

VV STUDY NOTES: 31ST AUGUST 2024

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1 Samuel 29: 1-11 (Philistines reject David) we will read this passage in full.

This short passage focuses on a theme that has repeated itself on battlefields over the centuries.

The fear or reality that there can be an army within an army, that can turn in any direction in the middle of a battle is very real.

Do you know of events in history where this happened, even in your own country?

Are there examples in Scripture of this happening?

- **Was Achish a bit gullible? What evidence is there in this whole story (including the previous chapter) that this was the case?**
- **What does the story tell us about the intelligence capabilities of the Philistine Leaders?**
- **How important was the 'lack of information' on the battlefield in the culture of the time.**
- **How well did Achish handle himself in the situation?**
- **Are you surprised that David didn't seem to 'get it' when he is asked to leave?**
- **Are you surprised by the phrase: 'as pleasing in my eyes as an angel of God'?**
- **Why the 'do nothing to displease the Philistine Rulers'?**
- **What does this passage say about the importance of Achish in the 'pecking order' of Philistine leadership?**
- **What does the passage say about David? Had he a lot of charisma?**

- ***DO YOU HAVE OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS WHOLE SOJOURN OF DAVID AMONG THE PHILISTINES?***