

A wide-angle photograph of a rugged, rocky valley. The terrain is composed of large, light-colored rock formations with visible cracks and textures. A river flows through the center of the valley, winding between the rocky banks. The sky is a clear, pale blue. The overall scene is desolate and majestic.

# Who will save the day?

In 1 Samuel 13 & 14, a rescuer is needed. Who will end up saving the day? The King? His Son? Someone else?



A wide, rocky valley with a river winding through the bottom, under a clear sky. The valley is flanked by steep, rocky hillsides. The river is a thin, dark line in the distance. The sky is a pale, clear blue.

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Important Points to Ponder from these Scripture Passages



# Chapter 13 – Who will save the day?

- 13:5 Philistines assemble with 3000 chariots, six thousand charioteers, and soldiers. Israel is outnumbered and outgunned.
- 13:6-7 Men of Israel are fearful and hide among the rocks and in the caves and thickets when they see the Philistine forces. Some even cross the river in fear. The troops were quaking with fear as well.
- 13:8-14 Samuels Disobedience and Fall
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- 13:17-18 The Philistines are confident in their superior numbers and forces, so they send out 3 separate raiding parties.
- 13:19 -21 Philistines were in control. Controlled some or all of the key gates.
- 13:22 Only Saul and Jonathan had swords or spears. None of the other soldiers had these weapons.
- 13:23 The Philistines sent a detachment to Micmash (A laid up and concealed place)



# Chapter 14

- 14:1 Jonathan and his armor bearer start out towards the Philistine Outpost.
- 14:2 Saul stayed back and spent time under the pomegranate tree in Migron with 600 men and Ahijah the priest (Descendant of Eli's son Phineas)
- 14:3 Ahijah was there. He was a priest descended from Eli. He wore an ephod. Jonathan could have consulted Ahijah, but he chose not to.
- 14:4-5 Tremendous cliffs on each side of the pass that Jonathan intended to cross. Bozes and Seneh.
- 14:6-7 2 Men in agreement. "Come let us go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised fellows. Perhaps the Lord will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the Lord from saving, whether by many or by few."
  - Matthew 18:19 Again I tell you, if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.
- 14:7 Faithfulness of the Armor Bearer "Do all that you have in mind," "Go ahead, I am with you heart and soul."
- 14:8 – 10 A means of telling if God will give them into their hands. If they call them to come up, God will deliver the Philistines into their hands.
- 14:11 The men follow through with the plan. They showed themselves to the Philistines who mocked them as frightened Israelites.
- 14:12 The men of the outpost respond and Jonathan tells his armor bearer to come with him to climb the cliff.



# Chapter 14

- 14:13 Using their hands and feet, they climb. Armor-bearer right behind.
- 14:14 In their first attack, Jonathan and his armor-bearer kill 20 men.
- 14:15 Israel routes Philistines as they panic
- 14:15 God sends an Earthquake and causes them to turn on each other.
- 14:16 Saul's lookouts see the army melting away in all directions.
- 14:17 Saul Musters his forces.
- 14:18 Saul tells Ahijah to Bring the ark of God. Tumult increased in the Philistine camp as Saul talked to the Priest. Saul told him to withdraw his hand.
- 14:20 Saul and the Israelites assemble and went to battle. Philistines are in confusion striking each other. With their swords.
- 14:21 The Hebrews who had defected returned to Israel.
- 14:22 The rest of Israel heard about the victory, and they came out of hiding and
- 14:23 The Lord rescued Israel that day.





# Who will save the day?

Just like Israel of that day, we need a rescuer. Who will save us? Joe Biden? Donald Trump? Someone Else?



# Applications

- 13:5 Philistines assemble with 3000 chariots, six thousand charioteers, and soldiers. You and God are a majority. God is never concerned about numbers.
- 13:6-7 Men of Israel are fearful and hide when they see the Philistine forces. Some even cross the river in fear. People are in fear today.
- 13:8-10 Saul's disregard for God and his concern for what people thought reminds me of our leaders today. Very few have a regard for God. Many give lipservice to God. Where is the leader that will lead us in repentance. We need a leader that will lead us back to God.
- 13:11 Saul acted on what He saw, not on his faith. He feared losing his men. Didn't follow God's will. When we go on what we see, we are afraid.
- 13:13-14 Saul disobeyed God and lost God's favor. A man after God's own heart came in David. Imagine what a someone after God's own heart will do when the Lord establishes him or her over us.
- 13:17-22 Philistines had a superior military force. Israel was subject to them in many ways. Philistines did not allow the Israelites to forge iron weapons. They controlled that industry. Israelites were unarmed except for Saul and Jonathan. The Philistines held Israel in financial bondage as well. Deep State – Seven Mountains, Gun control. Debt Slavery, bondage.
- 13:23 Micmash – laid up (Concealed) Place



# Chapter 14

- 14:2 Saul stayed back and spent time under the pomegranate tree in Migron with 600 men and Ahijah the priest (Descendant of Eli's son Phineas) The leadership that we are seeing today
- 14:3 Ahijah – Descendant of Eli, wore an Ephod. Religious System
- 14:4-5 Tremendous cliffs on each side of a pass. Bozes and Seneh. The obstacles seem huge! In the valley. A low place. There is a determination to move up higher.
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- 14:7 Faithfulness of the Armor Bearer "Do all that you have in mind," "Go ahead, I am with you heart and soul." Having someone who has your back.
- 14:8 – 10 A means of telling if God will give them into their hands. God's promises are sure. What does his word tell us that He will do for us? What are we being asked to do in faith?
- 14:11 The men follow through with the plan. We are advised to take steps toward the vision that God has for us. What image does he place in our minds. What outpost does he want us to conquer? Take steps toward that destination today.
- 14:12 The men of the outpost respond and Jonathan tells his armor bearer to come with him to climb the cliff. Come up Higher! Its like the foes of our lives taunt us and call out to us. We can conquer them.  
**Romans 8:37 "More than Conquerors"**



# Applications

- 14:13 Using their hands and feet, they climb. Armor-bearer right behind. Climbing with an image in mind of what you know will happen. Great expectations!
- 14:14 In their first attack, Jonathan and his armor-bearer kill 20 men. Accomplishing more than we could ask or think. Ephesians 3:20
- 14:15 Israel routes Philistines as they panic
- 14:15 God sends an Earthquake and causes them to turn on each other.
- 14:16 Saul's lookouts see the army melting away in all directions.
- 14:20 Saul and the Israelites assemble and went to battle. Philistines are in confusion striking each other. With their swords. God works in the midst of the enemy and turns them against each other.
- 14:21 The Hebrews who had defected returned to Israel. Many will be awakened to faithlessness and sin and will return
- 14:22 The rest of Israel heard about the victory and they came out. People will come out of hiding.
- 14:23 The Lord rescued Israel that day. The Lord will rescue us in our day.
- Tam's Dream