

**~DOEG (121)**

**(Do'eg) [possibly, Anxious, In Fright]**

- **An Edomite serving as King Saul's principal shepherd, a responsible position of oversight.**
- **Now one of Saul's servants was there on that day, detained before Yehowah, and his name was **Doeg** the Edomite, the principal one of the shepherds that belonged to Saul. (1 Samuel 21:7)**
- **At this **Doeg** the Edomite, being stationed as he was over the servants of Saul, answered and said; I saw the son of Jesse come to Nob to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. (1 Samuel 22:9)**
- ****Doeg** evidently was a proselyte. Because of being detained before Yehowah at Nob, possibly on account of a vow, some uncleanness, or suspected leprosy, **Doeg** witnessed High Priest Ahimelech's providing David with showbread and the sword of Goliath.**
- **Later, when Saul, in addressing his servants, voiced the opinion that they were conspiring against him, **Doeg** revealed what he had seen at Nob. After summoning the High Priest as well as the other priests of Nob and then questioning Ahimelech, Saul ordered the runners to put the priests to death.**
- **When these refused, **Doeg**, at Saul's command, unhesitatingly killed a total of 85 priests. After this wicked act, **Doeg** devoted Nob to destruction, slaughtering all of its inhabitants, young and old, as well as the livestock.**
- **And Saul got to hear that David and the men that were with him had been discovered, while Saul was sitting in Gibeah under the tamarisk tree on the high place with his spear in his hand and all his servants stationed about him. (1 Samuel 22:6)**
- **Then Saul said to his servants stationed about him; Listen, please, you Benjaminites. Will the son of Jesse also give to all of you fields and vineyards? Will he appoint all of you chiefs of thousands and chiefs of hundreds? (1 Samuel 22:7)**
- **For you have conspired, all of you, against me, and there is no**

one disclosing it to my ear when my own son concludes a covenant with the son of Jesse, and there is no one of you having sympathy for me and disclosing to my ear that my own son has raised up my own servant against me as a liar in ambush the way it is this day. (1 Samuel 22:8)

- At this **Doeg** the Edomite, being stationed as he was over the servants of Saul, answered and said; I saw the son of Jesse come to Nob to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. (1 Samuel 22:9)
- And he proceeded to inquire of Yehowah for him, and provisions he gave him, and the sword of Goliath the Philistine he gave him. (1 Samuel 22:10)
- At once the king sent to call Ahimelech the son of Ahitub the priest and all the house of his father, the priests that were in Nob. So all of them came to the king. (1 Samuel 22:11)
- Saul now said; Listen, please, you son of Ahitub! to which he said; Here I am, my lord. (1 Samuel 22:12)
- And Saul went on to say to him; Why have you men conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, by your giving him bread and a sword, and there being an inquiry of God for him, to rise up against me as a liar in ambush the way it is this day? (1 Samuel 22:13)
- At this Ahimelech answered the king and said; And who among all your servants is like David, faithful, and the son-in-law of the king and a chief over your bodyguard and honored in your house? (1 Samuel 22:14)
- Is it today that I have started to inquire of God for him? It is unthinkable on my part! Do not let the king lay anything against his servant and against the entire house of my father, for in all this your servant did not know a thing small or great. (1 Samuel 22:15)
- But the king said; You will positively die, Ahimelech, you with all the house of your father. (1 Samuel 22:16)
- With that the king said to the runners stationed about him; Turn and put to death the priests of Yehowah, because their hand also is with David and because they knew that he was a runaway and

they did not disclose it to my ear! And the servants of the king did not want to thrust out their hand to assault the priests of Yehowah. (**1 Samuel 22:17**)

- Finally the king said to **Doeg**; You turn and assault the priests! Immediately **Doeg** the Edomite turned and himself assaulted the priests and put to death on that day eighty-five men bearing an ephod of linen. (**1 Samuel 22:18**)
- Even Nob the city of the priests he struck with the edge of the sword, man as well as woman, child as well as suckling and bull and ass and sheep with the edge of the sword. (**1 Samuel 22:19**)
- However, one son of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, whose name was Abiathar, made his escape and went running away to follow David. (**1 Samuel 22:20**)
- As indicated by the superscription of (**Psalms Chapter 52**), David wrote concerning **Doeg**;
  - Adversities your tongue schemes up, sharpened like a razor, working deceitfully. (**Psalms 52:2**)
  - You have loved what is bad more than what is good, falsehood more than speaking righteousness. (**Psalms 52:3**)
  - You have loved all devouring words, o you deceitful tongue. (**Psalms 52:4**)