

Chapter 27 David Manages His Own Life

or “The Hebrew Shuffle” and “What’s a Nice Guy Like You Doing Here?”

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Chapter 30 David Needs To Find God

or “Who made this big mess?”

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30:7-20 David finally turns to Abiathar

30:21-31 David turns back to the land and his people

The Purpose/Result Clauses

1Sa 27:5 Then David said to Achish, “If I have found favor in your eyes, let a place be given me in one of the country towns, **that** I may dwell there. For why should your servant dwell in the royal city with you?”

1Sa 28:1 In those days the Philistines gathered their forces for war, **to** fight against Israel.

1Sa 28:7 Then Saul said to his servants, “Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, **that** I may go to her and inquire of her.”

1Sa 28:22 Now therefore, you also obey your servant. Let me set a morsel of bread before you; and eat, **that** you may have strength when you go on your way.”

1Sa 29:4 But the commanders of the Philistines were angry with him. And the commanders of the Philistines said to him, “Send the man back, **that** he may return to the place to which you have assigned him. He shall not go down with us to battle, **lest [so that he does not]** in the battle he become an adversary [*Hb. “a satan”*] to us.

1Sa 29:7 So go back now; and go peaceably, **that** you may not displease the lords of the Philistines.”

1Sa 29:8 And David said to Achish, “But what have I done? What have you found in your servant from the day I entered your service until now, **that** I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king?” **Notice how distorted David’s purpose has become, a purpose that is a result of “his best thinking.” God’s people have become David’s enemies! This is real apostasy, from which God delivers him through the commanders of the Philistines (29:4) Beware of your own heart!**