

During harvest time, three of the thirty chief warriors came down to David at the cave of Adullam, while a band of Philistines was encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. ¹⁴ At that time David was in the stronghold, and the Philistine garrison was at Bethlehem.

2 SAMUEL 23:13-16



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¹⁵ David longed for water and said, "Oh, that someone would get me a drink of water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem!" ¹⁶ So the three mighty warriors broke through the Philistine lines, drew water from the well near the gate of Bethlehem and carried it back to David. But he refused to drink it; instead, he poured it out before the Lord.



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EL 23:13-1



CONTEXT OF THIS STORY

David had just become king.

• The Philistines decided to attack Israel right after David became king.

• It was demonically-motivated to remove God's anointed.







CONTEXT OF THIS STORY

The Philistines were encamped in the Valley of Rephaim just a few miles southwest of Jerusalem.

Abdullam.

It was during harvest time, so Israel would be out of their annual food supply.

David was back in the Cave of





SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS CAVE

We first encounter the CAVE 0

ADULAM in 1 Samuel 22.





Then David arose and fled that day from before Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath. ¹¹ And the servants of Achish said to him, "Is this not David the king of the land? Did they not sing of him to one another in dances, saying: 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands'?"





¹² Now David took these words to heart, and was very much afraid of Achish the king of Gath. ¹³ So he changed his behavior before them, pretended madness in their hands, scratched on the doors of the gate, and let his saliva fall down on his beard. ¹⁴ Then Achish said to his servants, "Look, you see the man is insane. Why have you brought him to me?



EL 21:10-14



WHAT IS HAPPENING TO DAVID **AND HIS KINGDOM NOW**

David just became king and he had been run out of his own capitol.

but as a king.

• The Philistines were in the heart of Israel.

David was out in the wilderness again,

His people were at risk of starving.



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SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS CAVE

Realising, however, that this was not a safe place for him, David left Gath and escaped to the Cave of Adullam. When his brothers and his father's household heard about it, they went down to him there.

All those who were in distress or in debt or discontented gathered around him, and HE BECAME THEIR COMMANDER.



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2 SAMUEL 23.1



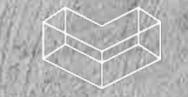
But this story is not about water.

David was not physically thirsty for a drink.



LOSTAND REASSURED PROMISES.

He's wrestling- not physically with thirst, but spiritually with the



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It's a story about

PROMESES OF GOD.

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Sometimes God will bring trusted people in our paths to demonstrate acts of loyalty and courage to remind us that



POINTS IN THIS STORY

1. Sometimes we need to be reminded of the promises of God.



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Your courage can draw people out of fear and complacency and into their destiny.

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You may not know it at that time, but you would be giving someone a drink from the wells of Bethlehem.

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POINTS IN THIS STORY

1. Sometimes we need to be reminded of the promises of God.

2. God can use us to change the atmosphere around us.



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POINTS IN THIS STORY

1. Sometimes we need to be reminded of the promises of God.

2. God can use us to change the atmosphere around us.

3. A person in love doesn't wait for an order.





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