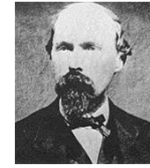


## In Search of a King 1-2 SAMUEL



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1 Samuel 22:6-23

## The Rage of Antichrist

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### 1. The Reality of Rage

- God's people endure irrational and unjust hostility by those opposed to "Christ"
- Saul's rage against David is a manifestation of the larger storyline of the Bible culminating in Jesus

*Why are the nations in an uproar  
And the peoples devising a vain thing?  
The kings of the earth take their stand  
And the rulers take counsel together  
Against the LORD and against His Anointed,  
saying,  
"Let us tear their fetters apart  
And cast away their cords from us!"*

(Psalm 2:1-3)

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### 2. The Fulfillment of God's Word

- even in opposing God's people, God's enemies fulfill His purposes!
- cf. Acts 4:23-31

<sup>27</sup> For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

<sup>28</sup> to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.

<sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence,

(Acts 4:27-29)

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- even in opposing God's people, God's enemies fulfill His purposes!
- like David, we hope in and long for God's fulfillment of ultimate justice

## Psalm 52

For the choir director. A Maskil of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul and said to him, "David has come to the house of Ahimelech."

Why do you boast in evil, O mighty man?

The lovingkindness of God *endures* all day long.

<sup>2</sup> Your tongue devises destruction,

Like a sharp razor, O worker of deceit.

<sup>3</sup> You love evil more than good,

Falsehood more than speaking what is right. (Selah).

<sup>4</sup> You love all words that devour,

O deceitful tongue.

<sup>5</sup> But God will break you down forever;

He will snatch you up and tear you away from *your* tent, And uproot you from the land of the living. Selah.

<sup>6</sup> The righteous will see and fear,

And will laugh at him, *saying*,

<sup>7</sup> "Behold, the man who would not make God his refuge,

But trusted in the abundance of his riches

*And was strong in his evil desire.*"

<sup>8</sup> But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God;

I trust in the lovingkindness of God forever and ever.

<sup>9</sup> I will give You thanks forever, because You have done *it*,

And I will wait on Your name, for *it is* good, in the presence of Your godly ones.

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### 3. The Safety in God's Anointed

- irony – the potentially most dangerous place yet ultimately the safest place in all the world is in Christ

<sup>18</sup> The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

(2 Timothy 4:18)