

Life of David

CHAPTER 18 – By Gary C. Meyer

SUMMARY

This chapter introduces King Saul as a new enemy for David. God gives David great success in all his battles making King Saul extremely jealous to the point of trying to kill David. The king's son, Jonathan, becomes a close friend to David which complicates the situation but provides David with information regarding his safety. Again we see God taking care of His own. Saul tries several ways to kill David:

1. Causing him to stay at Saul's palace
2. Sending him to battle the Philistines
3. Hurling a spear at him twice
4. Tries to snare him through Saul's daughter Michal.

OUTLINE

- I. David and Jonathan's Union (vs 1-5)
 - A. Soul brothers
 - B. Saul forbids David to leave
 - C. David's success in battle and promotion
 - D. Approval of David by people and Saul's servants.
- II. Saul's Jealousy of David (verses 6 – 16)
 - A. Women praise David above King Saul
 - B. Saul becomes angry and fears for his kingdom
 - C. Harmful spirit causes Saul to make attempt of David's life
 - D. God's protection of David recognized by Saul
 - E. David elevated in the eyes of all Israel and Judah.
- III. David Marries Michal (verses 17 – 30)
 - A. Saul offers eldest daughter, Merab, as a wife
 - B. David rejects the idea of being King's son-in-law
 - C. Merab given to Adriel
 - D. Saul's daughter, Michal, loved David
 - E. Saul schemes to use Michal as a snare for David
 - F. Price for a bride (100 Philistines foreskins)
 - G. David the over-achiever (Brings 200)
 - H. God continues blessing David with more victories.