

# I Samuel 21-28

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Lecture #8

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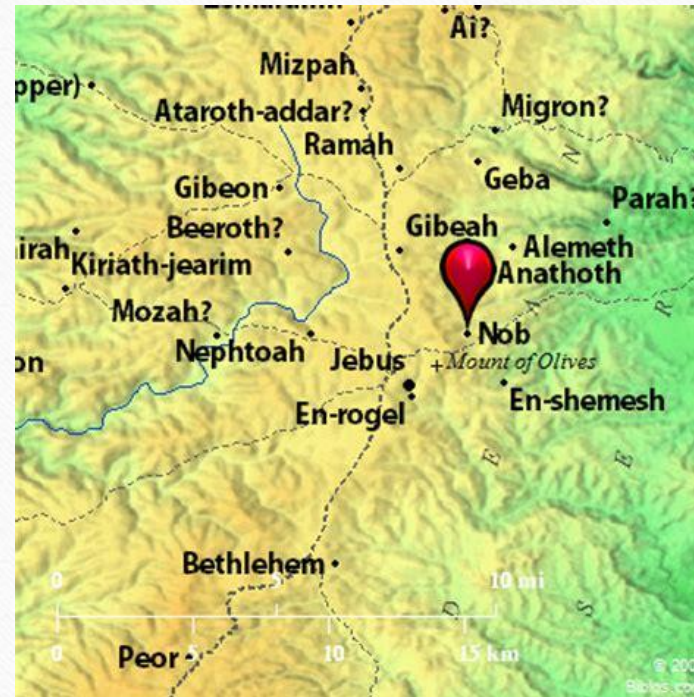
## Chapter 21

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David on the Run

# Nob

- The new location of the Tabernacle after the destruction of Shiloh.
  - The Ark is still at Kirjath-jearim.
- Ahimelech is the High Priest.



# David at Nob

- Lies about why he is there – vs. 2
- Is given three things:
  - Food (shewbread)
  - Direction from the Lord (22:9-15)
  - Goliath's sword



...Doeg the Edomite witnesses this...



# Shewbread

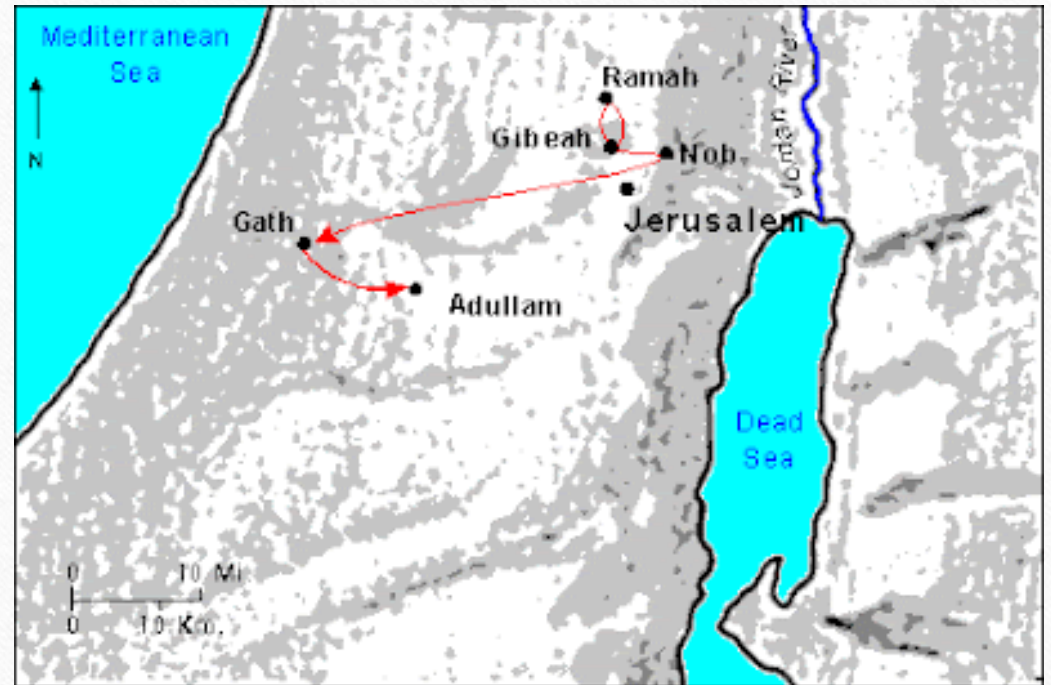
- 12 loaves of bread made from about 5 pounds of flour each.
- Measured about 8”x4”x5.5”
- Each Sabbath new loaves were put out and the old ones were eaten by the priests in the Holy Place – Leviticus 24:8-9



“...there was the higher law of charity (Leviticus 19:18), which was rightly regarded as overruling every merely Levitical ordinance, however solemn (comp. Matthew 12:5; Mark 2:25). If it was as David pretended, and the royal commission was so important and so urgent, it could not be right to refuse the necessary means of sustenance to those who were engaged on it, provided that they had not contracted any such Levitical defilement as would have barred them from access to the Divine Presence (Leviticus 15:18). For, viewed in its higher bearing, what were the priests but the representatives of Israel, who were all to be a kingdom of priests?” - Edersheim

# David at Gath

- David's desperation leads him to seek refuge with the Philistines.
- Achish (name) / Abimelech (title)
- The Philistines remember David's past.
- David's acts insane to escape.



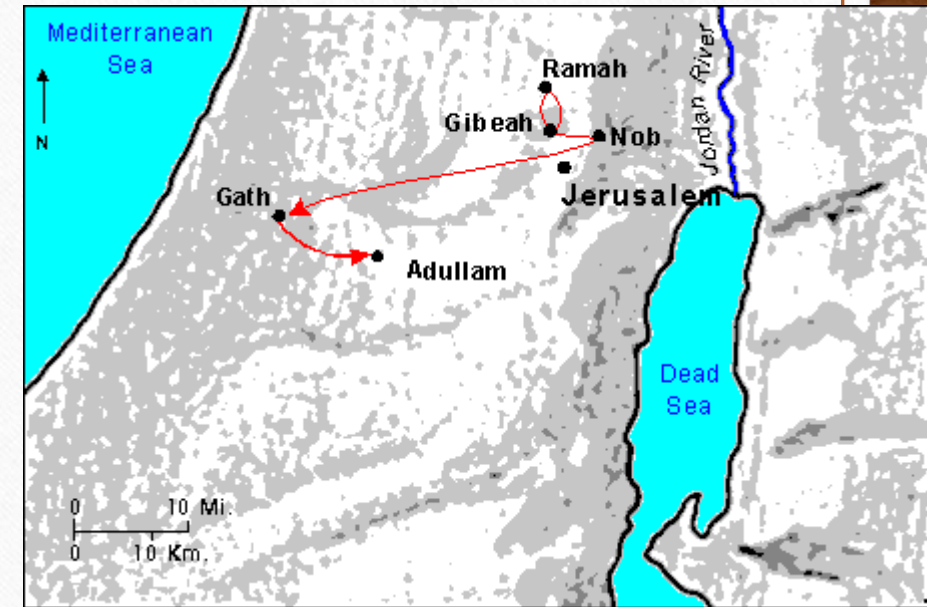
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The Crime of Doeg

# Adullam





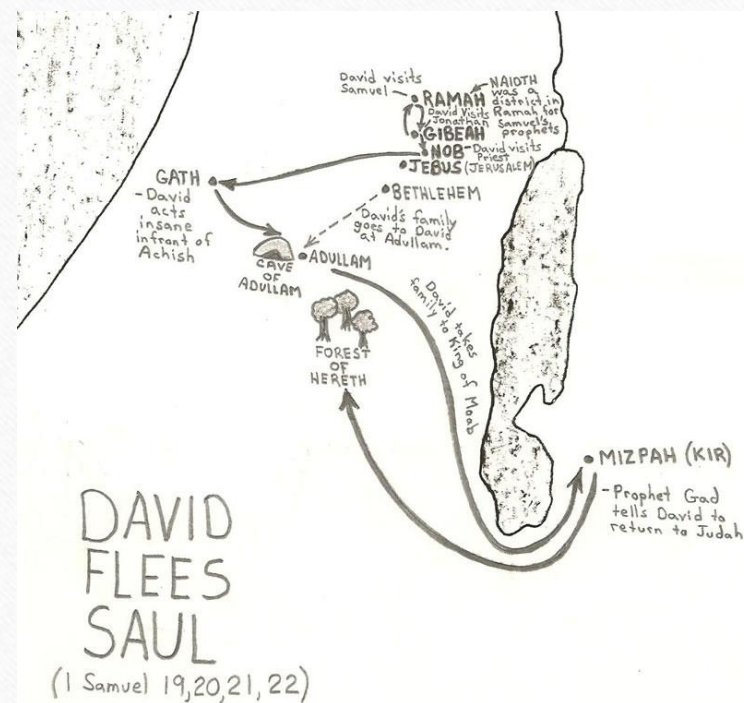
# David at Adullam

- Others that have fallen into disfavor with Saul rally to David.
- These become the foundation for the famous Mighty Men.



# David at Moab

- Finds safety for his parents
  - Remember the family ties to Moab through Ruth.
- God tells David not to stay in Moab.
- David goes to Hareth.



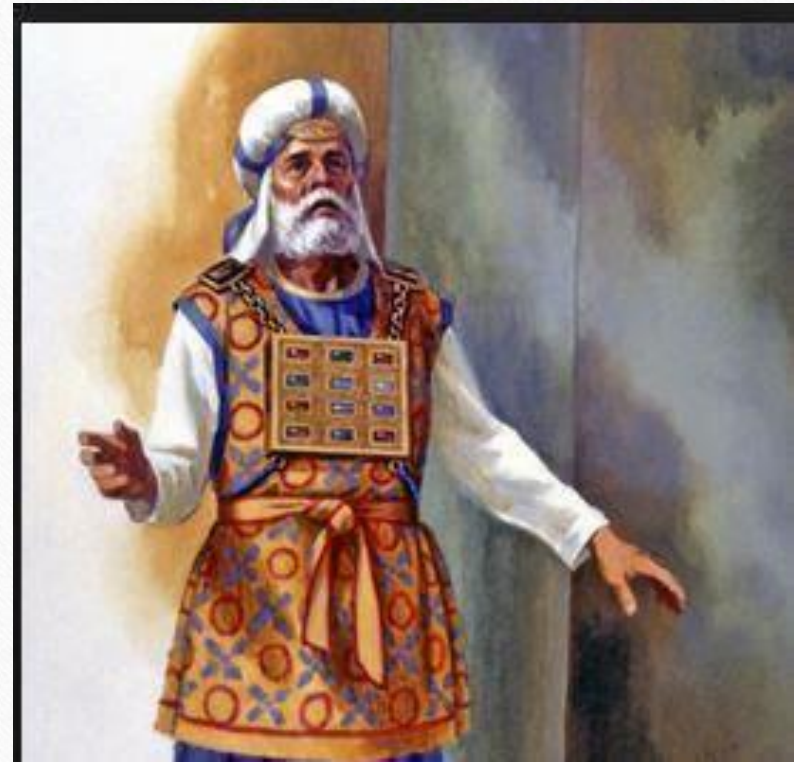
# The Tragedy at Nob

- Doeg tells Saul about David's aid at Nob.
- Saul summons the priests and demands their execution.
- Doeg kills these 85 priests and then leads an attack on Nob.
- This is one of the darkest moments in Israel's history.



# David and Abiathar

- Abiathar, the son of the murdered Ahimelech, seeks refuge with David.
- He rings the ephod with Urim and Thummim.
- He will act as High Priest until Solomon.



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David Pursued

# Urim and Thummim

- There is very little information about these.
- No, these are not the magic glasses Jospheh Smith used to read the golden plates...
- Best I can understand is that these are two stones drawn from a pouch in the High Priest's ephod to indicate YES or NO to questions asked of God.



## Keilah

- Keilah is a fortified town that is being harassed by the Philistines.
- David intervenes and rescues them.
- Saul does nothing to stop the Philistines but does sweep in to try to catch David.
- David is warned by God that the men of Keilah plan on double-crossing him.
- David and his 600 men go southeast into the wilderness.



## David at Ziph

- David and his men seem to move and camp throughout the area to avoid being caught.
  - Jonathan does find David.
- The Ziphites planned on betraying David

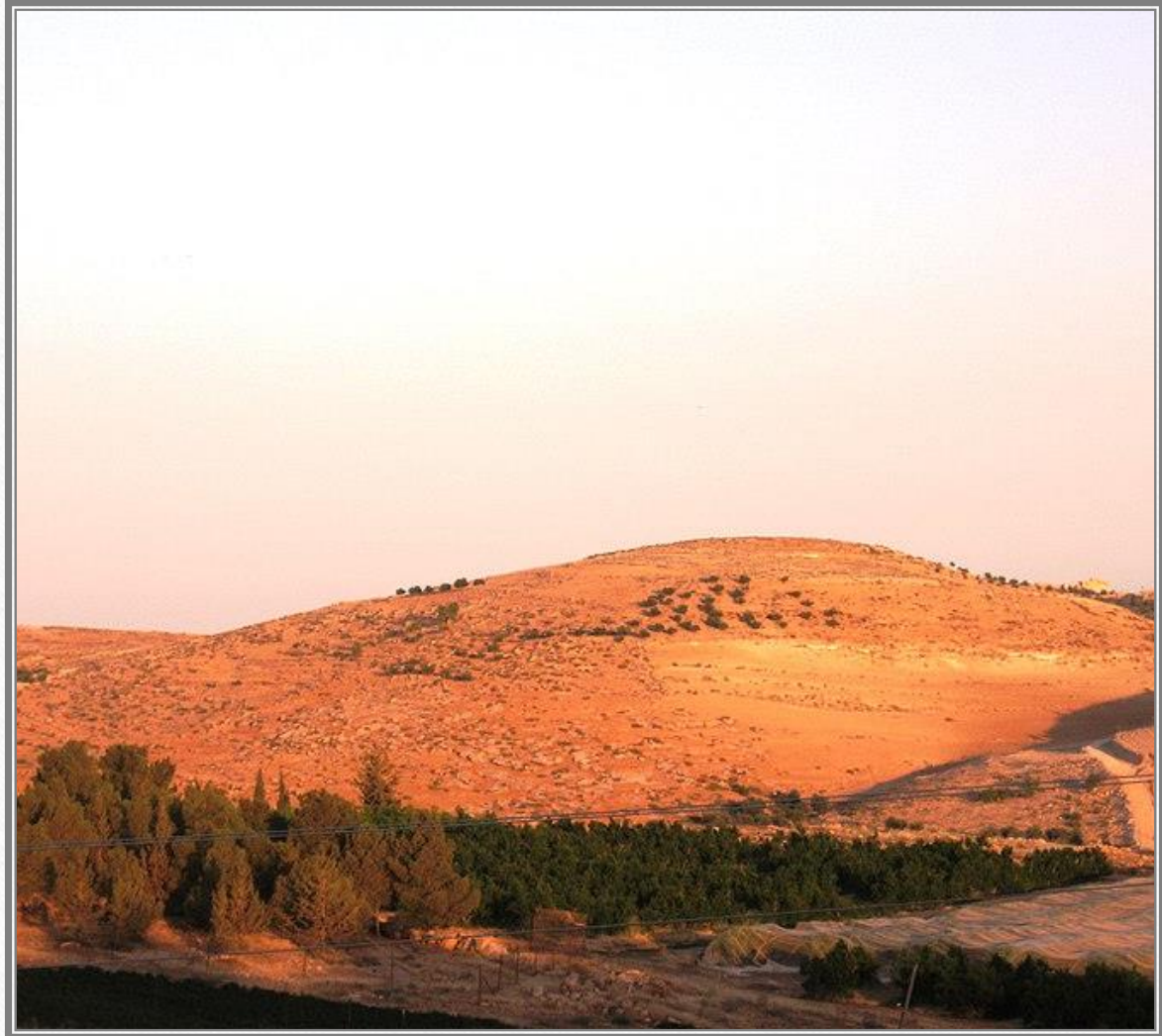




## A Close Shave

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- Near Maon, David is almost caught on a hill.
- David and his men are only rescued when Saul turns aside after hearing the Philistines are invading.



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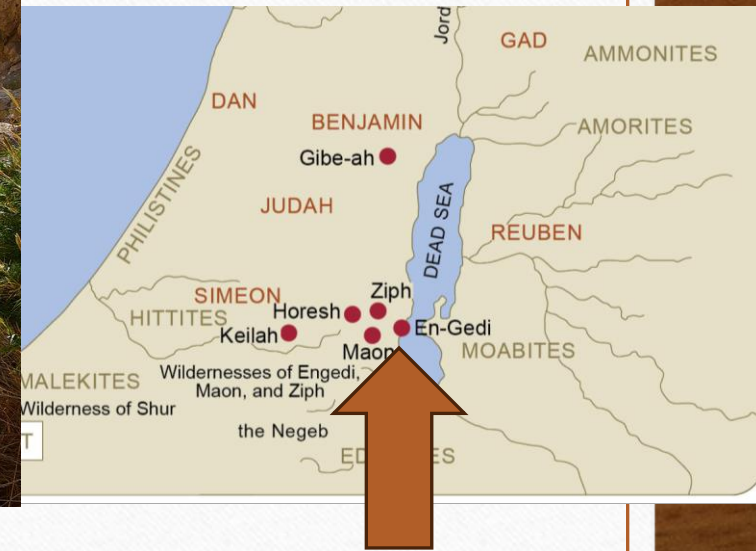
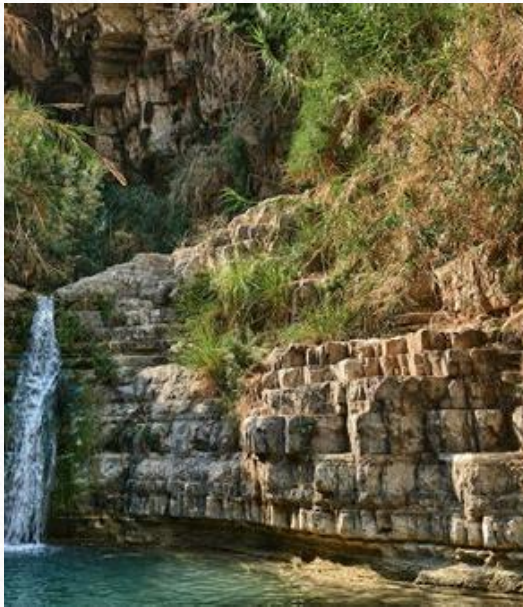
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David at En-gedi

# En-Gedi

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# David Spares Saul



- Saul (3,000 men) is chasing David (600 men).
- David refused to murder Saul and cuts off part of his robe.
- David repents of his actions and reveals them to Saul.
- Saul and David part.

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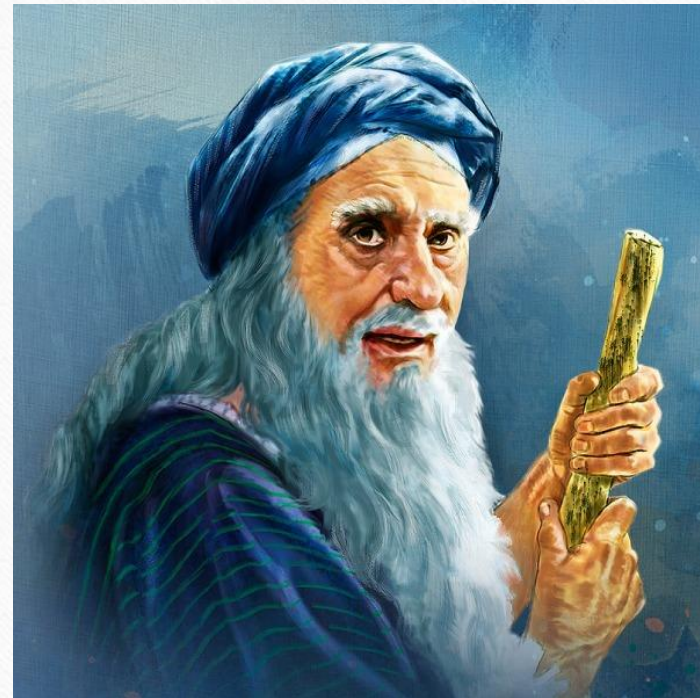
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David and Nabal

# The Death of Samuel

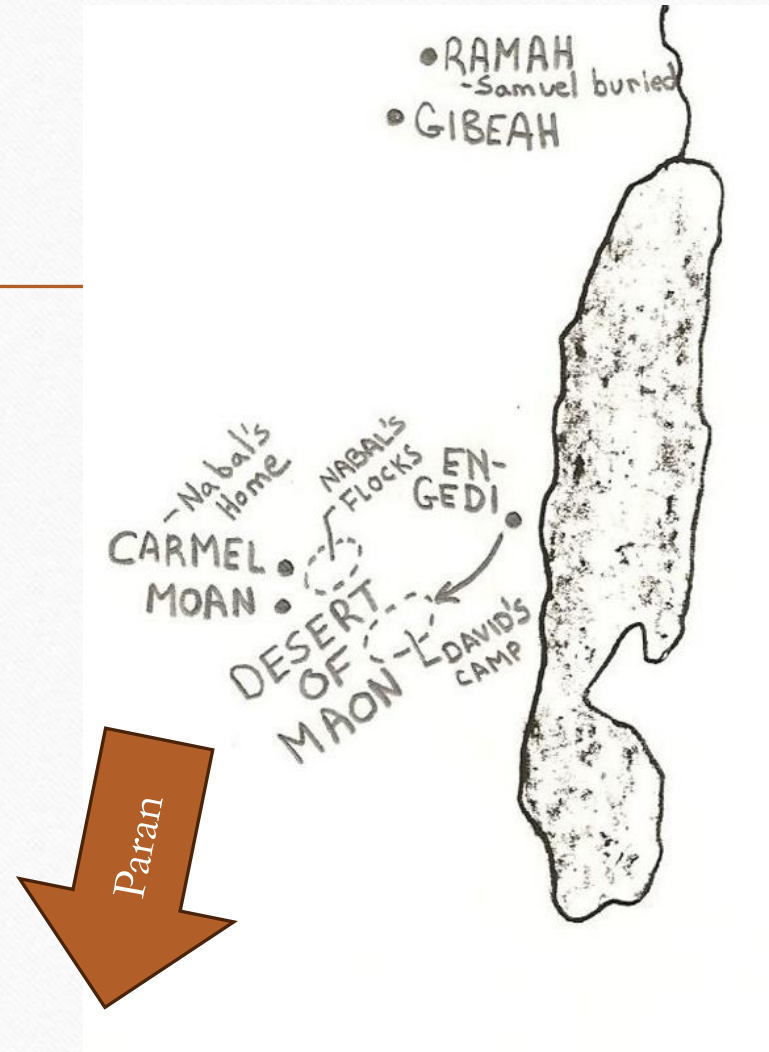
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- Lost in the background of the drama of David and Saul is the death of Samuel.
- The nation mourns him.
- David retreats further south to Paran.



# David and Nabal

- David makes a reasonable request of the wealthy Nabal.
- When rebuffed, David almost makes a tragic mistake by attacking Nabal.



# The Intervention of Abigail

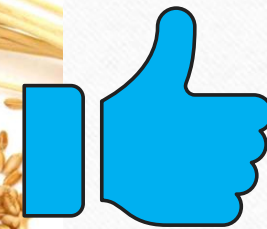
- Nabal's wife Abigail intervenes and takes supplies to David.
- David repents of his actions.
- Nabal has a stroke (?) when he finds out how close he was to disaster and dies.
- David marries Abigail.





# Concerning Corn

- What Americans call *corn* is technically *maize*.
- *Maize* was unknown in the “Old World” until Columbus.
- British and KJV English *corn* refers to grain (wheat, barley, etc.)
- An “ear of corn” is the head of a plant where its seeds are.



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David Spares Saul

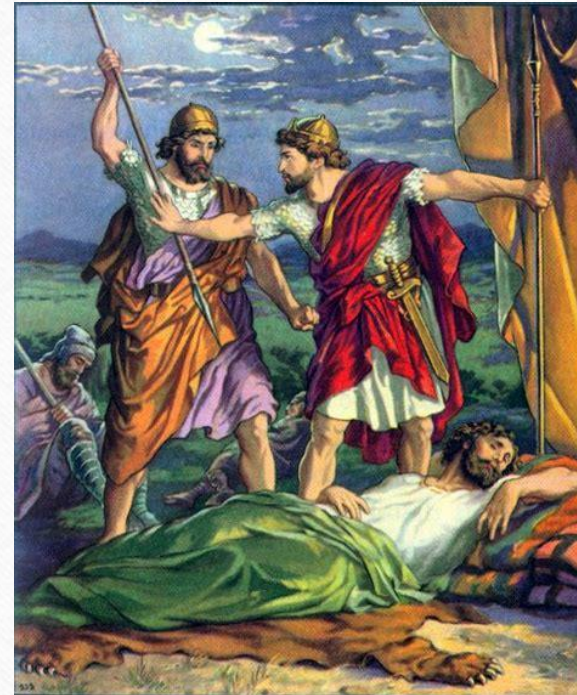
# Saul's Pursuit

- The treacherous Ziphites again tell Saul where David is.
- Saul has 3,000 men with him.
- David is camped at Hachilah.



# David Spares Saul... Again.

- Saul is sleeping in the middle of his camp near his general, Abner.
- David, Ahimelech, and Abishai sneak into the camp.
- Abishai offers to kill Saul for David.
- David takes Saul's spear and cruse.



# The Final Meeting

- David mocks Abner for not protecting Saul.
- Saul acknowledges his error in chasing David and that David will have much future success.
- David returns the cruse...



...AND THE SPEAR!!!

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Next Week...  
Saul dies and David reigns!

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