

1 Samuel 19

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Saul Tries to Kill David

¹ And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should kill David.

² But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David: and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself:

³ And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.

⁴ And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been to thee-ward very good:

⁵ For he did put his life in his hand, and slew the Philistine, and the LORD wrought a great salvation for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause?

⁶ And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the LORD liveth, he shall not be slain.

⁷ And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as in times past.

David's Escape

⁸ And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from him.

9 And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand.

10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.

11 Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.

12 So Michal let David down through a window: and he went, and fled, and escaped.

13 And Michal took an image, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster, and covered it with a cloth.

14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick.

15 And Saul sent the messengers again to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him.

16 And when the messengers were come in, behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for his bolster.

17 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

David Flees to Samuel

18 So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth.

19 And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah.

20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also.

22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah.

23 And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah.

24 And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

Angel — מַלְאָךְ (Mal'akh)

Angel, messenger

The Hebrew **mal'akh** (מַלְאָךְ) means angel or messenger—a heavenly being sent by God. Angels serve as God's messengers, worship Him, and minister to believers (Hebrews 1:14).

Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Prophet — נָבִיא (Navi)

Prophet, spokesman

The Hebrew **navi** (נָבִיא) means prophet—one who speaks God's word to the people. Prophets received divine revelation and declared God's message, often calling Israel to repentance and foretelling future events.

Salvation — יְשׁוּעָה (Yeshuah)

Salvation, deliverance

The Hebrew **yeshuah** (יְשׁוּעָה) means salvation or deliverance—rescue from danger or enemies. This is the root of 'Jesus' (Yeshua), meaning 'YHWH saves.'

Spirit — רוּחַ (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוּחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

CROSS REFERENCES

1 Samuel 19:1 **References David:** 1 Samuel 18:1

1 Samuel 19:2 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 17:17; Acts 9:24

1 Samuel 19:3 **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 20:9; 20:13

1 Samuel 19:4 **Good:** Psalms 35:12; Proverbs 17:13; Jeremiah 18:20. **Sin:** Genesis 42:22.

Parallel theme: 1 Samuel 20:32. **Kingdom:** 1 Samuel 22:14

1 Samuel 19:5 **Salvation:** 1 Samuel 11:13; 1 Chronicles 11:14. **Sin:** Matthew 27:4. **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 20:32; 28:21; Judges 9:17; Psalms 69:4; 119:109. **References Lord:** Acts 20:24. **Blood:** Jeremiah 26:15

1 Samuel 19:6 **References Lord:** Jeremiah 5:2

1 Samuel 19:7 **References David:** 1 Samuel 16:21; 18:10. **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 18:2; 18:13

1 Samuel 19:9 **Spirit:** 1 Samuel 16:14; 16:16

1 Samuel 19:10

References David: 1 Samuel 18:11; 20:33. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 21:30

- 1 Samuel 19:11** **Parallel theme:** Judges 16:2
- 1 Samuel 19:12** **Parallel theme:** Joshua 2:15; Psalms 34:19
- 1 Samuel 19:13** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 31:19; Judges 18:14; 18:17
- 1 Samuel 19:14** **Parallel theme:** Joshua 2:5
- 1 Samuel 19:17** **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 2:22
- 1 Samuel 19:18** **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 7:17
- 1 Samuel 19:20** **Parallel theme:** John 7:32. **Spirit:** 1 Samuel 10:10; Joel 2:28. **References**
David: 1 Samuel 19:11; 19:14
- 1 Samuel 19:23** **Spirit:** 1 Samuel 10:10; 19:20. **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 16:9
- 1 Samuel 19:24** **Parallel theme:** 2 Samuel 6:20; Isaiah 20:2; Micah 1:8
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