

39. David leaves Gath and come to Adullam and there 400 men join them
- i. His group of followers consisted of distressed people, people in debt and discontented people.
40. David then takes his mom and dad~~s~~ and goes over to Moab so that they will be safe.
- i. Ruth was from Moab, so he has contacts there.
41. A prophet says, "I want you to go back to Judah."
42. David goes back to the forest of Hareth.
43. David is on the run from Saul because Saul is jealous of David.
44. Somewhere along the line, Saul learns that David is to be king and Saul's desire to kill him intensifies.
- i. But the Lord protects him.
 - ii. The Messiah is going to come through David and the Lord is going to make sure that line is going to be protected.
45. In 1 Samuel 24, David comes over to Engedi.
- i. Saul finds out that he is there and takes 3,000 men to go get him.
 - ii. Saul goes into a cave to relieve himself and David and his men are in there.
 - iii. While Saul is in there, David slips up behind him and cuts off a corner of his robe.
 - a. He could have easily killed him.
 - b. But he didn't.
 - iv. So after Saul went out of the cave, David came out and called to Saul and said, "Why do you believe those who say that I am trying to kill you? I am not trying to kill you. Saul, do you see this piece of material. Do you know where that came from? I just cut it off your robe. If I wanted to kill you, you'd be dead right now. But I spared your life."
 - v. Note what Saul said to David, "You are more righteous than I. You have treated me well. But I have treated you badly. You have just now told me of the good you did to me. The Lord delivered me into your hands, but you did not kill me. When a man finds an enemy, does he let him get away unharmed? No he kills him. But you didn't kill me. May the Lord reward you well for the way you treated me. I know that you will surely be king and the kingdom of Israel will be established in your hand. Swear to me that you will not cut off my descendants or wipe out my name."