

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

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

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

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Study Questions

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

וְיָמָם	בָּמָם	בָּמָם	בָּמָם	בָּמָם	בָּמָם	בָּמָם
H1961	And it came to pass in those days		H1992	gathered		that the Philistines
	H3117			H6908		H6430

את	בְּמַחְנֵן הַ	לְאַבָּא	לְהַלְּחָם	לִשְׁרָאֵל	וַיֹּאמֶר בִּשְׁרָאֵל	אֲכִישׁ
H853	their armies	for warfare	to fight	with Israel	said	And Achish
	H4264	H6635	H3898	H3478	H559	H397

אֶל	אֶל	עִזִּים	עִזִּים	אֶת	אֶת	אֶת	אֶת	אֶת
H413	unto David	Know	Know	H3588	H854	that thou shalt go out		
	H1732	H3045	H3045				H3318	

תִּאֱנָשִׁים אֶת הַמִּחְנֵה בְּמִצְרָיִם
their armies H859 H376 H4264

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