

# CHASING AFTER GOD

A silhouette of a warrior with a feathered headdress, holding a long spear and a shield, stands on a dark, uneven ground. A smaller silhouette of a person, possibly a child or a smaller warrior, stands to the left, holding a small object. The background is a bright, hazy, golden-yellow sky.

Message #6: **The Cave Experience**  
(1 Samuel 22:1-5)

## 1 SAMUEL 22

1 David therefore departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him.

## 1 SAMUEL 22

2 And everyone who was in distress, everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him. So he became captain over them. And there were about four hundred men with him.

## 1 SAMUEL 22

- 3 Then David went from there to Mizpah of Moab; and he said to the king of Moab, "Please let my father and mother come here with you, till I know what God will do for me."
- 4 So he brought them before the king of Moab, and they dwelt with him all the time that David was in the stronghold.

## 1 SAMUEL 22

5 Now the prophet Gad said to David, "Do not stay in the stronghold; depart, and go to the land of Judah." So David departed and went into the forest of Hereth.

(NKJV)

## **Jesus, Matthew 5:10-12**

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.

## **Jesus, Matthew 5:10-12**

12 "Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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# The Cave Experience



**1 Samuel 22:1-5**





- **King Saul is completely deranged.**
- **Slaughter of 85 Priests and a village.**
- **Doeg, heartless killer**

**The blood of the innocent cries out to the LORD!\_**



## *Cave of Adullam*





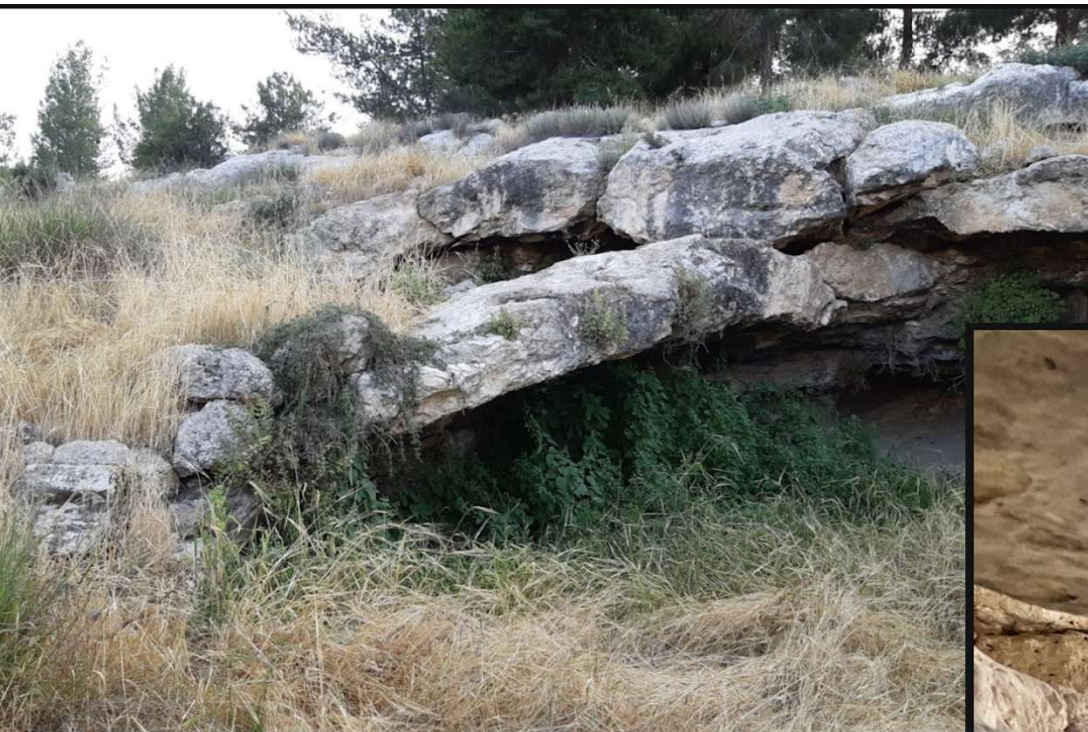
















## *2 Perspectives*

The Darkside of the Cave

The Blessing of the Cave