

# 1 Samuel 28:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their armies together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me to battle, thou and thy men.

## Analysis

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The Philistine mobilization for war against Israel creates the crisis that will expose both David's compromised position and Saul's spiritual bankruptcy. Achish's command that David join the battle ('thou shalt go out with me to battle') forces the conflict David had avoided: fighting against his own people alongside pagan enemies. The Hebrew 'yatso' (go out) in military context means active combat participation, not merely accompanying the army. David faces the consequences of his Philistine alliance.

## Historical Context

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The Philistine confederation periodically united against Israel, pooling resources from their five major cities. This campaign, which would culminate at Mount Gilboa, represented a major offensive that would reshape the political landscape of the region.

## Related Passages

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

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

## Study Questions

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1. When have compromises you made for short-term safety created impossible situations later?
2. How do you respond when conflicting loyalties finally demand a choice?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיְהִי	בַּיָּמִים	וַיִּקְבְּצוּ	הָהֵם	כָּל־שֵׁטַת יִם	
H1961		H1992			
And it came to pass in those days		gathered		that the Philistines	
	H3117	H6908		H6430	
אֶת־	בְּמַחֲנֵה הַ	לְצָבָא	לְהִלָּחֵם	בְּיִשְׂרָאֵל לֵ	וַיֹּאמֶר
H853					
their armies	for warfare	to fight	with Israel	said	And Achish
	H4264	H6635	H3898	H3478	H559
					H397
אֶל־	דָּוִד	יָדַע	יָדַע	כִּי־	אֶתִּי
H413					
unto David	Know	Know			that thou shalt go out
	H1732	H3045	H3045	H3588	H854
					H3318
בְּמַחֲנֵה הַ	אֶת־	וַאֲנִשִּׁיבִי:			
H859					
their armies					
	H4264				