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- **He advised David, when he was dwelling in the inaccessible place in the cave of Adullam as a fugitive from Saul, to return to Judah.**
- **So David proceeded to go from there and escape to the cave of Adullam, and his brothers and the entire house of his father got to hear of it and made their way down there to him. (1 Samuel 22:1)**
- **And all men in distress and all men who had a creditor and all men bitter in soul began to collect together to him, and he came to be a chief over them, and there came to be with him about four hundred men. (1 Samuel 22:2)**
- **Later David went from there to Mizpeh in Moab and said to the king of Moab; Let my father and my mother, please, dwell with you people until I know what God will do to me. (1 Samuel 22:3)**
- **Accordingly he settled them before the king of Moab, and they continued dwelling with him all the days that David happened to be in the inaccessible place. (1 Samuel 22:4)**
- **In time Gad the prophet said to David; You must not keep dwelling in the inaccessible place. Go away, and you must come yourself into the land of Judah. Hence David went away and came into the forest of Hereth. (1 Samuel 22:5)**
- **When David presumptuously took a census toward the latter part of his reign, Yehowah by means of Gad gave David three alternative punishments. Gad later advised David to build an altar for Yehowah on the threshing floor of Araunah, Ornan.**
- **And David's heart began to beat him after he had so numbered the people. Consequently David said to Yehowah; I have sinned very much in what I have done. And now, Yehowah, let your servants error pass by, please, for I have acted very foolishly. (2 Samuel 24:10)**

- When David proceeded to rise up in the morning, Yehowah's word itself came to **Gad** the prophet, David's visionary, saying; (2 Samuel 24:11)
- Go, and you must say to David; This is what Yehowah has said; Three things I am laying upon you. Choose for yourself one of them that I may do it to you. (2 Samuel 24:12)
- Accordingly **Gad** came in to David and told him and said to him; Should there come to you seven years of famine in your land, or three months of your fleeing before your adversaries, with them pursuing you, or the occurring of three days of pestilence in your land? Now know and see what I shall reply to the One sending me. (2 Samuel 24:13)
- So David said to **Gad**; It is very distressing to me. Let us fall, please, into the hand of Yehowah, for many are his mercies, but into the hand of man do not let me fall. (2 Samuel 24:14)
- Then Yehowah gave a pestilence in Israel from the morning until the time appointed, so that out of the people from Dan to Beer-sheba seventy thousand persons died. (2 Samuel 24:15)
- And the angel kept his hand thrust out toward Jerusalem to bring it to ruin, and Yehowah began to feel regret over the calamity, and so he said to the angel that was bringing ruin among the people; It is enough! Now let your hand drop. And Yehowah's angel himself happened to be close by the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. (2 Samuel 24:16)
- And David proceeded to say to Yehowah, when he saw the angel that was striking the people down, yes, he proceeded to say; Here it is I that have sinned and it is I that have done wrong, but these sheep, what have they done? Let your hand, please, come upon me and upon the house of my father. (2 Samuel 24:17)
- Later **Gad** came in to David on that day and said to him; Go up, set up for Yehowah an altar on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite. (2 Samuel 24:18)
- And David began to go up in accord with the word of **Gad**, according to what Yehowah had commanded. (2 Samuel 24:19)

- And Yehowah proceeded to speak to **Gad**, David's visionary, saying; (**1 Chronicles 21:9**)
- Go, and you must speak to David, saying; This is what Yehowah has said; There are three things that I am directing against you. Choose for yourself one of them, that I may do it to you. (**1 Chronicles 21:10**)
- Accordingly **Gad** went in to David and said to him; This is what Yehowah has said; Take your pick. (**1 Chronicles 21:11**)
- Whether for three years there is to be a famine, or for three months there is to be a sweeping away from before your adversaries and for the sword of your enemies to overtake you, or for three days there is to be the sword of Yehowah, even pestilence, in the land, with Yehowah's angel bringing ruin in all the territory of Israel. And now see what I should reply to the One sending me. (**1 Chronicles 21:12**)
- So David said to **Gad**; It is very distressing to me. Please, let me fall into the hand of Yehowah, for very many are his mercies, but into the hand of man do not let me fall. (**1 Chronicles 21:13**)
- Then Yehowah gave a pestilence in Israel, so that out of Israel seventy thousand persons fell. (**1 Chronicles 21:14**)
- Moreover, the true God sent an angel to Jerusalem to bring ruin to it, and as soon as he began bringing the ruin, Yehowah saw it and began to feel regret over the calamity, and so he said to the angel that was bringing the ruin; It is enough! Now let your hand drop. And Yehowah's angel was standing close by the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. (**1 Chronicles 21:15**)
- When David raised his eyes, he got to see Yehowah's angel standing between the earth and the heavens with his drawn sword in his hand extended toward Jerusalem, and David and the older men, covered with sackcloth, at once fell down upon their faces. (**1 Chronicles 21:16**)
- And David proceeded to say to the true God; Was it not I that said to make a numbering of the people, and is it not I that have sinned and have unquestionably done bad? As for these sheep, what have they done? O Yehowah my God, let your hand, please, come to be upon me and my father's house, but not upon your

people, for a scourge. (1 Chronicles 21:17)

- And Yehowah's angel, for his part, said to **Gad** to say to David that David should go up to erect an altar to Yehowah on the threshing floor of Ornan the Jebusite. (1 Chronicles 21:18)
- Accordingly David went up at the word of **Gad** that he had spoken in the name of Yehowah. (1 Chronicles 21:19)
- **Gad** was partially responsible for the organization of the musicians for the sanctuary.
- Meantime, he had the Levites stationed at the house of Yehowah, with cymbals, with stringed instruments and with harps, by the commandment of David and of **Gad** the king's visionary and of Nathan the prophet, for it was by the hand of Yehowah that the commandment was by means of his prophets. (2 Chronicles 29:25)
- Nathan and **Gad** are generally credited with completing First Samuel and writing all of Second Samuel.
- As for the affairs of David the king, the first ones and the last, there they are written among the words of Samuel the seer and among the words of Nathan the prophet and among the words of **Gad** the visionary. (1 Chronicles 29:29)