

Ch 20 A New and Binding Covenant
or “How Do You Spell Security?”

Ch 21 A Man Without a Country
or “I Ain’t Got Nobody!”

21:1-9 *The Lying Beggar*
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22 A Man Without a Soul

or “Is There ‘Chicken Soup for the Soul’-less?”

22:6-10 *The Plotting of a Sycophant*
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23 The Covenant Continues...

or “Who wants to play ‘Who Do You Trust?’”

23:1-14 *The Rescue of Keilah*
 David defeats the Philistines
23:25-29 *The Rock of Escape*
 The Philistines rescue David

PURPOSE CLAUSES in CH 22

(The Text is from the NASB, follows the MT better than the ESV, RSV, NIV or KJV.)

1Sa 22:8 “For [NASB] or [**“that”** ESV] all of you have conspired against me **so that #1** ***there is no one who discloses to me when my son makes a covenant with the son of Jesse***, and **#2** ***there is none of you who is sorry for me or discloses to me that “my son has stirred up my servant against me to lie in ambush”***, as *it is* this day.”

1Sa 22:13 Saul then said to him, “Why have you and the son of Jesse conspired against me, **in that #1 [result]** ***you have given him bread and a sword and have inquired of God for him***, **#2 so that [purpose]** ***he would rise up against me by lying in ambush as it is*** this day?”

These purpose statements really reveal Saul’s madness. In 22:8 Notice how he projects his delusions into the minds of his followers. Are they really thinking this? IT Doesn’t matter—he “thinks” they are. The author of 1 Samuel is giving us a great insight into the mind of a wicked tyrant. This is classic “Gaslighting” — What is that? — A leader makes everyone around him question their own motives —and they cower in fear lest he might think THEY are against him. People become “yes men” — They become enablers of evil. “Don’t cross the boss!” So how dangerous is someone like this? 22:13 tells us. Saul has found an “enemy”—an enemy created solely in his own mind.

PURPOSE CLAUSES in CH 23

Chapter 23—all of the purpose statements here are “infinitive clauses”—

1Sa 23:10 Then David said, “O LORD God of Israel, Your servant has heard for certain that Saul is seeking to come to Keilah **to destroy the city on my account**.”

1Sa 23:15 Now David became aware that Saul had come out **to seek his life while David was in the wilderness of Ziph at Horesh**.

David can honestly read Saul’s motives and react accordingly. David is operating on real knowledge, not delusions driven by fear or anger. David is sane.

Then Jonathan visits David to encourage him. By reinforcing his covenant bond of friendship, after all this is the son of his enemy. This is right in the middle of the chapter. This is a big comfort to David.

But David cannot presume, and become arrogant. He has men who depend on him. His purpose is very clear—As is Saul’s—

1Sa 23:26 Saul went on one side of the mountain, and David and his men on the other side of the mountain; and David was hurrying **to get away from Saul**, for Saul and his men were surrounding David and his men **to seize them**.