

# 1 Samuel 30:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire;

## Analysis

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David's arrival at Ziklag on 'the third day' places him away from both armies when Gilboa's battle decides Saul's fate. The discovery of Amalekite destruction creates personal crisis amid national transition. The Hebrew 'pashetu' (invaded) and 'wayyakku' (smote) describe military assault, while 'wayyisrefu-ha ba'esh' (burned it with fire) indicates total destruction. David, having avoided one disaster by being dismissed from the Philistine army, immediately faces another: his own base destroyed and families captured.

## Historical Context

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The Amalekites' raid while David was with the Philistine army shows sophisticated intelligence-gathering or opportunistic timing. The Negev settlements were vulnerable with their defenders away, making this an ideal moment for raiding.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

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

## Study Questions

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1. How do multiple crises sometimes converge in your life?
2. What does it mean that deliverance from one difficulty often leads directly to another?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיְהִי י	בָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא
H1961	were come	And it came to pass when David	H376	Ziklag	day	
	H935	H1732		H6860	H3117	
הַשְּׁלִישִׁי	וַיָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא
on the third	that the Amalekites	had invaded	H413	the south	H413	Ziklag
H7992	H6003	H6584		H5045		H6860
וַיָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא	וַיָּבֹא
and smitten	H853	Ziklag	and burned	H853	it with fire	
H5221		H6860	H8313		H784	

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Samuel 29:11** (References David): So David and his men rose up early to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

**1 Samuel 15:7** (Parallel theme): And Saul smote the Amalekites from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt.

**Joshua 11:6** (Parallel theme): And the LORD said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to morrow about this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, and burn their chariots with fire.

**1 Samuel 29:4** (Parallel theme): And the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make this fellow return, that he may go again to his place which thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he be an adversary to us: for

wherewith should he reconcile himself unto his master? should it not be with the heads of these men?

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