

# THE FRIENDSHIP OF DAVID AND JONATHAN (SAUL'S SON)

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As we pick up the story of David today, I believe our hero is about 20 years old. He has just killed the Philistine giant Goliath, and has reaped the reward of marrying the king's daughter, Michal:

1 Samuel 18:17

***And Saul said to David, Behold my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the Lord's battles.***

Every Bible student remembers that David never married Merab for Saul gave her to another man. But all was not lost:

1 Samuel 18:20

***And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.***

Now I don't know much about Merab, but Michal drove David crazy and really turned against him on any number of occasions. So you have the savage beginning of a royal family in conflict:

- David, the hero and apparent favorite of the people
- King Saul, who lied about Merab
- The young bride Michal, Saul's daughter, who turned against David
- Some rabbis believe that Merab bore her husband five sons; and when he died, that Michal, her sister, raised them. But that is only speculation.
- Michal had a brother named Jonathan. Despite the animosity between David and Saul, Jonathan loved David and became his best friend:

1 1 Samuel 18:1-5

2 *And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul,*  
3 *that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan*  
4 *loved him as his own soul. [2] And Saul took him that day, and would*  
5 *let him go no more home to his father's house. [3] Then Jonathan and*  
6 *David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. [4] And*  
7 *Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to*  
8 *David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to*  
9 *his girdle.*

10 *[5] And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved*  
11 *himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was*  
12 *accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of*  
13 *Saul's servants.*

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15 I tell you: this has all the ingredients of a TV soap opera!

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17 I doubt that David had access to the clothing of a royal, and Jonathan,  
18 his new brother-in-law (to be), supplied his own clothes to him.

19 Remember, Saul, the king of Israel and father of Jonathan, several times  
20 tried to kill David. **He even killed some priests in his attempt:**

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22 1 Samuel 22:6-16

23 *When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with*  
24 *him, (now Saul abode in Gibeah under a tree in Ramah, having his*  
25 *spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him;) [7]*  
26 *Then Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye*  
27 *Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and*  
28 *vineyards, and make you all captains of thousands, and captains of*  
29 *hundreds; [8] That all of you have conspired against me, and there is*  
30 *none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of*  
31 *Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or sheweth unto me*  
32 *that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at*  
33 *this day?*

34 *[9] Then answered Doeg the Edomite, which was set over the servants*  
35 *of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ahimelech*  
36 *the son of Ahitub. [10] And he enquired of the Lord for him, and gave*

1 *him victuals, and gave him the sword of Goliath the Philistine. [11]*  
2 *Then the king sent to call Ahimelech the priest, the son of Ahitub, and*  
3 *all his father's house, the priests that were in Nob: and they came all of*  
4 *them to the king. [12] And Saul said, Hear now, thou son of Ahitub.*  
5 *And he answered, Here I am, my lord. [13] And Saul said unto him,*  
6 *Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that*  
7 *thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for*  
8 *him, that he should rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this day? [14]*  
9 *Then Ahimelech answered the king, and said, And who is so faithful*  
10 *among all thy servants as David, which is the king's son in law, and*  
11 *goeth at thy bidding, and is honourable in thine house? [15] Did I then*  
12 *begin to enquire of God for him? be it far from me: let not the king*  
13 *impute any thing unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father: for*  
14 *thy servant knew nothing of all this, less or more. [16] And the king said,*  
15 *Thou shalt surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father's house.*

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17 (Nob was a small village just northeast of Jerusalem and was considered  
18 a sacred place and a center for priests.)

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20 IT WAS ABOUT THIS TIME THAT DAVID AND HIS MEN HID OUT  
21 AT EIN GEDI - WEST BANK OF THE DEAD SEA. (CAVES LINE  
22 BOTH BANKS, AND THERE ARE WATERFALLS.)

## THE FINAL STRAW BETWEEN DAVID AND SAUL

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26 1 Samuel 18:6-11

27 *And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the*  
28 *slaughter of the Philistine, that the women came out of all cities of*  
29 *Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy,*  
30 *and with instruments of musick. [7] And the women answered one*  
31 *another as they played, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and*  
32 *David his ten thousands. [8] And Saul was very wroth, and the saying*  
33 *displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten*  
34 *thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can*  
35 *he have more but the kingdom? [9] And Saul eyed David from that day*  
36 *and forward. [10] And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit*

1 *from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house:*  
2 *and David played with his hand, as at other times: and there was a*  
3 *javelin in Saul's hand. [11] And Saul cast the javelin; for he said, I will*  
4 *smite David even to the wall with it. And David avoided out of his*  
5 *presence twice.*

## 7 **THE SINFULNESS AND POTENTIAL DANGERS** 8 **OF JEALOUSY**

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10 For King Saul to be jealous of David and all the trappings of the throne  
11 was ridiculous.

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13 Galatians 5:26

14 *Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying*  
15 *one another.*

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17 Don't think so lightly about jealousy. It can ruin your life – even kill you.

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19 Song of Solomon 8:6

20 *Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as a seal upon thine arm: for love is*  
21 *strong as death; jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are*  
22 *coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame.*

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24 Saul had been anointed by the prophet Samuel; his position on the throne  
25 was secure - until he started to set aside God's plans and directions for his  
26 own. Then INSECURITY set in... and strange decisions assured his fate.

## 27 28 **JONATHAN HELPED DAVID ESCAPE THE WRATH OF SAUL**

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30 1 Samuel 19:1-10

31 *And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they*  
32 *should kill David. [2] But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David:*  
33 *and Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to kill thee:*  
34 *now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself until the morning, and*  
35 *abide in a secret place, and hide thyself: [3] And I will go out and stand*

1 *beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with*  
2 *my father of thee; and what I see, that I will tell thee.*  
3 *[4] And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said*  
4 *unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David;*  
5 *because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have*  
6 *been to thee-ward very good: [5] For he did put his life in his hand, and*  
7 *slew the Philistine, and the Lord wrought a great salvation for all Israel:*  
8 *thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against*  
9 *innocent blood, to slay David without a cause? [6] And Saul hearkened*  
10 *unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul sware, As the Lord liveth, he shall*  
11 *not be slain. [7] And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him*  
12 *all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his*  
13 *presence, as in times past.*  
14 *[8] And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the*  
15 *Philistines, and slew them with a great slaughter; and they fled from*  
16 *him. [9] And the evil spirit from the Lord was upon Saul, as he sat in*  
17 *his house with his javelin in his hand: and David played with his hand.*  
18 *[10] And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin;*  
19 *but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into*  
20 *the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.*

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22 Except for the grace and help of the Lord, envy/jealousy does not get  
23 better on its own – but rather festers into something that will be terribly  
24 damaging – often forever!

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26 It must be noted on David's behalf that he tried to avoid any further  
27 conflict with King Saul; but Saul's rage by now was fueled by Satan:

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29 1 Samuel 19:9-10  
30 *And the evil spirit from the Lord was upon Saul, as he sat in his house*  
31 *with his javelin in his hand: and David played (the harp) with his hand.*  
32 *[10] And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the javelin;*  
33 *but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the javelin into*  
34 *the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night.*