

1 SAMUEL 27; April 11; David Lives at Gath and Ziklag

ANALYSIS:

1. Where did David seek refuge from Saul, and why did he go there?

2. Who accompanied David, and how long did he dwell in the country of the Philistines? _____

3. What city did the Philistine king give to David to dwell in? _____

4. What enemies of Israel did David and his men totally wipe out?

5. Why did Achish, the Philistine king of Gath, think the people of Israel would utterly abhor David?

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The nations David wiped out were unscrupulous enemies of Israel. The LORD had decreed their annihilation fit their evil deeds (Ex 17:8-16; Deut 25:17-19; 1 Sam 15:2-3). The Most High declared "To me belongeth vengeance, and recompense" (Deut 32:35). "Vengeance is mine; I will repay saith the Lord" (Rom 12:19b). David was God's sword to accomplish His revealed will.

David lived to please the LORD, but suffered affliction since Saul wanted him dead. There have been many of God's saints over the centuries, who have suffered persecution for their faith in Christ. Many have been martyred because they would not deny Christ as their only Savior and held the Bible as their only basis of faith. One organization which today serves and reports on persecuted believers in many countries is The Voice of the Martyrs at www.persecution.com.

Martyrs wait and cry for the LORD to avenge their blood (Rev 6:9). Let us leave all avenging, for those suffering even today, in the LORD'S hands.

HELP:

1. David escaped into the land of the Philistines. Saul would not seek for David there. (v 1).

2. 600 men, each with his household, David had his two wives (vs 2-3). A full year and four months (v7).

3. Ziklag (v 6).

4. Geshurites, Gezrites, Amalekites (v 8).

5. Because David told Achish that he had gone against the south of Judah, and the king took that to mean David had gone against Judah, rather than enemy tribes living south of Judah (vs 10-12).