

“David: A Fugitive Offering Refuge”
I Samuel 22

*Sandwich structure concludes events at Nob (21:1-9 / 22:11-23) and contrasts David (befriends the hurting) / Saul (hurts his friends).

DAVID FLEES . . . to Adullam to hide out (22:1,2)

David becomes a magnet to other distressed men. This group keeps growing (23:13). How is he an example for us?

DAVID FLEES . . . to Moab to hide out his parents (22:3,4)

David takes parents to grandmother’s homeland for safety.

DAVID FLEES . . . to Forest of Hereth to hide out (22:5)

David gains Gad’ help, 2 Sam. 24:11, I Chron. 29:29, 2 Chron. 29:25), unlike Saul who alienated Samuel.

SAUL KILLS . . . Ahimelech and all in Nob (22:6-23).

6,7 Argues why all his countrymen should support him

8 Accuses **everyone** of conspiracy against him, note his absurd claims against Jonathan and David

9-23 Attacks all the priests, families, animals (Harem-like!)

Why doesn’t Saul spare some people or even the best of the animals like he did in 15:9? Why such carnage?

Question: Who is responsible for this tragic massacre?

Doeg the Edomite, Saul, David, soldiers, God?

Note ethical dilemma for Doeg and Saul’s soldiers.

See how the earlier words to Eli shed light on this tragedy in 2:27-36. How might Prov. 16:4 and Acts 2:23 help here?

Contrast: Saul and David

How are their attitudes and actions toward God and others so different as we see them slapped side by side here? Which one is easiest to be like?