

# 1 Samuel 20:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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Jonathan's instructions reference 'the place where thou didst hide thyself when the business was in hand' - a familiar location from a previous crisis. The 'stone Ezel' (possibly meaning 'departure' or 'stone of parting') served as the agreed meeting point. The three-day waiting period allowed events to unfold fully. Jonathan's detailed planning shows that faith does not preclude careful preparation. The stone would witness their final farewell - landmarks often acquire significance from the events that occur there.

## Historical Context

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Landmarks like large stones served as meeting points before modern navigation. The name 'Ezel' may have commemorated earlier departure or carried significance now lost. Previous hiding locations provided tested security for dangerous meetings.

## Related Passages

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**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. What physical locations hold spiritual significance from important events in your life?
2. How does careful planning complement trust in God's protection?

## Interlinear Text

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וְשָׁלֶשֶׁת יָמִים	וְנָתַתְּ	מֵאֵד	וּבָאתָ
And when thou hast stayed three days	then thou shalt go down	quickly	and come
H8027	H3381	H3966	H935
אֶל הַמָּקוֹם אֲשֶׁר	נִסֵּיתָ	שָׁמָּה	בְּיָמֶיךָ
H413	H834	H8033	H3117
to the place	where thou didst hide	thyself when	the business
H4725	H5641	H3117	H4639
וְיָדְךָ	בְּאֶתֶר	הָאֶזֶל:	
was in hand and shalt remain	by the stone	Ezel	
H3427	H681	H68	H237

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 19:2** (Parallel theme): 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: