

# 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

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

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

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

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

**Psalm 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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H1961	were	come	And	it	came	to	pass	when	David	H376	Ziklag
	H935			H1732						H6860	day
וְ	בְּ	שְׁלֹשָׁה	וְ	הַשְׁלֹשֶׁת	וְ	אַל	פָּשָׁט	וְ	נִגְבָּה	וְ	אַל
on	H7992	the	H6003	third	that	the	Amalekites	had	invaded	H413	the
										H5045	south
										H413	Ziklag
										H6860	
בְּאָשָׁה	וְ	אַתְּ	הַ	וַיְשַׁרֵּפֵ	וְ	צַדְקָה	וְ	בְּ	זַיְלָה	וְ	אַתְּ
and	H5221	smitten	H853	Ziklag		and	burned	H853	it	H784	with
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## 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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