

## Walking Through the Word

### Kings and Prophets (Week 11)

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Story: **Rise and Fall of Saul, Pt 2** (E: David Plays for King Saul, David Plays for Goliath, Saul Becomes David's Enemy, p 201-208)

Location: **1 Sam 16:14-18:30**

#### Bios & definitions

**Harp vs. Lyre:** very common instrument of the day. Made of two pieces of wood attached at right angles with strings stretched to form triangle. Strings could be as simple as grasses but the best were made from animal intestines. Harps had up to 40 strings and were louder than the 3 or 4 stringed lyres. Harps are still known for their soothing ability today.

**Goliath:** A champion of the Philistine army. He stood over nine feet tall. The war with the Israelites was determined by their best soldier fighting Goliath. Challenged an Israelite to battle him and the loser's army would serve the winner's army. He issues this challenge for 40 days.

**Michal:** Saul's youngest daughter who loved David. Saul promised one daughter and had her marry another man out of his hatred for David. Michal's love for David made Saul even more angry. Saul promised Michal's hand in marriage if David could kill 100 Philistines (Saul knew David would be killed in the fight). David returned alive after killing twice as many Philistines and Saul was true to his word.

**Jonathan:** Saul's son and friend of David. Jonathan gave David his princely robe and sword and bow, all signs that he would always be David's friend.

Story: **Friends Forever** (E: Jonathan and Michal Save David's Life, Jonathan Warns David, David Flees for His Life, p 209-214)

Location: **1 Sam 19-20**

#### Bios & definitions

**Nob:** city where David sought refuge. Tabernacle was here after the Philistines stole the ark of God. Ahimalech was the High Priest.

**Ahimalech:** high priest at Nob. Likely afraid as he "trembled" when he met David likely due to him be the commander of the great Israelite army. He gave David bread to eat and the sword of Goliath to provide him food and comfort.

**Achish:** King of the Philistines. David went across enemy lines to hide from Saul. The Philistines decided they wanted to make David their prisoner and David had to flee from the Philistines (something he was not accustomed to doing).

**David's Family:** They were not safe either. They hid with David in the cave of Adullam. He took his family to Moab, the land of his Great Grandmother Ruth, and the King agreed they could stay until David knew his and their fates.

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Story: **David Becomes King** (E: Saul Dies, David Mourns for Saul and Jonathan, David Becomes King, The Lame Prince, p 220-227)

Location: **1 Sam 28-30, 2 Sam 1-9**

#### Bios & definitions

**witch of Endor:** a medium or psychic, one who had a familiar spirit, whom she could invoke when she pleased, and receive answers from him relative to the future

**Endor:** a word meaning, "the fountain of the circle," it was situated directly on the other side of the Gilboa range, opposite Tabor; so that, in this midnight adventure, Saul had to pass over the shoulder of the ridge on which the Philistines were encamped

**Ish-bosheth:** son of Saul, ruled over the northern tribes of Israel for a short time following Saul's reign, though the Israelites of the southern kingdom (Judah) recognized David as their king; Abner, the captain of Saul's army, was the brainchild behind keeping Ish-bosheth in leadership

**battle at the pool of Gibeon:** where Joab, commander of David's men, defeated Abner, Saul's captain, and his men, 12 on 12; the beginning signal of total defeat for Abner and Ish-bosheth

**Obed-edom the Gittite:** the man of the household where the ark of the covenant was left while transporting it from Kiriath-jearim to Jerusalem

**Mephibosheth:** Jonathon's only surviving child from when Saul and Jonathon were slain; David sent for Mephibosheth to take care of him and keep a promise to Jonathon's household; he lived in Lo-debar, which means "nothingness;" was included in the house of David as a "son"