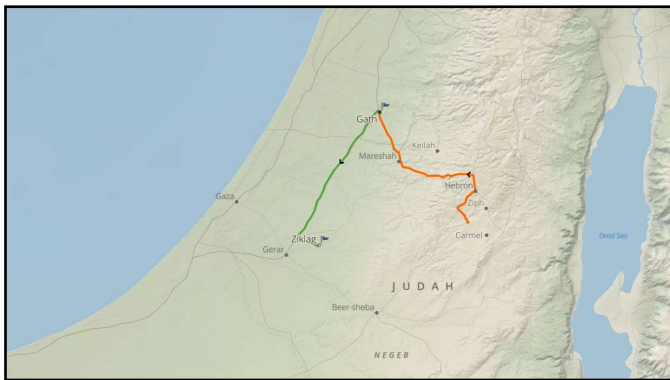


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Saul's reign as King of Israel. 12:1-31:13

- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
- Saul's last major campaign against David. 26:1-25
 - Responding to a tip by the Ziphites as to David's location, Saul again brings his standing army of 3000 against David.
 - Just as Saul had his informants to report on David, David also had his informants who reported to him concerning Saul's actions.
 - David, after confirming that Saul had launched this campaign against him, personally went to survey the situation.

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 - Saul's last major campaign against David. 26:1-25
 - David observed the army of Saul asleep with Saul and his commander Abner together in the center which would be the most secure place for the king.
 - Abishai accepted the challenge to go with David into Saul's camp.
 - Abishai offered to make a quick and decisive end to Saul.

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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
 - Saul's last major campaign against David. 26:1-25
 - David's response to Abishai's proposal:
 - Yahweh, the God of Israel, had chosen and established Saul as king.
 - Yahweh, the God of Israel, would bring Saul's time as king to an appropriate end through:
 - A direct act of God's judgment
 - Saul's natural death
 - Saul would fall in battle

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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
 - Saul's last major campaign against David. 26:1-25
 - David and Abishai took the spear and water jar by Saul's head so David again could prove to Saul that he was not a threat to him.
 - Getting in and out of this encampment without detection required and got God's intervention as He had caused a deep sleep to fall on all of them.

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- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - Saul's last major campaign against David. 26:1-25
 - From a safe distance David addressed Abner, Saul's commander, who was responsible for Saul's security.
 - David revealed the danger to the king.
 - He chided Abner for not protecting the king.
 - He proclaimed Abner worthy of death for this failure.

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- David chosen and positioned to be the next king of Israel. 16:1-30:30
 - Saul's last major campaign against David. 26:1-25
 - Saul awoke, recognized David's voice and called out to him.
 - Unlike the last encounter when only Saul was in earshot of David, now David has the platform to address Saul and the entire army.
 - David indicated that if Yahweh has sent Saul after him for some sin then he would make the appropriate atoning sacrifice to Yahweh.
 - David pronounced a curse on men who have stirred Saul up against him.

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 - Unlike the last encounter when only Saul was in earshot of David, now David has the platform to address Saul and the entire army.
 - David bemoans the separation from his people which forced him into the land of people who serve pagan idols. (This will play out in the next few chapters as David fled to the Philistines.)

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 - Saul's last major campaign against David. 26:1-25
 - Saul awoke, recognized David's voice and called out to him.
 - Saul now addressed David, significantly in the hearing of the entire army.
 - Admitted that he had sinned in pursuing David.
 - Pledged that he would no longer seek to harm David.
 - Admitted the foolishness of his actions.

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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
 - Saul's last major campaign against David. 26:1-25
 - David returned the spear and water jar.
 - David proclaimed his actions as righteous and faithful.
 - David proclaimed his trust in Yahweh to protect his life as he had protected the life of Saul.
 - David appealed to Yahweh for protection in the future.
 - Saul recognized the hand of Yahweh on David to prosper him.
 - They parted ways.

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Lessons

- Discernment considers all known factors, not only the circumstance that is in front of you.
- Be very careful to avoid the temptation to encourage another person to sin when their actions would initially benefit you.
- There will always be people who try to keep a conflict going.
- Always remember your accountability to God.

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