



In **1 Samuel** we read of Saul being anointed king over Israel and his loss of favor with God due to his self will and disobedience. David, the shepherd boy, is anointed by Samuel to be the new king yet waited over 20 years for this to be realized.

During these 20 years, God protected David from 21 attempts made on his life by Saul.

David eventually made his way to the cave of Adullam...

“David therefore departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. So when his brothers and all his father’s house heard it, they went down there to him. And everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him. So he became captain over them. And there were about four hundred men with him.” - 1 Samuel 22:1-2

Cave of Adullam

David and his 400 men had a cave and God on their side. Saul had national (world) acceptance, lived in luxury, many people with him, but without God on their side.

We can identify David as Jesus and his men as the true Church today who are obedient to God; who reject and prefer to be separate from religion (false and spiritually dead church). Saul and his many followers can be identified with today’s “worldly church”; having the behemoth organizations, wealth and crowds, but without the power of the Holy Spirit.

400 men chose to be with the chosen of God... separate from Saul’s Israel.

Saul’s way ended with Saul, his entire house and army being destroyed at the hands of the Philistines on Mt. Gilboa with the survivors fleeing their cities, which were then occupied by the Philistines
(1 Chronicles 10).

God killed Saul for his transgressions, for working with a witch/familiar spirit and because **“he did not inquire of the Lord”** and turned the kingdom over to David **(1 Chronicles 10: 13-14).**

Only then did Israel (what was left of it) and the elders (leaders) rally around David to accept him as their true king **(1 Chronicles 11).**

We notice from history that David and these mighty men separated themselves from Saul, his followers and kingdom. People couldn’t confuse David and his men with those of Saul’s Israel, as they didn’t collaborate or compromise with them.

One camp was obedient to God, the other was disobedient. Surely Israel, its leaders and people knew for many years that David had been anointed by Samuel to be king but instead decided to choose a different path more to their liking.

Can we see this today in the false church, run by rebellious organizations, and rebellious leaders with a following of rebellious false Christians... choosing to accept/collaborate/compromise with sin, transgressions, man-made doctrines, and **“not inquiring of the Lord”**, when the truth is easily found (and ignored) in the Bible?

False kingdoms cannot join or be part of Jesus and the true Church!

David's first act was to immediately defeat the Jebusites to make Jerusalem the new capital of Israel!

We then see great supernatural acts of valor recorded by the mighty men who had been with David in the cave of Adullam...

⁸ Josheb-Basshebeth the Tachmonite, chief among the captains. He was called Adino the Eznite, because he had killed eight hundred men at one time. ⁹ And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, one of the three mighty men with David when they defied the Philistines who were gathered there for battle, and the men of Israel had retreated. ¹⁰ He arose and attacked the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand stuck to the sword (fought an army alone with God's power). The LORD brought about a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to plunder. ¹¹ And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines had gathered together into a troop where there was a piece of ground full of lentils. So the people fled from the Philistines. ¹² But he stationed himself in the middle of the field, defended it, and killed the Philistines (fought them alone with God's power). So the LORD brought about a great victory.

¹³ Then three of the thirty chief men went down at harvest time and came to David at the cave of Adullam. And the troop of Philistines encamped in the Valley of Rephaim. ¹⁴ David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. ¹⁵ And David said with longing, "Oh, that someone would give me a drink of the water from the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate!" ¹⁶ So the three mighty men broke through the camp of the Philistines, drew water from the well of Bethlehem that was by the gate, and took it and brought it to David (3 men against the Philistine camp)... Now Abishai the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief of another three. He lifted his spear against three hundred men, killed them, and won a name among these three. ¹⁹ Was he not the most honored of three? Therefore he became their captain. However, he did not attain to the first three.

²⁰ Benaiah was the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man from Kabzeel, who had done many deeds. He had killed two lion-like heroes of Moab. He also had gone down and killed a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day. ²¹ And he killed an Egyptian, a spectacular man. The Egyptian had a spear in his hand; so he went down to him with a staff, wrested the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear.

²² These things Benaiah the son of Jehoiada did, and won a name among three mighty men."
2 Samuel 23:8-22

This cave was much more than a hiding place; it was where David and his men became intimate with the Lord. These men went into the cave in distress, in debt and discontented and came out to become known as "The Mighty Men" with God's power, while Saul, his followers and kingdom were destroyed by God.

People today must abandon false kingdoms and false leaders that are failures and doomed to destruction!

Each of us must reject false leaders and false kingdoms and deliberately walk into the spiritual cave of Adullam to join Jesus and His Mighty Warriors... to not only learn to be intimate with God but also to be blessed as true children of God, to obtain dunamis or God's power in our daily lives and to be able to defeat the enemies of God, receive the same protection from God that David received, and also to preserve our place within the true Kingdom of God... now and into eternity!

We can't accept/collaborate or compromise with what is an abomination to God!

**In life we have two choices... obedience or disobedience to God...
Let's each of us walk into the cave of Adullam and become mighty in the Lord!**