in pieces.  
• And I shall make your slain fall in front of your idols,
- Eze 6:5 and lay the corpses of the children of Yisra’ël in front of their idols,  
• and scatter your bones all around your slaughter-places.
- Eze 6:6 “In all your dwelling places the cities shall be destroyed

- and the high places deserted,
- so that your slaughter-places are broken and bear their punishment.
- And your idols shall be smashed and made to cease,
- and your sun-pillars cut down, and your works blotted out.
- **Eze 6:7** “And the slain shall fall in your midst, and you shall know that I am **יהוה**.”

**Eze 6:8** “But **I shall leave a remnant**, in that some of you shall escape the sword among the nations, when you are scattered throughout the lands.”

**Eze 6:9** “And **those of you who escape shall remember Me among the nations** where they have been taken captive, **because I have been broken by their adulterous heart** which has turned away from Me, and by their eyes which whored after their idols. And they shall loathe themselves for the evils which they have done in all their abominations.”

Have we ever paused to consider how our actions and sins have greatly hurt YHWH? He just said, ‘...because I have been broken by their adulterous heart...’

**Eze 6:10** “And they shall know that I am **יהוה**, and not for naught have I spoken to do this evil to them.”

Further instructions from YHWH to Ezekiel.

**Eze 6:11** **Thus said the Master יהוה**,

- “Strike with your hand and stamp your feet, and say, ‘Alas, because of all the evil abominations of the house of Yisra’el who shall fall by sword, by scarcity of food, and by pestilence!’
- **Eze 6:12** He who is far off shall die by pestilence, he who is near fall by the sword, and he who is left over and is besieged die by scarcity of food. And I shall complete My wrath upon them.

**Eze 6:13** **And you shall know that I am יהוה**, when their slain are among their idols all around their slaughter-places, on every high hill, on all the mountaintops, under every green tree, and under every thick oak, wherever they offered sweet incense to all their idols.

**Eze 6:14** And I shall stretch out My hand against them and make the land a wasteland, even more waste than the wilderness toward Diblah, in all their dwelling places. **And they shall know that I am יהוה.**” ’ ’ ’

**Psalm 44** Psalm 44 is said to have been composed by the sons of Korah.

Through reading His Word, we learn from those that came before us. Hopefully we also learn from their mistakes so as not to repeat them. It was YHWH who led them out of captivity of Egypt, and it was YHWH that sent His one and only begotten Son to 'set the captives free'.

It will be YHWH that will recover and gather the remnant of His people out of 'Egypt' again as written in Isaiah 11.

Isa 11:10 And in that day there shall be a Root of Yishai, standing as a banner to the people. Unto Him the nations shall seek, and His rest shall be esteem.

Isa 11:11 And it shall be in that day that יהוה sets His hand again a second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left, from Ashshur and from Mitsrayim, from Pathros and from Kush, from Ęylam and from Shin`ar, from Hamath and from the islands of the sea.

Isa 11:12 And He shall raise a banner for the nations, and gather the outcasts of Yisra'el, and assemble the dispersed of Yehudah from the four corners of the earth.

**Come to Our Help**

**Psa 44:1** O Elohim, we have heard with our ears, Our fathers have related to us, The work You did in their days, In the days of old.

**Psa 44:2** You drove out the nations with Your hand, But them You planted. You afflicted peoples, and sent them out.

**Psa 44:3** For not by their own sword did they possess the land, Neither did their own arm save them; But it was Your right hand and Your arm, And the light of Your face, Because You delighted in them.

**Psa 44:4** You Yourself are my Sovereign, O Elohim; Command deliverances for Ya'aqob.

**Psa 44:5** Through You we push our enemies; Through Your Name we tread down those who rise up against us.

**Psa 44:6** For I do not trust in my bow, And my sword does not save me.

**Psa 44:7** For You have saved us from our enemies, And have put to shame those who hated us.

**Psa 44:8** In Elohim we shall boast all day long, And praise Your Name forever. Selah.

**Psa 44:9** Yet You have rejected us and put us to shame, And You do not go with our armies.

**Psa 44:10** You make us turn back from the adversary, And those who hate us have plundered us.

**Psa 44:11** You do give us as sheep to be eaten, And You have scattered us among the nations.

**Psa 44:12** You sell Your people for no value, And have set no high price on them.

**Psa 44:13** You make us a reproach to our neighbours, A scorn and a mockery to those round about us.

**Psa 44:14** You make us a proverb among the nations, A shaking of the head among the peoples.

**Psa 44:15** My reproach is always before me, And the shame of my face has covered me,

**Psa 44:16** Because of the voice of the slanderer and blasphemer, Because of the enemy and avenger.

**Psa 44:17** All this has come upon us; But we have not forgotten You, Neither have we been false to Your covenant.

**Psa 44:18** Our heart has not turned back, Neither has our step swerved from Your way,

**Psa 44:19** Yet You have crushed us in the place of jackals, And covered us with the shadow of death.

**Psa 44:20** If we have forgotten the Name of our Elohim, Or stretched out our hands to a foreign mighty one,

**Psa 44:21** Would Elohim not search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart.

**Psa 44:22** But for Your sake we are killed all day long; Reckoned as sheep for the slaughter.

**Psa 44:23** **Awake! Why do You sleep, O יהוה? Arise! Do not reject us forever.**

**Psa 44:24** Why do You hide Your face, Ignoring our affliction and our oppression?

**Psa 44:25** For our being is bowed down to the dust; Our body cleaves to the earth.

**Psa 44:26** Arise, be our help, And redeem us for Your loving-commitment' sake.

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