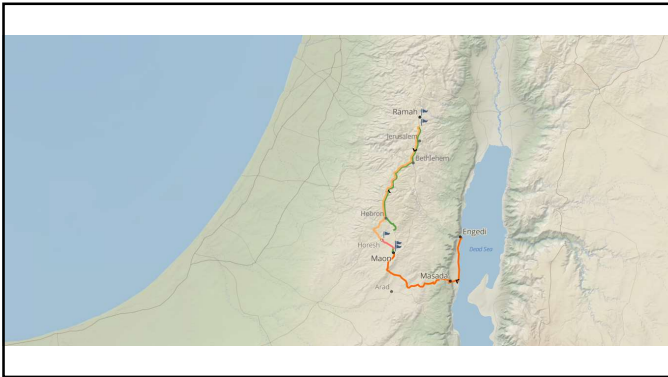


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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
- The death of Samuel 25:1
 - Usually at the death of someone of this stature in Israel there was a specific period of mourning. With Moses it was 30 days. Deuteronomy 34:8
 - Samuel's influence probably had some mitigating impact on Saul but now that was gone. The following chapters will see Saul spiral to his destruction.

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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - David's interaction with Nabal and Abigail 25:1b-42
 - David again took his small army to a setting where there would be more room to maneuver, the wilderness of Paran which is further inland from the Dead Sea than Engedi.
 - Carmel is a village in this area and not to be confused with Mount Carmel which is much further north.

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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - David's interaction with Nabal and Abigail 25:1b-42
 - Nabal
 - Very rich
 - Harsh
 - Badly behaved
 - His name means, fool.
 - Abigail
 - Discerning
 - Beautiful

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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - David's interaction with Nabal and Abigail 25:1b-42
 - David and his men had encountered Nabal's shepherds in the wilderness
 - Although David had the power to take whatever he wanted from the flocks, he led his men to leave them alone and even provided protection from the dangers and hazards of the wilderness.
 - David's assumption was that this integrity and kindness would be recognized.
 - On this basis he sent men asking that Nabal would share with them from his increase.

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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - David's interaction with Nabal and Abigail 25:1b-42
 - Nabal rebuffed these messengers
 - David reacted by taking 400 of his 600 men to wipe out Nabal's house.
 - Note the conspicuous absence of David inquiring of the Lord.
 - An alert young man related the events to Abigail who immediately sprang into action to seek to divert this disaster. (God's hand clearly at work.)

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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - David's interaction with Nabal and Abigail 25:1b-42
 - Nabal's reputation as someone who could not be reasoned with kept the young man from approaching him. This is the distinguishing mark of a fool.
 - David's stated intention to wipe out every male reveals vengeance borne of blind rage.

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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - David's interaction with Nabal and Abigail 25:1b-42
 - Abigail's encounter with David 25:23-31
 - Abigail came before David with humility and contrition.
 - She presented Nabal as a fool who should be disregarded in his folly. This is the best way to deal with a fool.
 - She invokes the name of Yahweh and indicates that Yahweh has provided the opportunity for David to avoid taking vengeance.

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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - David's interaction with Nabal and Abigail 25:1b-42
 - Abigail's encounter with David 25:23-31
 - Abigail recognized the hand of God on David.
 - She, in picturesque language, pronounces a blessing on the life of David and a curse on his enemies.
 - She reveals a familiarity with God's choice of David as the future king of Israel.
 - She helps David see that to take this action against Nabal would be a something he would not want on his conscience in the future.

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- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - David's interaction with Nabal and Abigail 25:1b-42
 - Abigail's encounter with David 25:23-31
 - Abigail makes a subtle request that David remember her when Yahweh vindicates David.

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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - David's interaction with Nabal and Abigail 25:1b-42
 - David's response to Abigail 25:32-35
 - Profusely blessed her for preventing him from taking judgment into his own hands. David accepted her tactful but candid assessment of his proposed actions.
 - *"Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God."* (James 1:19-20, ESV)
 - David sent her away in peace.

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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - David's interaction with Nabal and Abigail 25:1b-42
 - The aftermath 25:36-42
 - Abigail again shows her discernment by waiting until morning when Nabal was sober to relate to him the events of the previous day.
 - Nabal, certainly terrified by how close he and all the men of his household had come to a violent death, had what appears to be a stroke and died 10 days later.

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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

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 - David's interaction with Nabal and Abigail 25:1b-42
 - The aftermath 25:36-42
 - David responded to Nabal's death by praising God for His judgment on Nabal and again expresses gratitude that he was delivered from taking this matter into his own hands.
 - David also responded by a marriage proposal to Abigail
 - Abigail responded with humbly and immediately.

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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - David's family 25:43
 - David also took Ahinoam of Zezreel as his wife
 - Michal, the daughter of Saul who was his wife had been given to another man by Saul.
 - David would go on to have at least 7 wives and an unknown number of concubines. 1 Chronicles 3:1-9

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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - David's family 25:43
 - Observations about multiple wives
 - Multiple wives were forbidden by the Law. Deuteronomy 17:17
 - A casual look David's family sees it plagued with chaos.
 - A son raped one of his daughters
 - Another son killed that son
 - Absalom launched a military coup against his father's kingdom

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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - David's family 25:43
 - Observations about multiple wives
 - Solomon, famous for his multiplication of wives and concubines, turned away from God under the influence of his foreign wives in his later years. 1 Kings 11:1-8

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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - David's family 25:43
 - Observations about multiple wives
 - Although monogamy was the practice in Jesus' day, the Pharisees saw divorce as their ticket to have multiple wives, just not at the same time. Jesus called out their sin by going back to God's unchanging plan for marriage.
 - *"He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." (Matthew 19:4-6, ESV)*

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