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David at Adullam and Mizpah

First Samuel 22: 1-23

At this point in **David's** life there was a turning of the tide; **he** was back in the territory of **Y'hudah**. So began one of the most interesting periods in the life of this exile. **He** was a king, anointed **of YHVH**, but **he** was hiding in a cave, waiting for **God's** time until **he** should come to the throne. News of **David's** return spread around the country very rapidly and soon there were gathered to **him** a strange assortment of people. Some were in distress, some in debt and some were disconnected. **David** became their leader, training and disciplining them until **he** had formed the nucleus of the greatest army **the Israelites** had ever known. They were destined to win the greatest victories in all their history.⁹¹