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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

TESTS; GUIDANCE; AUTHORITY

1 Samuel 22:1–23

1 Sam. 22:1, “David therefore departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. So when his brothers and all his father’s house heard it, they went down there to him.”



PHILISTIA

Wilderness of Judah

NEGEB

Place where chance to slay
(I Sam. 24:1-4)

Place where David has chance to slay his rival
(I Sam. 26:4-16)

Ashtod

Jericho

Gibeah of Saul

Nob

Jerusalem (Jebus)

Bethlehem

Ekron

Gath

Adullam

Tekoa

Keilah

Forest of Hereth

Hebron

Ziph

Wilderness of Ziph

En-gedi

DEAD SEA

Carmel Maon

Wilderness of Maon

Giklag

Arad

Masada

Beersheba

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1 Sam. 22:2, “And everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him. So he became captain over them. And there were about four hundred men with him.”

Psa. 119:143, “Trouble and anguish have overtaken me, yet Your commandments are my delights.”

1 Sam. 22:3, “Then David went from there to Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, ‘Please let my father and mother come here with you, till I know what God will do for me.’”

1 Sam. 22:4, “So he brought them before the king of Moab, and they dwelt with him all the time that David was in the stronghold.”

1 Sam. 22:5, “Now the prophet Gad said to David, ‘Do not stay in the stronghold; depart, and go to the land of Judah.’ So David departed and went into the forest of Hereth.”

1 Cor. 10:13, “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

**James 1:2, “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,
James 1:3, “knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.**

James 1:4, “But let endurance have its end result, that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.

James 1:5, “If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.”

1 Sam. 22:6, “When Saul heard that David and the men who were with him had been discovered—now Saul was staying in Gibeah under a tamarisk tree in Ramah, with his spear in his hand, and all his servants standing about him—

1 Sam. 22:7, “then Saul said to his servants who stood about him, ‘Hear now, you Benjamites! Will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands and captains of hundreds?’

1 Sam. 22:8, “ ‘All of you have conspired against me, and there is no one who reveals to me that my son has made a covenant with the son of Jesse; and there is not one of you who is sorry for me or reveals to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as it is this day.’ ”

1 Sam. 22:9, “Then answered Doeg the Edomite, who was set over the servants of Saul, and said, ‘I saw the son of Jesse going to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub.

1 Sam. 22:10, “ ‘And he inquired of the LORD for him, gave him provisions, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.’ ”

1 Sam. 22:11, “So the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his father’s house, the priests who were in Nob. And they all came to the king.

1 Sam. 22:12, “And Saul said, ‘Hear now, son of Ahitub!’ He answered, ‘Here I am, my lord.’ ”

1 Sam. 22:14, “So Ahimelech answered the king and said, ‘And who among all your servants is as faithful as David, who is the king’s son-in-law, who goes at your bidding, and is honorable in your house?’

1 Sam. 22:15, “ ‘Did I then begin to inquire of God for him? Far be it from me! Let not the king impute anything to his servant, or to any in the house of my father. For your servant knew nothing of all this, little or much.’”

1 Sam. 22:16, “And the king said, ‘You shall surely die, Ahimelech, you and all your father’s house!’

1 Sam. 22:17, “Then the king said to the guards who stood about him, ‘Turn and kill the priests of the LORD, because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled and did not tell it to me.’ But the servants of the king would not lift their hands to strike the priests of the LORD.’ ”

1 Sam. 22:18, “And the king said to Doeg, ‘You turn and kill the priests!’ So Doeg the Edomite turned and struck the priests, and killed on that day eighty-five men who wore a linen ephod.

1 Sam. 22:19, “Also Nob, the city of the priests, he struck with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and nursing infants, oxen and donkeys and sheep—with the edge of the sword.”