

## 1 Samuel 14.1-15: scenes and key words

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### THE INVITATION (14.1)

One day Jonathan son of Saul said to the young man who carried his **armor** [Hebrew, *keli*, throughout this section], "**Come**, let us go over to the Philistine **garrison** [Hebrew, *matstsab*, throughout this section] on the other side." But he did not tell his father.

### ASIDE ABOUT SAUL (14.2-3)

Saul was staying in the outskirts of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree that is at Migron; the troops that were with him were about six hundred men, along with Ahijah son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, son of Phinehas son of Eli, the priest of YHWH in Shiloh, carrying an ephod. Now the people did not know that Jonathan had gone.

### THE PLAN (14.4-10)

In the pass, by which Jonathan tried to go over to the Philistine **garrison**, there was a rocky **crag** [Hebrew, *se/a`* throughout this section] on one side and a rocky **crag** on the other; the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. One **crag** rose on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba. Jonathan said to the young man who carried his **armor**, "**Come** [Hebrew, *ns'*, throughout this section], let us go over to the **garrison** of these uncircumcised; it may be that YHWH will act for us; for nothing can hinder YHWH from saving by many or by few." His **armor**-bearer said to him, "Do all that your mind inclines to. I am with you; as your mind is, so is mine." Then Jonathan said, "Now we will cross over to those men and will show ourselves to them. If they say to us, 'Wait until we **come** to you,' then we will stand still in our place, and we will not go up to them. But if they say, '**Come** up to us,' then we will go up; for YHWH has given them into our hand. That will be the sign for us."

### THE OUTCOME (14.11-15)

So both of them showed themselves to the **garrison** of the Philistines; and the Philistines said, "Look, Hebrews are coming out of the holes where they have hidden themselves." The men of the **garrison** hailed Jonathan and his **armor**-bearer, saying, "**Come** up to us, and we will show you something." Jonathan said to his **armor**-bearer, "**Come** up after me; for YHWH has given them into the hand of Israel." Then Jonathan climbed up on his hands and feet, with his **armor**-bearer following after him. The Philistines fell before Jonathan, and his **armor**-bearer, **coming** after him, killed them. In that first slaughter Jonathan and his **armor**-bearer killed about twenty men within an area about half a furrow long in an acre of land. There was a panic in the camp, in the field, and among all the people; the **garrison** and even the raiders trembled; the earth quaked; and it became a very great panic.