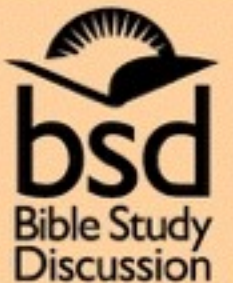


# WELCOME TO BIBLE STUDY DISCUSSION



2015-2016

Lesson 10: David's Wilderness Years



JESUS WALKED THIS LONESOME VALLEY

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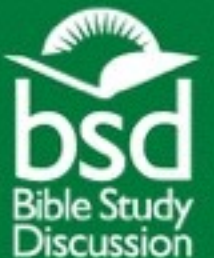
# MEMORY VERSE

**Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.**

**Psalms 27:14**



*Journey*  
to the *Cross*



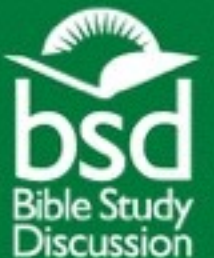


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# THE WILDERNESS



THE JUDEAN DESERT

- **Biblical Meaning of Wilderness**
- **David in the Wilderness**
- **Jesus in the Wilderness**
- **Jonathan and Jesus**

# THE WILDERNESS

**The most common Hebrew word in the Bible used for “wilderness” or “desert” is *midbar*.**

**In the OT, this means:**

- **that which is desolate and deserted, and**
- **that which is beyond the limits of settlement and government control**

**Harper's Bible Dictionary**



# THE WILDERNESS



**The Sinai Desert**



# THE WILDERNESS

**How often they rebelled against him  
in the wilderness and grieved him in  
the desert! They tested God again  
and again, and provoked the Holy  
One of Israel.**

**Psalms 78: 40-41**



# TRANSFORMATION

**Transformation in the desert and the transformation of the desert are symbols of God's future renewal and deliverance of His people.**

**“The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.” Isaiah 35:2**



# TRANSFORMATION

**In the NT, the symbolism of the wilderness journey is applied to Jesus in the temptation event, and also to the Church.**

# REVELATION

**In the OT, wilderness is associated with God's revelation of his nature and purposes:**

- **the Burning Bush**
- **the pillar of fire and cloud**
- **manna**
- **Ten Commandments**





# REVELATION

**In the NT the wilderness is the setting for revelation of the nature and purpose of Jesus Christ:**

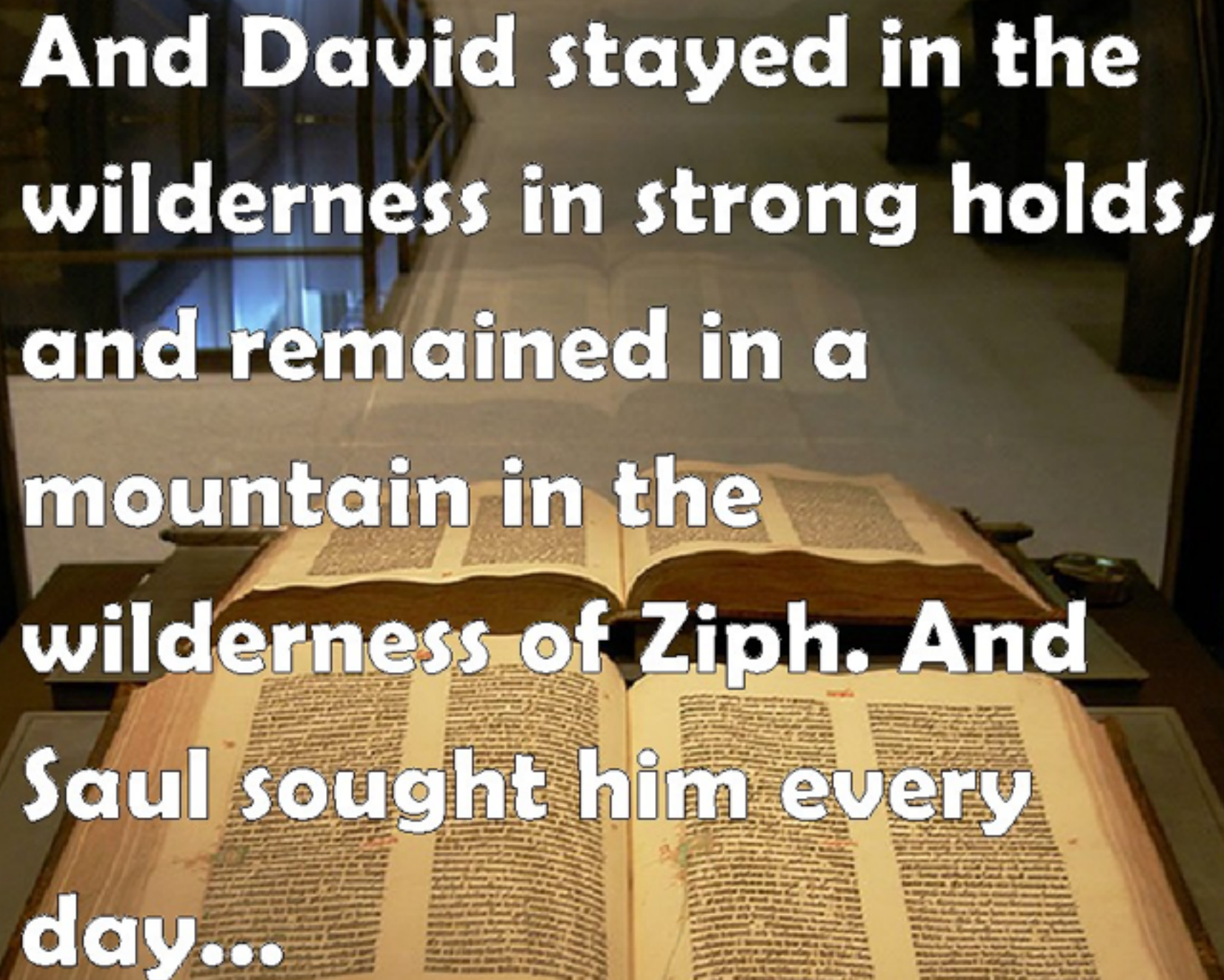
- **Baptism**
- **Temptation in the Desert**
- **Transfiguration**



TESTING,  
PROVIDENCE AND  
JUDGMENT



# CONFLICT AND VICTORY

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**And David stayed in the  
wilderness in strong holds,  
and remained in a  
mountain in the  
wilderness of Ziph. And  
Saul sought him every  
day...**

**—1 Samuel 23:14**



# David in the Wilderness

**Escape beyond King Saul's reach**

**Transformational Journey**

**Revelation of David's Character and God's purpose**

**Testing, Providence and Judgment**

**Conflict and Victory**

# David in the Wilderness

## **Similarity to the Exodus**

- wanderings forced by a King**
- suffers hunger but without complaint and is fed the “Bread of the Presence (Sam.21:3-6) corresponding to the heavenly Manna**
- attacked by enemies in the wilderness**



# David in the Wilderness

**Spiritual as well as physical trial**

**—tempted to imitate Saul's arrogance and cruelty**

**—tempted to seize the throne instead of awaiting the Lord's deliverance**

**—refuses to seize what can only be received as a gift**



**DAVID**



**JESUS**





# **JESUS' TEMPTATION IN THE WILDERNESS**

**Lasts for 40 days, the Israelites wandered for 40 years**

**Jesus answers first temptation with quotation from Deut. 1-6  
“Man shall not live by bread alone”**

**Jesus answers second temptation by affirming “You shall  
worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.  
Deut. 6: 10-15**

**Jesus answers third temptation with Deut. 6:16 “You shall not  
tempt the Lord your God.”**

**—From Luke 4: 1-13**

# **Parallels between Jonathan and Jesus**

**He laid down his rights—1 Sam 18: 1-4/ 2 Cor. 8:9**

**He laid down his life—1 Sam 20:30-33/John 15:13**

**He interceded—1 Sam 19:1-6/ Rom. 8:33-34**

**He encouraged—1 Sam 23:15-18/ John 14:26**



# IN THE PRESENCE OF MY ENEMY



VALOR  
STUDIOS



# APPLYING THE LESSON IN YOUR LIFE

Who has been the Jonathan in your life?

Who needs you to be the Jonathan  
in his/her life?

