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David Went to Mizpah in Mo’av
First Samuel 22: 3-5

1014 BC

Meanwhile, **David,** sensing a threat to **his** own **family**, left **Adullam** and took **them** to **Mo’av** to stay among the relatives of **his** great grandmother, **the Moabitess, Ruth** (see the commentary on **Ruth, to see link click Bd – Coda: The Genealogy of David**). **And he said to the king of Mo’av, “Would you let my father and mother come and stay with you until I learn what God will do for me**, or until the timing of **God** making **David** king became a reality. Then they would be safe to come back into the Land. Until then, **Mo’av** would be a safe place to keep them from the hand of **Sha’ul**. **Their** advanced age would have prevented **them** from moving freely from **David’s** mighty warriors.[95] **So he left them with the king of Mo’av, and they stayed with him as long as David was in the stronghold** at Masada (meaning *fortress* or *stronghold*), by the Dead Sea, about thirty-five miles southwest of **Adullam**.

But the prophet Gad (who along with Nathan would be the two prophets of **King David**) **said to David, “Do not stay in Mo’av.** It isn’t safe. **Go** instead **into the land of Y’hudah.”** Although **he** was a fugitive in **Y’hudah**, **he** must stay within the borders of **the Promised Land**. It’s that **Land**, and only that **Land**, that **he** was anointed **king**. **So David left and went to the forest of Hereth,** east of **Adullam**, in **Judah**, no doubt to be among **his** own people over whom **YHVH** had appointed **him** to reign. **David** was about 26 years old at this time.

This kind of ready obedience to **God’s** word is the mark of true and living faith. If we are to profess faith in **David’s God**, then we must be willing to obey as **David** did when the Bible speaks clearly to our lives. In the arrival of **Gad the prophet** to **his** refuge at **Adullam**, **David** saw **God’s** favor in **his** life. We likewise should treat the Word of **ADONAI** as the surest sign of **His** will for our blessing. **The Ruach ha-Kodesh** will never contradict **God’s** Word. Therefore, we prize the Scriptures and eagerly believe and obey them.[96]