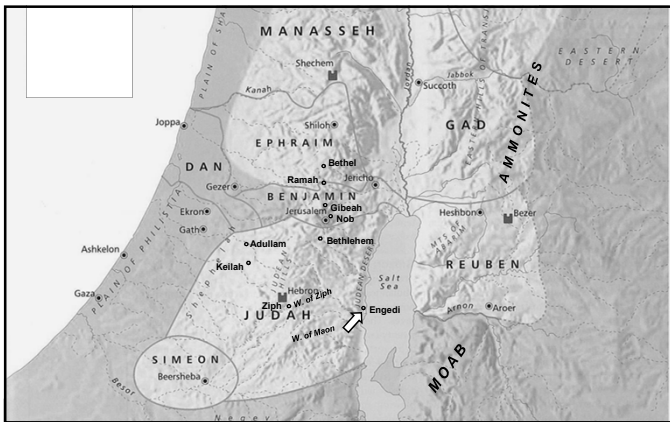
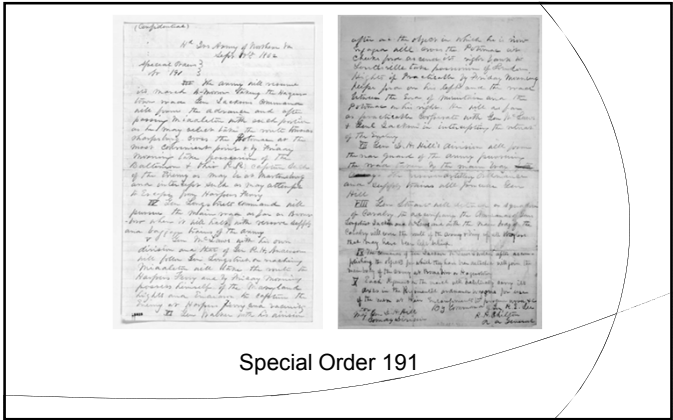


In Search of a King 1-2 SAMUEL



1 Samuel 24:1-22 An Unlikely Providence

An Unlikely Providence

- David's Refusal
 - David refused to take vengeance into his own hand without God's direct word
 - David felt guilty even of a symbolic act against Saul

An Unlikely Providence

- David's Innocence
 - David viewed God's providence as a means of proving his innocence before Saul
 - David trusted the Lord to ultimately judge and to vindicate him

An Unlikely Providence

3. David's Assurance

- Saul assured David that he would be king over Israel
- David assured Saul that he would have mercy on Saul's household

David as a Paradigm

1. Never take your own revenge

¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. ²⁰ "BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD." ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

(Romans 12:19-21)

David as a Paradigm

1. Never take your own revenge
2. Wait on the Lord to fulfill His promises

Psalm 57 (David "in the cave")

⁷ My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises!
⁸ Awake, my glory!
Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.
⁹ I will give thanks to You, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to You among the nations.
¹⁰ For Your lovingkindness is great to the heavens
And Your truth to the clouds.
¹¹ Be exalted above the heavens, O God;
Let Your glory be above all the earth.

Prefiguring Jesus

1. Like David, the Christ "must" suffer – suffering before the crown
2. Like David, Jesus did not seek His own revenge but "kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges justly"