

Episode 8: The Truth Revealed



READ 1 SAMUEL 19-22

Read 1 Samuel 19-22 to learn more about David in this episode.

This episode is appropriately titled “The Truth Revealed”. Saul finds out the truth that David is the anointed one and he is not happy. To say he is not happy is an understatement. Saul is out for blood. He wants to kill David and is ready to hunt him down. I have to say this episode was well done because it covers more scripture than any other episode and pretty accurately. So, let’s dive in so you can see the verses come to life.

At the end of episode 7, Saul hauls a spear through the bedroom right at David. Luckily, he misses, but this starts a fight between the two and even Ishvi jumps in before David can escape. Read the verse below and circle the time of day that David escaped.

1 Samuel 19:10 (ESV) – *And Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he eluded Saul, so that he struck the spear into the wall, And David fled and escaped that night.*

David goes to Michal. Read the passage below and circle how he escapes from there as well.

1 Samuel 19:11-16 (ESV) – ¹¹ *Saul sent messengers to David’s house to watch him, that he might kill him in the morning. But Michal, David’s wife, told him, “If you do not escape with your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed.”* ¹² *So Michal let David down through the window, and he fled away and escaped.* ¹³ *Michal took an image and laid it on the bed and put a pillow of goats’ hair at its head and covered it with clothes.* ¹⁴ *And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, “He is sick.”* ¹⁵ *Then Saul sent he messengers to see David, saying, “Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him.”* ¹⁶ *And when the messengers came in, behold, the image was in the bed, with the pillow of goats’ hair at its head.*

What did Michal do to help David escape based on the passage above?

Michal is very torn in her allegiance. She feels like David lied to her because he did not tell her about being anointed by God. She loves him, but she also loves her father, Saul. What do you do when you have a big decision to make? How does God play into your decision-making process?

The events in the show are a little out of order compared to scripture. Note that this study guide is in order of the scripture, not necessarily the order presented in the show.

Read the scripture below and circle how Saul felt about what Michal did. Underline where David headed next.

1 Samuel 19:17-19 (ESV) – ¹⁷ Saul said to Michal, “Why have you deceived me thus and let my enemy go, so that he has escaped?” And Michal answered Saul, “He said to me, ‘Let me go. Why should I kill you?’” ¹⁸ Now David fled and escaped, and he came to Samuel at Ramah and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and lived at Naioth. ¹⁹ And it was told to Saul, “Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah,”

David heads to find Samuel and they have a good talk during their visit. David is upset and feels alone. Samuel gives him some good advice which is important for all of us to know and understand. First, he tells him, even when he is alone, he is never alone. God is always with us. Second, he says that David needs to find stillness to listen to God. Third, he says a life of service to God is not an easy life. Which of these truths speaks to you right now? Reflect below:

Fill in the blanks below. (Hint the same word is filled in for each blank)

1 Samuel 19:20 (ESV) – ²⁰ Then Saul sent messengers to take David, and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also _____. ²¹ When it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also _____. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also _____. ²² Then he himself went to Ramah and came to the great well that is in Secu. And he asked, “Where are Samuel and David?” And one said, “Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah. ²³ And he went there to Naioth in Ramah. And the Spirit of God came upon him also, and he went he _____ until he came to Naioth in Ramah. ²⁴ And he too stripped off his clothes, and he too _____ before Samuel and lay naked all that day and all that night. Thus it is said, “Is Saul also among the prophets?”

In the show Samuel was blocking the road to Nob. Scripture states this happened in Ramah. Saul sent messengers who were tormented by the Spirit of God. However, scripture states they were prophesying. Look up the definition of prophesying and write it below:

Jonathan gives Michal a note that David wanted delivered to her. It said, “Be strong and courageous”. This comes from Deuteronomy 31:6 (ESV) – Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.” - Does this verse comfort you?

Jonathan finds out that all of this is happening at the kingdom when he runs into David. David finds out Jonathan and Sara are going to have a child, and David promises something to Jonathan. Read the scripture below and consider the bold highlighted words.

1 Samuel 20:15-17 (ESV) – ¹⁵ and **do not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever**, when the Lord cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth.” ¹⁶ And Jonathan made a **covenant with the house of David**, saying, “May the Lord take vengeance on David’s enemies.” ¹⁷ And Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

1 Samuel 20:42 (ESV) – Then Jonathan said to David, “Go in peace, because we have sworn both of us in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘The **Lord shall be between me and you, and between my offspring and your offspring**, forever.’” And he rose and departed, and Jonathan went into the city.

Jonathan believes in David and wants to help him, so he tries to talk to his father. Jonathan creates a way to tell David if Saul is still mad and hunting for him. Read 1 Samuel 20:1- 42 and summarize Jonathan’s plan for communicating with David.

David heads to Nob and talks with a priest there named Ahimelech. Read 1 Samuel 21:1-9. What two things does Ahimelech give to David? Also who saw David with Ahimelech? (*Hint – look at verses 6, 7 and 9*)

David then heads to the Cave of Adullam. Circle below how many men came to David.

1 Samuel 22:1-2 (ESV) – ¹ David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his brothers and all of his father’s house heard it, they went down there to him. ² And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul, gathered to him. And he became commander over them. And there were with him about four hundred men.

Who did you notice from the show was included in the men who were loyal to David? Circle all the men you noticed on the show that joined David:

Eliab	Jesse	Uriah
Joab	Abinadab	Oaz

One of the saddest parts of the show was Saul’s horrible decision to kill all of the priests in Nob. Read the full scripture of 1 Samuel 22:6-20. From the passage below circle who helped Saul.

1 Samuel 22:9-10 (ESV) –⁹ Then answered Doeg the Edomite, who stood by the servants of Saul, “I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, ¹⁰ and he inquired of the Lord for him and gave him provisions and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine.

It wasn't the servants of Saul who would kill the priests, who did it? Circle from the passage below:

1 Samuel 22:17-18 (ESV) – ¹⁷And the king said to the guard who stood about him, “Turn and kill the priests of the Lord, because their hand also is with David, and they knew that he fled and did not disclose it to me.” But the servants of the king would not put out their hand to strike the priests of the Lord. ¹⁸ Then the king said to Doeg, “You turn and strike the priests.” And Doeg the Edomite turned and struck down the priests, and he killed on that day eighty-five persons who wore the linen ephod.

The death of Samuel was another very sad scene. Read below and fill in where Samuel was buried. Notice that this scripture is much later in 1 Samuel, it seems that the show killed off Samuel before the sequence of events in scripture.

1 Samuel 25:1 (ESV) – Now Samuel died. And all Israel assembled and mourned for him, and they buried him in his house at _____.

At the end of the show. The King of Edom meets with Saul, and we recognize him as the captor of Ishvi who broke his allegiance to his family. The House of Saul is really coming apart, and I have a feeling it is only going to be worse with the King of Edom involved.

In episode 2, it opened with a quote from **Mark 3:25 (ESV)** – *And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.* Over the course of this season, we have seen the House of Saul starting to crumble because it is divided. What specific examples of this division have you seen this season? Does this verse mean anything to you in your life right now? Is there any area of division you are experiencing?

The episode ends with David praying “Show me your purpose, show me your will for your kingdom.” As we end this season, reflect on what your purpose is, what the will of God is for your family and faith. Write a prayer asking God for guidance as you live out your purpose, direct the will of God in your family and growth in your faith.

David quotes a Psalm at the end of the show. Psalm 57:1 (ESV) – Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.

Appendix - References

This study is based on The House of David show. Quotes and material from the show are included throughout the study.

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