

The Book of First Samuel: Chapters 20 – 22

Sunday, December 3 & Wednesday, December 6

Chapter 20 (Sunday, December 3)

- From **1 Samuel 20: 1 – 4**, what acknowledgement did David make to Jonathan, and how did Jonathan respond?
- Characterize the conversation between David and Jonathan as recorded in **1 Samuel 20: 5 – 9**. What request did David make to Jonathan, and how did Jonathan respond?
- In **1 Samuel 20: 10 – 16**, what pledge did Jonathan make to David? What does this indicate about the friendship and trust between the two men?
- From **1 Samuel 20: 17 – 23**, what signal did Jonathan arrange to inform David of Saul's intentions toward him?
- According to **1 Samuel 20: 24 – 29**, what assumption did Saul make regarding the reason for David's absence from the first day of the feast? When David was absent on the second day, what question did Saul ask to Jonathan, and what explanation did Jonathan provide?
- In **1 Samuel 20: 30 – 34**, how did Saul respond toward Jonathan, and how did Jonathan react?
- From **1 Samuel 20: 35 – 42**, what signal did Jonathan convey to David? Describe Jonathan's statement to David as recorded in **verse 42**. What did this statement indicate about their friendship going forward?

Chapter 21 (Sunday, December 3 – Wednesday, December 6)

- In **1 Samuel 21: 1 – 3**, what question did Ahimelech ask to David? What explanation did David provide, and what did this indicate about his character? What request did David make? (*1 Samuel 20: 6*)

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- From **1 Samuel 21: 4 – 6**, what bread did Ahimelech offer to David? What conditions did the priest set, and how did David respond?
(Leviticus 24: 5 – 9; Matthew 12: 1 – 4)
- According to **1 Samuel 21: 7 – 9**, who was present to witness the discussion between David and Ahimelech? What request did David make to Ahimelech, and how did the priest respond? *(1 Samuel 22: 9 – 10)*
- From **1 Samuel 21: 10 – 15**, what did the servants of the king of Gath say regarding David, and what action did David take in response?
(1 Samuel 18: 7)

Chapter 22 (Wednesday, December 6)

- From **1 Samuel 22: 1 – 2**, where did David hide? How many people assembled there with him, and how were they described?
(Psalm 57; Psalm 142)
- In **1 Samuel 22: 3 – 5**, what request did David make to the king of Moab? Why did he bring his parents there, and what direction did the prophet Gad give to David?
- According to **1 Samuel 22: 6 – 10**, what accusation did Saul make against his servants? How did Saul's servant Doeg the Edomite respond?
(1 Samuel 21: 7; Psalm 52)
- From **1 Samuel 22: 11 – 15**, what accusation did Saul make against Ahimelech? How did Ahimelech respond to the king's accusation, and what was the basis of the information that he provided? *(1 Samuel 21: 2)*
- As recorded in **1 Samuel 22: 16 – 19**, what command did Saul give regarding Ahimelech and the priests? How did his servants respond, and who carried out the command? What action was taken against the city of Nob?
- In **1 Samuel 22: 20 – 23**, how did David respond to the news that Saul had the priests killed? What did David's response indicate about his character at that point?