

~MAOCH (35)
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- **Father of Achish, king of the Philistine city of Gath, with whom David and his 600 men found refuge from Saul.**
- **However, David said in his heart; Now I shall be swept away one day by Saul's hand. There is nothing better for me than that I should escape without fail to the land of the Philistines, and Saul must despair of me in looking for me any longer in all the territory of Israel, and I shall certainly escape from his hand. (1 Samuel 27:1)**
- **So David rose up and he and six hundred men that were with him passed over to Achish the son of Maach, the king of Gath. (1 Samuel 27:2)**
- **And David continued to dwell with Achish in Gath, he and his men, each one with his household, David and his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail, Nabal's wife, the Carmelitess. (1 Samuel 27:3)**
- **He may be the same person as the Maacah of;**
- **And it came about at the end of three years that two slaves of Shimei went running away to Achish the son of Maacah the king of Gath, and people came telling Shimei, saying; Look! Your slaves are at Gath. (1 Kings 2:39)**
- **Though such identification is not positive. The name Maacah is quite similar to Maach, and it is possible that Achish, who was ruling when David was outlawed, was still the Philistine king of Gath at the commencement of Solomon's rule.**