

Three Literary Triads in I Samuel 21-29

- 21 David flees to the Philistines and tricks them
- 22 Saul sins by slaughtering the priests
- 23 David “rescued” by the Philistines who attack Saul

- 24 David spares Saul’s life
- 25 Abigail spares David from sinning
- 26 David spares Saul’s life

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- 28 Saul sins by consulting a medium
- 29 David “rescued” by the Philistines who attack Saul

The Structure of I Samuel 23

Act One: David delivered by Divine Guidance

- vv. 1-6 Philistines beaten by David (by guidance from the Ephod)
- vv. 7-8 Saul’s pursuit of David
- vv. 9-13 Betrayers foiled (by guidance from the Ephod)

Interlude: vv. 14-18 Encouragement from Jonathan

Act Two: David delivered by Divine Providence

- vv. 19-24 Betrayers foiled (by God’s providence)
- vv. 25-26 Saul’s pursuit of David
- vv. 27-29 Philistines “rescue” David (by God’s providence)

OUTLINE OF I SAMUEL 25

Ch. 24 ~ Test One: David spares Saul’s life

25:1a ~ Samuel dies and is thus “**taken**” from David

25:1b-8 ~ David’s **request** to Nabal for supplies

25:9-12 ~ Nabal’s **negative response** to David

25:13 ~ David’s **violent response** to Nabal

25:14-31 ~ **Test Two:** Abigail the Wise intervenes as the **Christ figure** of the story

25:32-35 ~ David’s **repentant response** to Abigail

25:36-38 ~ Nabal’s **negative response** to Abigail

25:39-43 ~ David’s **request** to marry Abigail

25:44 ~ Michal is **taken** from David by Saul

Ch. 26 ~ Test Three: David spares Saul’s life