

DAVID ESCAPES FROM SAUL (1 SAMUEL 19)

Parts: Narrator
Jonathan
Saul
David
Michal
Messengers

SCENE 1: Jonathan with David

Narrator:

Now Saul spoke to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David; but Jonathan, Saul's son, delighted much in David.

Jonathan:

"My father Saul seeks to kill you. Therefore please be on your guard until morning and stay in a secret place and hide. And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will speak with my father about you. Then what I observe, I will tell you."

SCENE 2: Jonathan seeks out Saul, standing in a field.

Jonathan:

"Let not the king sin against his servant, against David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his works have been very good toward you. For he took his life in his hands and killed the Philistine, and Yehowah brought about a great salvation for all Israel. You saw it and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause?"

Saul:

"As Yehowah lives, he shall not be killed."

SCENE 3. Jonathan finds David again, brings him to Saul.**Narrator:**

Then Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these things. So Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as in times past.

(David comes in with harp, begins to play for Saul.)

Narrator:

Now the distressing spirit from Yehowah came upon Saul as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand. And David was playing music with his hand. Then Saul sought to pin David to the wall with the spear, but he slipped away from Saul's presence; and he drove the spear into the wall. So David fled and escaped that night. Saul also sent messengers to David's house to watch him and to kill him in the morning.

SCENE 4: David's house, the palace, David's house again.**Michal (David's wife):**

"If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you will be killed."

Narrator:

So Michal let David down through a window. And he went and fled and escaped. And Michal took an image and laid it in the bed, put a cover of goats' hair for his head, and covered it with clothes.

Messengers (knock on door, Michal opens):

"Saul has sent us to bring David."

Michal:

"He is sick."

Messengers (reporting to Saul):

"My lord, David is sick in bed."

Saul:

"Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may kill him."

(Messengers return, knock on door, and barge in, as Michal tries to resist.)

Narrator:

And when the messengers had come in, there was the image in the bed, with a cover of goats' hair for his head.

SCENE 5: Saul's palace

Saul (to Michal):

"Why have you deceived me like this, and sent my enemy away, so that he has escaped?"

Michal:

"He said to me, 'Let me go! Why should I kill you?' "

Narrator:

So David fled and escaped, and went to Samuel at Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and stayed in Naioth.

(The End)