

## THE CONTEST BETWEEN SAUL AND DAVID

### 1 Samuel 19 - 31

As David rose to prominence among the people, Saul became more and more afraid of him. See now what his fear caused him to do, and how David reacted to his schemes:

**A. Saul's Early Schemes Against David:** Read 1 Samuel 19:1-24

1. What did Saul try to get his son Jonathan and all his servants to do?  
1 Samuel 19:1  
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2. Why would Jonathan not do this? 1 Samuel 18:1, 3, 4, 19:2a,  
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3. What did Jonathan do instead? 1 Samuel 19:2b-7  
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4. What did Saul again try to do to David? 1 Samuel 19:8-10  
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5. How did Saul next try to kill David? 1 Samuel 19:11a  
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6. How did David escape this time? 1 Samuel 19:11b-17  
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7. What happened to the three groups of messengers Saul sent to capture David? 1 Samuel 19:20, 21  
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8. What happened to Saul when he went to capture David?  
1 Samuel 19:22-24  
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**B. Saul's Later Schemes Against David:** 1 Samuel 20-26

1. Who did not know at first that Saul still planned to kill David?  
1 Samuel 20:1, 2  
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2. Who gave David bread and a sword as he fled from Saul?  
1 Samuel 21:1, 6, 8, 9  
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3. To what two places did David flee? 1 Samuel 21:10, 22:1, 2 (locate on a map)  
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4. Who joined David at this second place? 1 Samuel 22:1, 2  
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5. To what two other places did David then go? 1 Samuel 22:3, 5  
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6. What did Saul do to the priest who had helped David?

1 Samuel 22:16-19

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7. Who helped Saul in his next attempts to kill David? 1 Samuel 23:8

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8. Why was David able to escape out of Saul's hand at Keilah?

1 Samuel 23:10-12

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9. What kept Saul from capturing David at Ziph and Maon? 1 Samuel 23:27, 28

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**C. David's Reaction to Saul's Schemes:** Read 1 Samuel 24 and 26

1. At Engedi, what temporarily stopped Saul's chase after David?

1 Samuel 24 (Read the whole chapter)

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2. What did David do at Ziph when Saul once again began to pursue him?

1 Samuel 26 (Read the whole chapter)

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3. Why would David not kill his enemy when he had opportunity?

1 Samuel 24:6, 26:9, 11, 23

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4. To whom did David leave the task of repaying his enemy?

1 Samuel 26:10

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5. Where did David live after this? 1 Samuel 27:1, 2

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6. What eventually happened to Saul? 1 Samuel 31:1-6

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7. What did David do when he heard about this? 2 Samuel 1:11, 12, 17-27

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**QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

1. How could David maintain such an attitude toward his enemy?

(See Proverbs 3:5, 6)

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2. Do I always wait for God to work out His solution to my problems, or do I sometimes take matters into my own hands? (See Romans 12:19; Psalm 27:14, 37:7) \_\_\_\_\_

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