

# 1 Samuel 22:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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The successful arrangement for David's parents indicates divine favor extending beyond Israel's borders. The Hebrew 'matsud' (hold/stronghold) refers to David's various wilderness refuges. That Jesse and his wife 'dwelt' (yashab—settled) with the Moabite king suggests a semi-permanent arrangement during David's fugitive years. This international protection of David's parents while he led an outlaw band demonstrates God's comprehensive care. The absence of further mention of David's parents in Samuel may indicate they died in Moab. David later showed harshness toward Moab (2 Samuel 8:2), possibly connected to unknown events involving his family.

## Historical Context

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The king of Moab's acceptance of David's parents may reflect anti-Saul sentiment, as Saul had fought against Moab (1 Samuel 14:47). Ancient Near Eastern hospitality customs protected those who sought refuge, especially those with kinship ties.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## Study Questions

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1. How has God provided protection for your loved ones through unexpected sources?
2. What does this international cooperation teach about God's sovereignty over all nations?

## Interlinear Text

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וְיִבְרֹא	אֹתָם	פְּנֵי	לְרַב	מִן	יָשַׁבּוּ	וְיָמִים
<b>And he brought</b>	H854	<b>them before</b>	H6440	<b>the king</b>	H4428	<b>of Moab</b>
H5148					H4124	<b>and they dwelt</b>

  

כֹּל	יְמִים	הַיּוֹת	בְּפֶצַדָּה	בְּפֶצַדָּה
H3605	<b>with him all the while</b>	H3117	H1961	<b>that David was in the hold</b>

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 11:1** (Parallel theme): In the LORD put I my trust: how say ye to my soul, Flee as a bird to your mountain?