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Lesson 6

1 Samuel Chapters 16-18

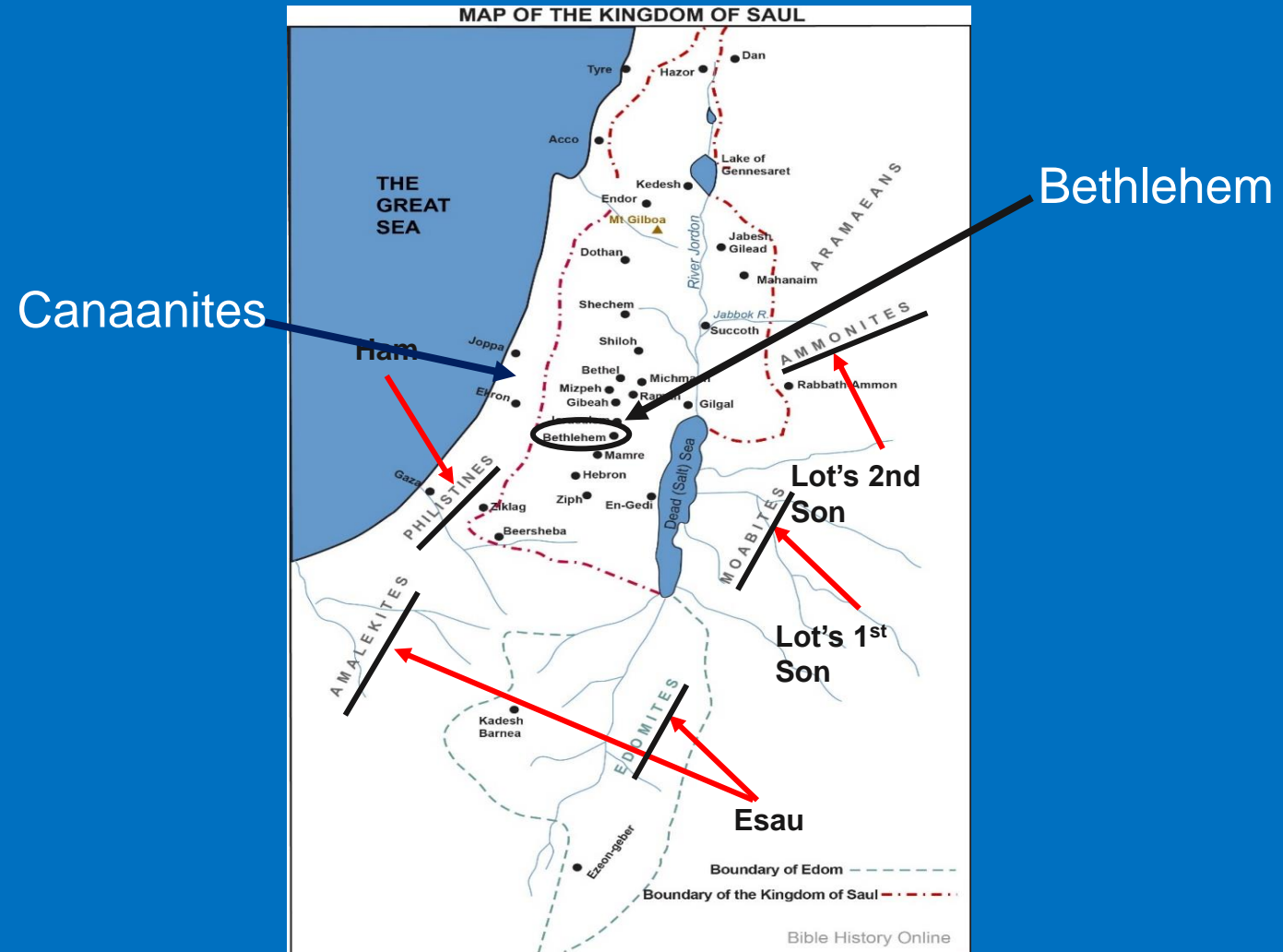
David Replaces King Saul

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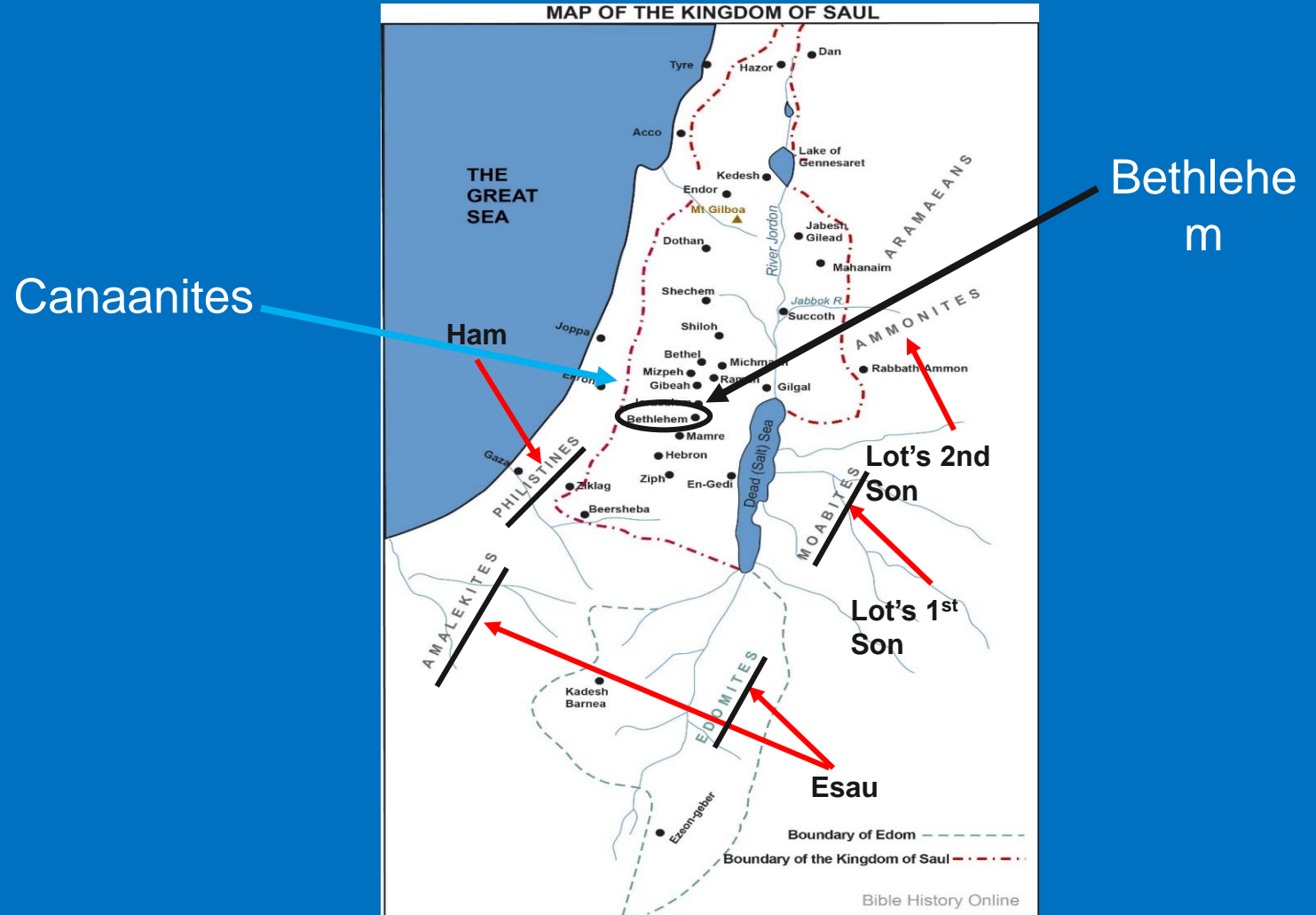
Chapter 16-David's Anointing and Service in Saul's Court

Vs. 1-13-David's Anointing

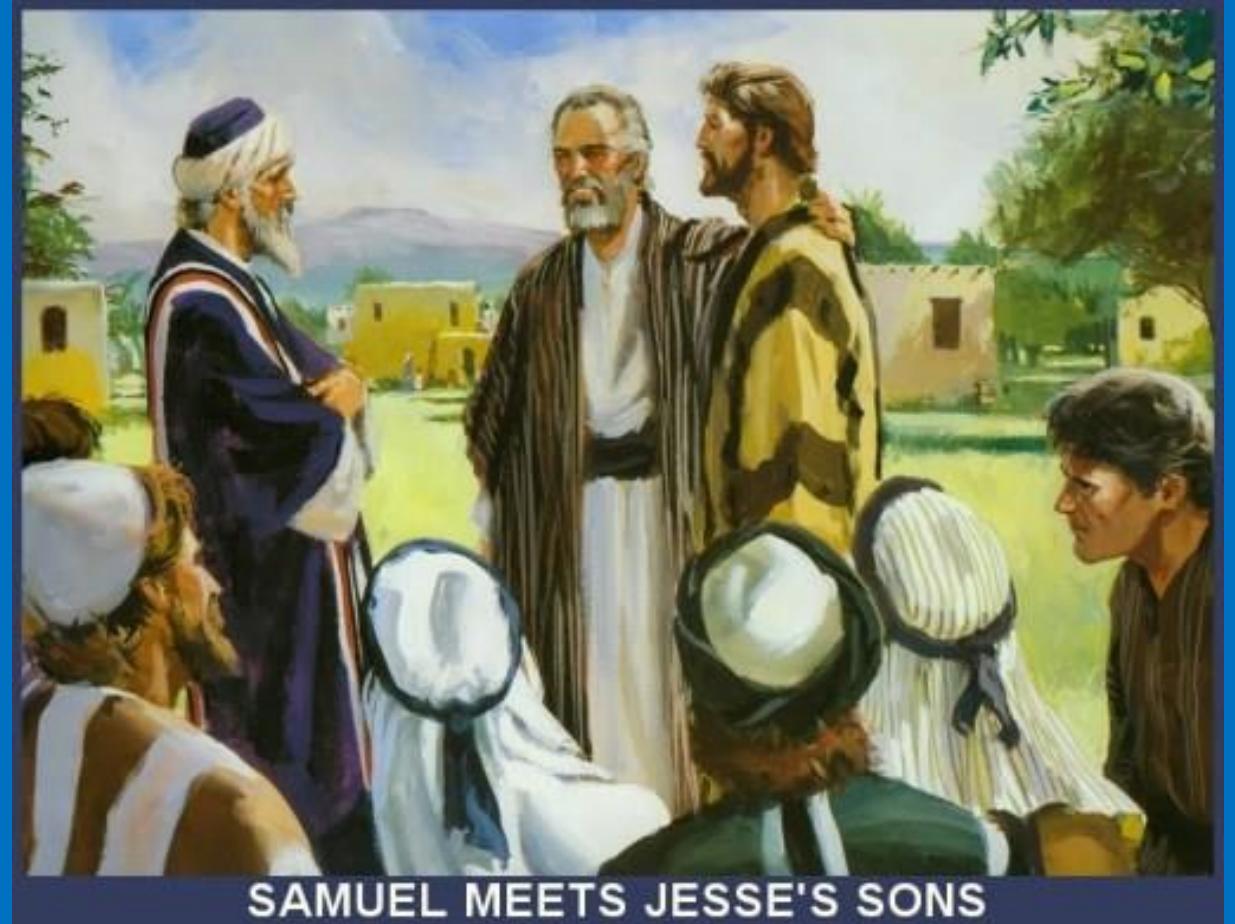
- The Lord told Samuel to stop morning over Saul and to anoint David as king. (Jeremiah 29:11; 1st John 1:9) []
- *Samuel found David in his hometown of Bethlehem.



- David, Jesse's son, descended from the lineage of Tamar (an *Adullamite-Adullam-a Canaanite city*) and Ruth (a Moabitess from Moab). A total of 10 generations passed from Tamar to David.
- Neither **Tamar** nor **Ruth** came from a Jewish lineage.

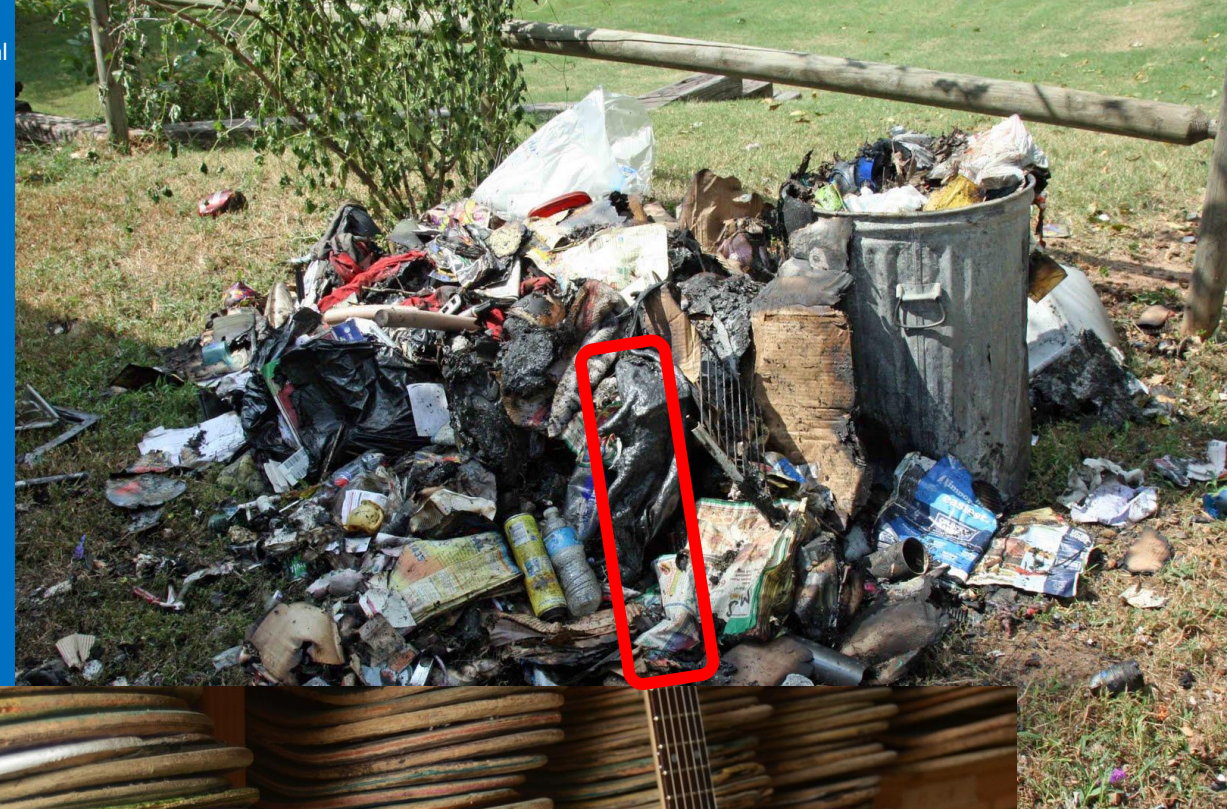


- Samuel feared for his life when God told him to anoint David.
- God told Samuel to sacrifice a heifer and to invite Jesse. The Lord would anoint one of Jesse's sons as king.
- When Jesse's first son entered, Samuel knew God had chosen him.

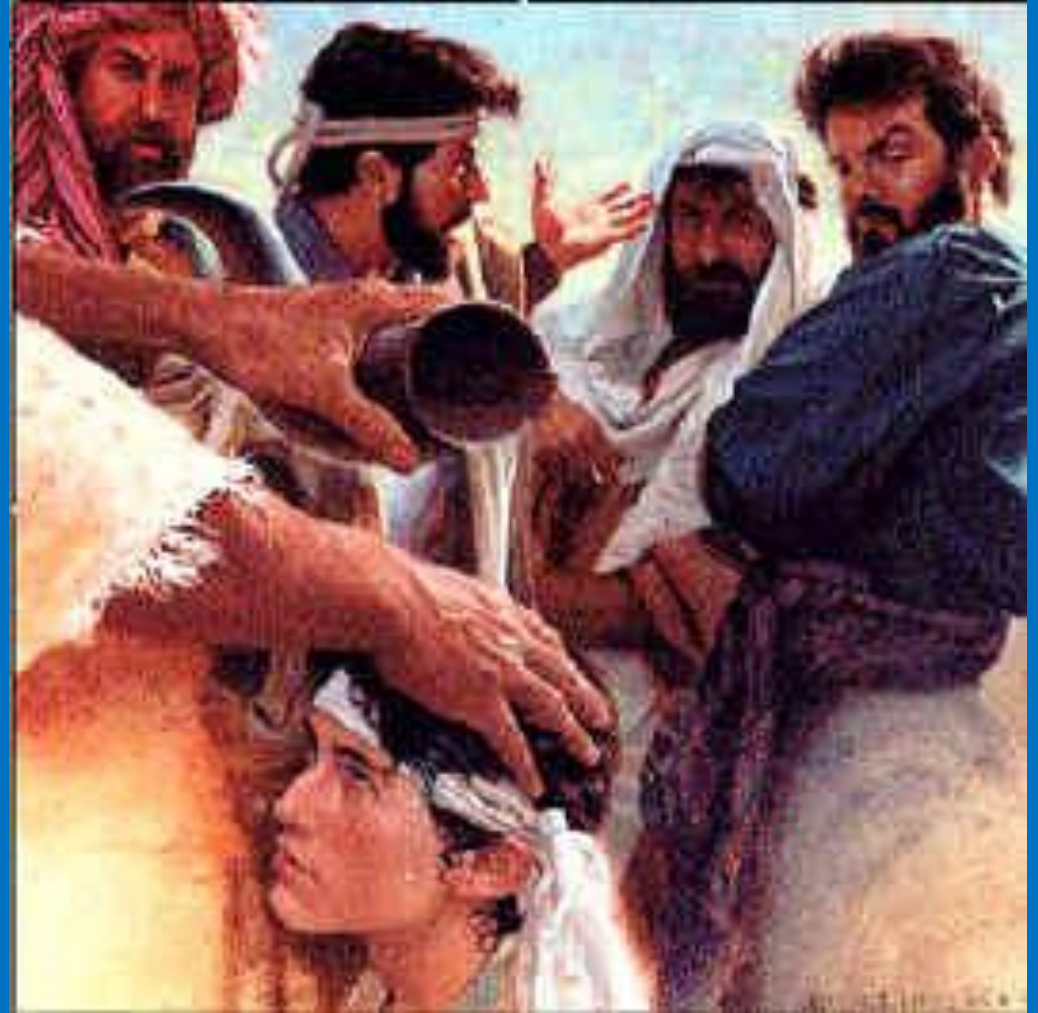


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- God spoke a very power word to Samuel in 16:7. “But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (NAS).
- The Lord did not choose any of Jesse’s Seven sons.

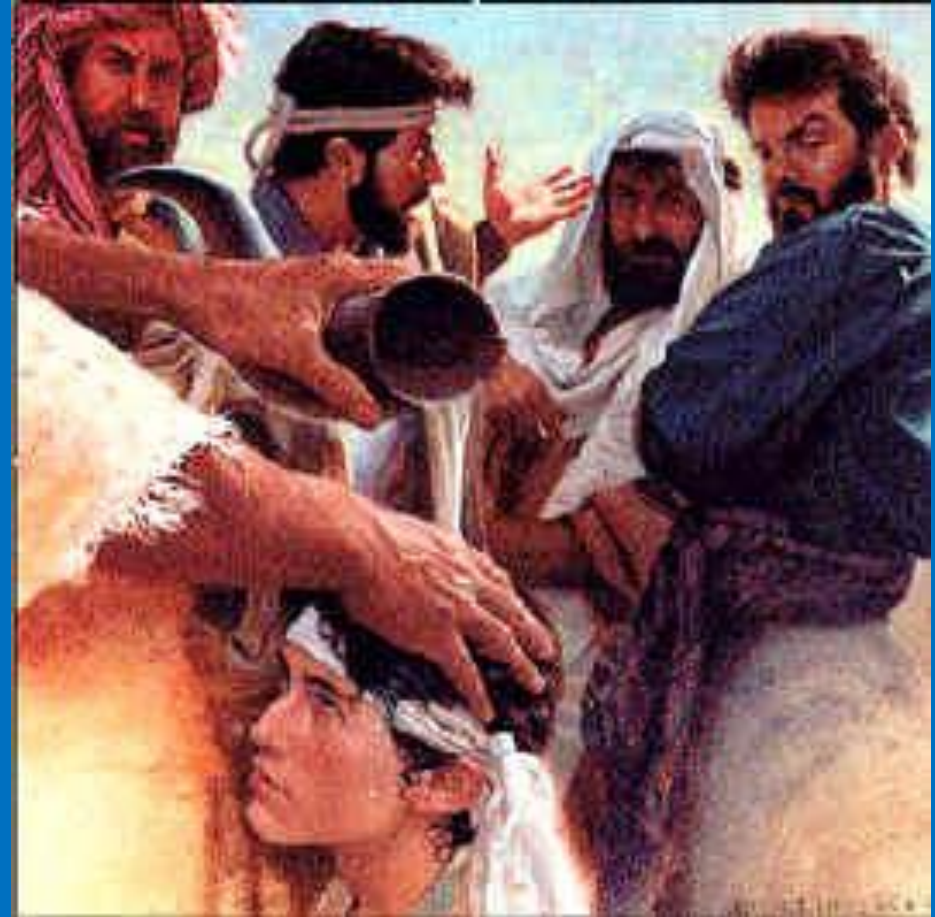


- Samuel asked if Jesse had any other sons. Jesse answered that he had a youngest son tending the sheep.
- When David arrived, the Lord told Samuel to anoint him as king.
- Scripture says that David had a **ruddy** appearance, appeared handsome, and had beautiful eyes. Perhaps David's hair and complexion had a reddish color.



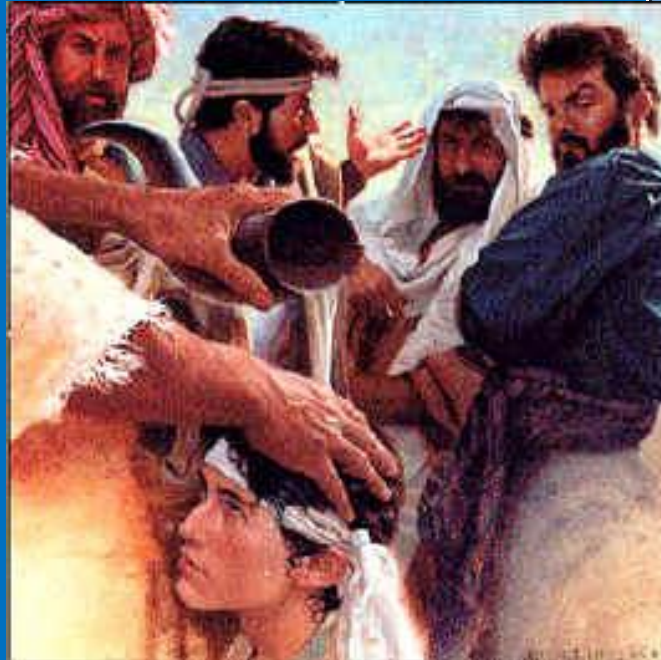
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- People would have considered David's complexion beautiful in areas where most had dark hair and dark complexions.

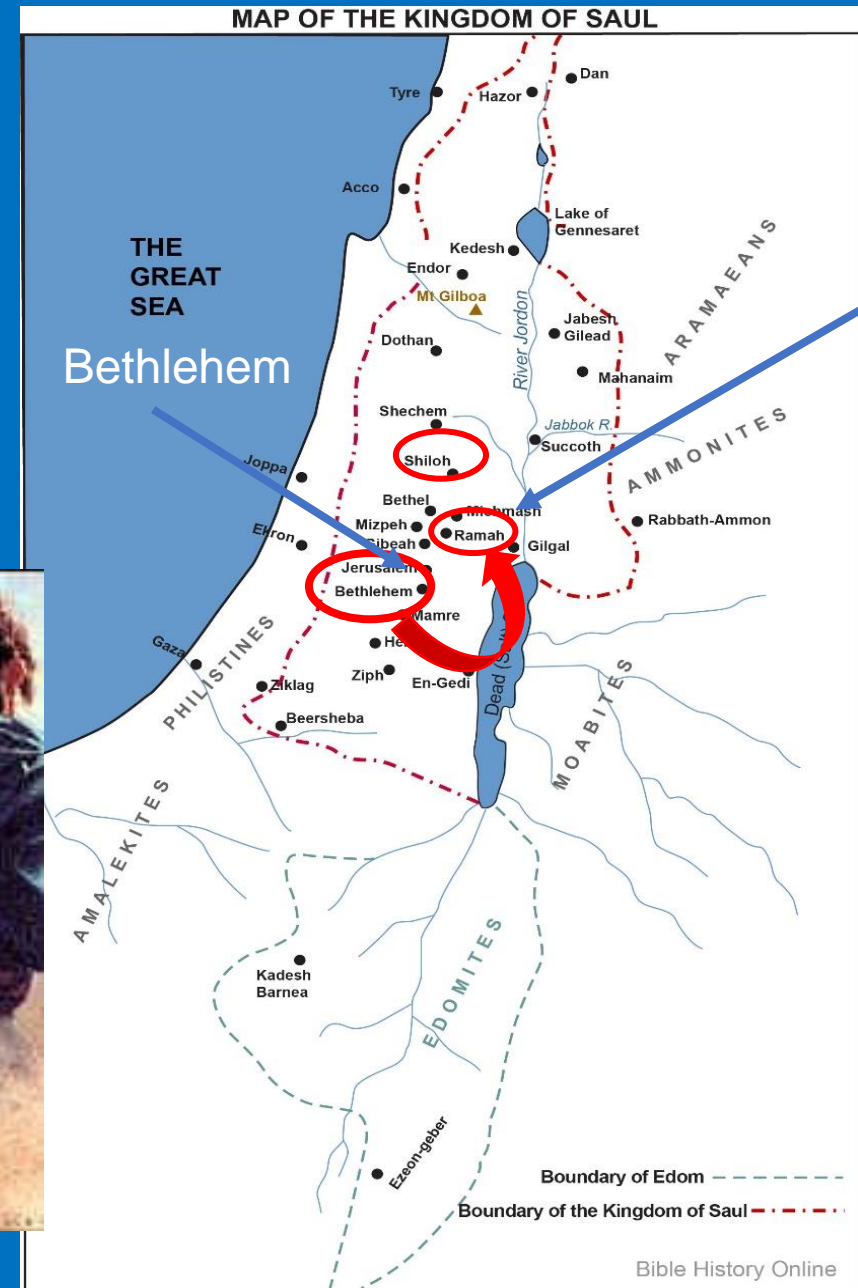


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- Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed David. The **Spirit** of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day on.
- Samuel left and went to Ramah.



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Ramah

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Vs. 14-23-Saul Employs David into His Court

- The Spirit of the Lord **departed** from Saul and an evil spirit, sent from the Lord, terrorized him (Job 1:10-12). []
- David saw the ramifications upon a person from whom the Spirit of the Lord had departed.



- David begged the Lord not to take His Spirit away after his sin with Bathsheba (Psalm 51:10-12). []
- One of Saul's servants suggested they find someone talented with a **harp** that could drive the evil spirit away. (*David stayed faithful in his position*).



- One of the servants suggested recruiting David, a skillful musician, a mighty man of valor, a warrior, one of good speech, handsome, and anointed by the Lord. (Wow! What credentials).
- Saul summoned David, loved him, and made him his **armor bearer**. (1st Peter 5:6) []



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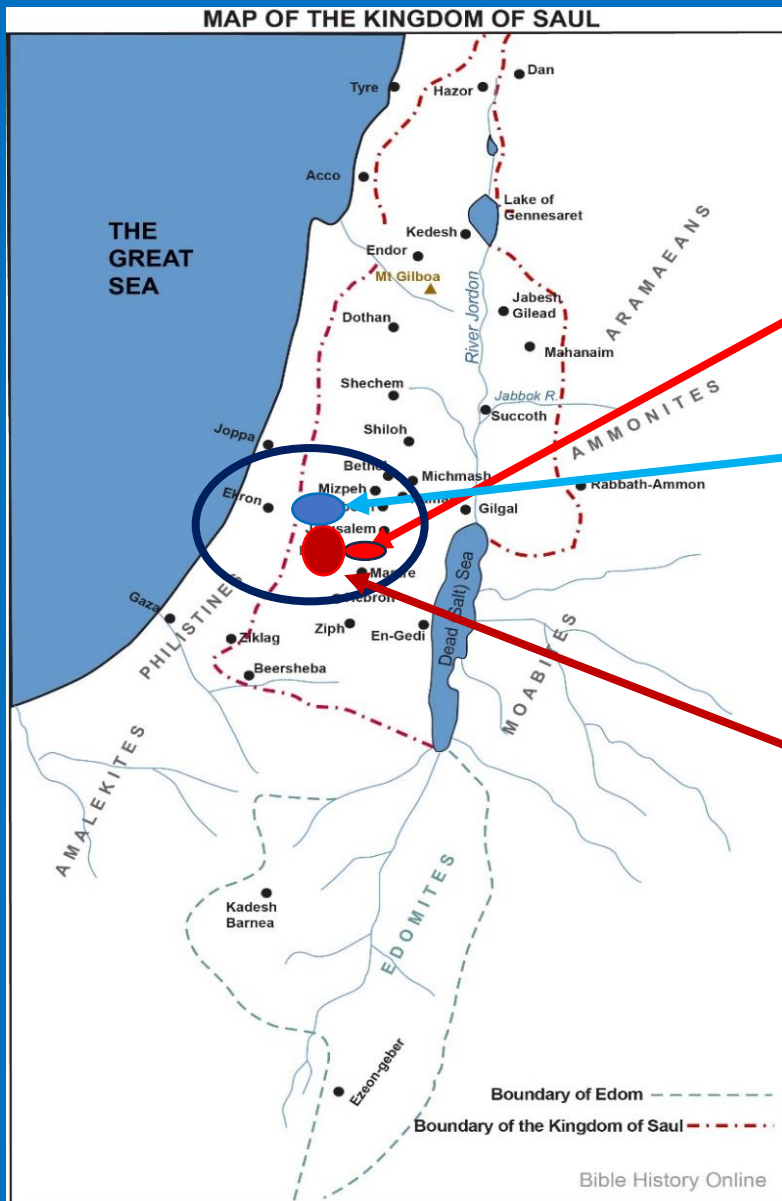
- The Easton's Bible dictionary provides this explanation for "Armourbearer":
- [An officer selected by kings and generals because of his bravery, not only to bear their armour, but also to stand by them in the time of danger. They were the adjutants of our modern armies (Judges 9:54; 1 Samuel 14:7; 16:21; 31:6).]

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- Whenever the evil spirit troubled Saul, he would have David play and the spirit would depart.
- God continued to groom David as king.



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Bethlehem

Valley of Elah

Azekah
Ah'-za-ka
Israelites

Socoh
So-ko
Philistines



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Chapter 17-God Elevates David Above Saul

Vs. 1-51-David Defeats Goliath

- The Philistines gathered their armies between Socoh [So-ko] and Azekah [āh'-zā-ka] in preparation to fight Israel.
- The Israelites camped in the valley of Elah, approximately three miles away.
- As the two armies faced each other, **Goliath** came out from the Philistine camp.

Azekah
Ah'-za-ka
Israelites

Socoh
So-ko
Philistines

Bethlehem Valley of Elah



- Goliath stood 9.75 feet tall; his armor weighed about 125 pounds; his spearhead weighed about 15 pounds, and he had a shield bearer that went before him.



- Goliath taunted the army of Israel forty days and nights. Forty appears to represent trial, trouble, or **hardship**:
 - Flood
 - Desert Wandering
 - Jesus' Temptation
- David traveled back and forth from Saul to **Bethlehem** to tend his father's flock. (1 Samuel 17:14-15). []



- Jesse asked David to bring food for his three oldest sons who served in Saul's army.
- As David approached, Goliath came out and **taunted** Israel.
- David inquired about the reward for killing Goliath.



- Saul stated the victor would receive his daughter in marriage, acquire great riches, and free his father's house from bondage.
- This meant his father's house would not pay taxes or serve in forced labor.



- David referred to Goliath as “this uncircumcised Philistine.”
- David told Saul he would go and fight the Philistine.
- Saul knew David well and understood that he could not fight the giant.



- David told Saul he had killed both a lion and a bear while tending his father's flocks.
- David stated, "...The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine" (17:37).



- Goliath said if he slew Israel's challenger, then Israel would serve the Philistines.
- David put on Saul's armor, but it did not fit.
- David took his staff, five smooth stones, and his sling.



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- When Goliath saw David, he **cursed** him by his Gods. David said he would give Goliath's flesh to the birds of the sky and to the beasts of the field. (Apparently Goliath did not see the sling but David's stick 1st Samuel 17:40) []



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- Then David spoke to Goliath and said, “You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of Hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have taunted. This day the Lord will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you.



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- And I will give the dead bodies of the army of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the Lord's and He will give you into our hands." (1 Samuel 17:41-47 NAS) Wow!

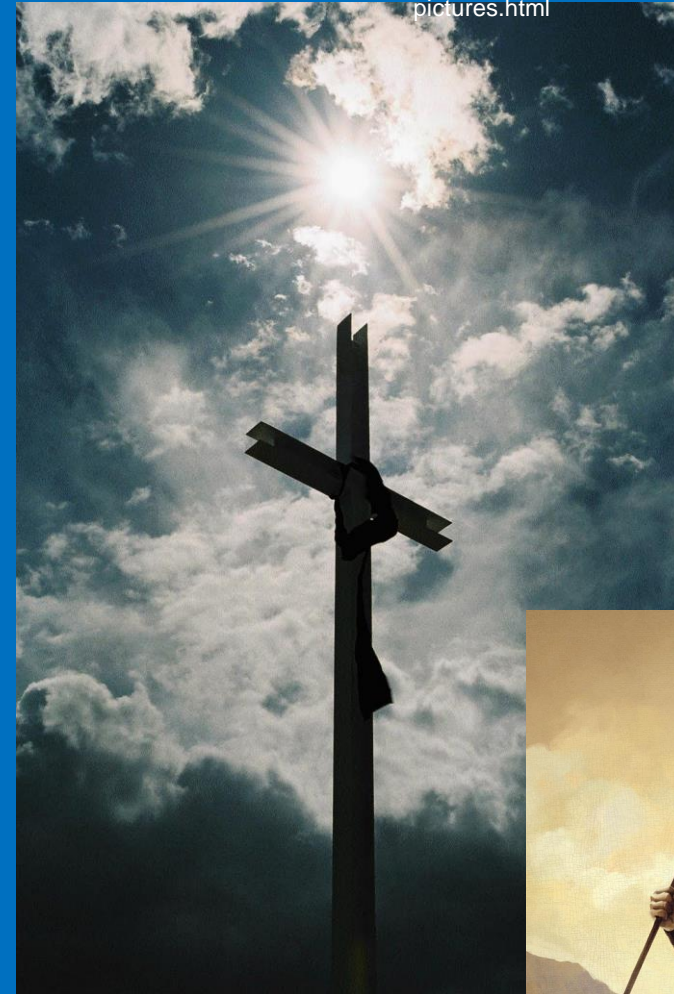


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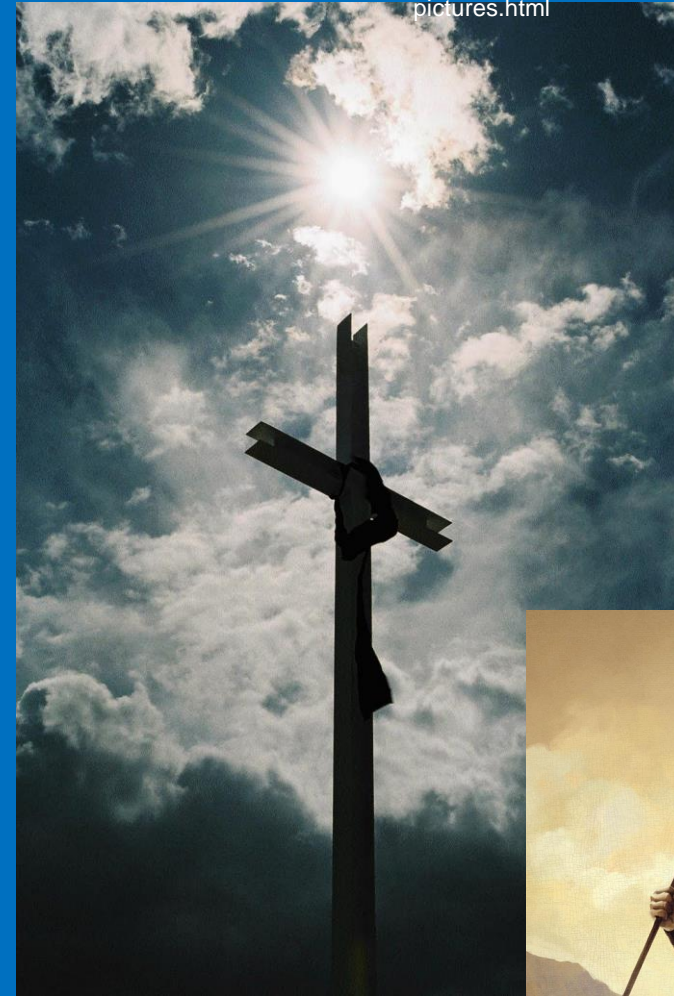
- David came to Goliath in the name of the Lord of Hosts.
- Today we come in the name of Jesus (Romans 10:3; 1 Corinthians 6:11; Colossians 3:17) []



- Compare these words to the Psalm David writes in Psalm 44:6-7; 46:7-11. []
- David came to Goliath in the name of the Lord of Hosts-the God of the armies of Israel. Today God has given us the powerful name of “Jesus.” (John 14:13-14; 15:7). []



- As Goliath came forward, David ran toward him and slew Goliath with his sling and a stone. David drew Goliath's sword and cut off his head.
- The Israelites pursued and conquered the Philistine army.



Chapter 18-David Rises in Honor

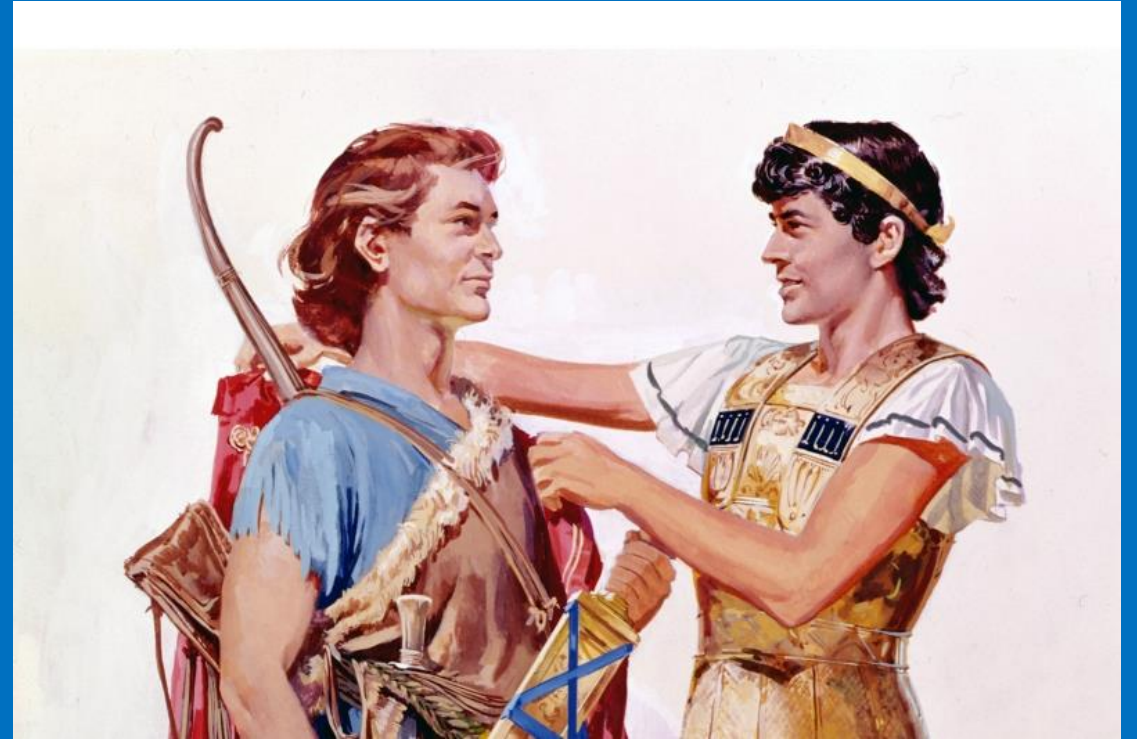
Vs. 1-4 The Friendship Between David and Jonathan

- God formed a strong **friendship** between David and Saul's son- Jonathan. Jonathan gave David his robe, sword, bow, and belt.



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- This act symbolized Jonathan offering David the succession to the throne.
- After David's victory over Goliath, Saul did not let David go home.



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Vs. 5-16-Saul and David's Relationship

- Saul set David over his men of war. This position prepared David for the kingship.
- When David and Saul came home from defeating the Philistines, the women of the town came out and sang, “Saul has slain his thousands, and David his **ten-thousands**” (Ouch that hurt)!



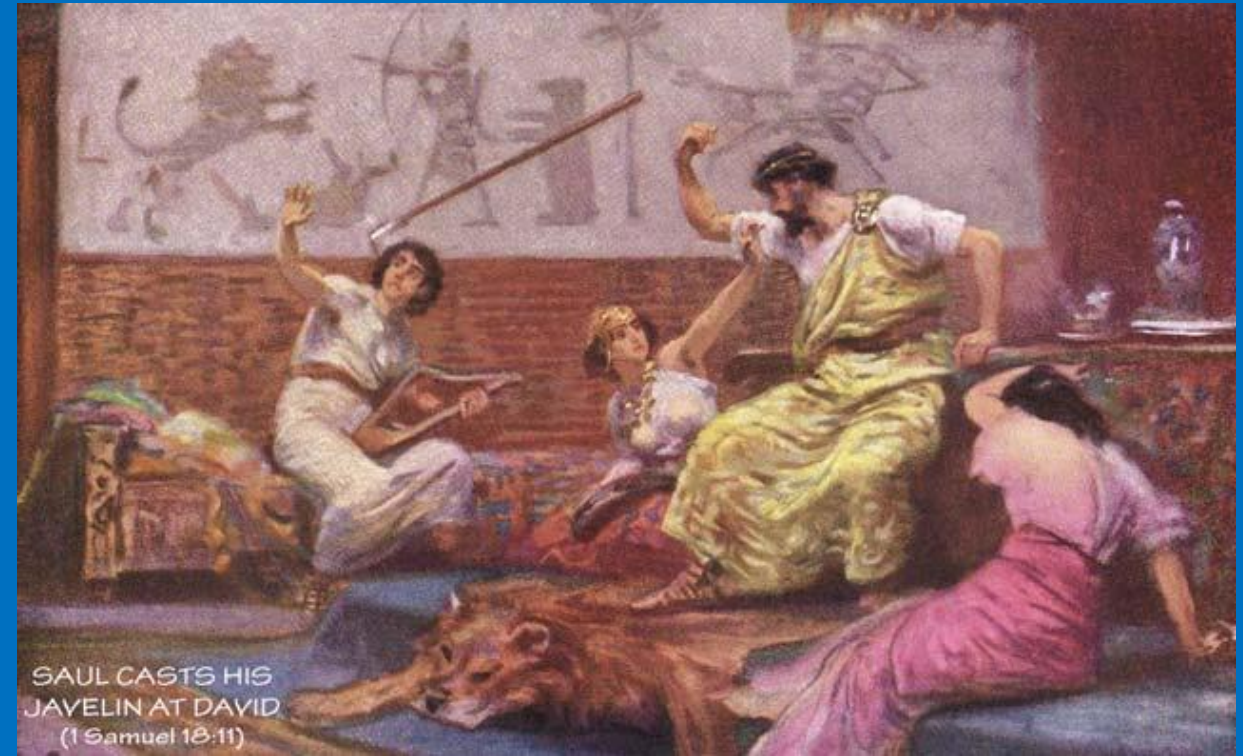
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- Saul, jealous and suspicious of David, thought the people wanted David as king.



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- The next day an evil spirit came upon Saul, he hurled his spear at David intending to **kill** him.
- Saul tried to kill David twice with a spear.
- Saul feared David since the Lord's spirit rested upon him. The Spirit of the Lord had departed from Saul. We find no mention of Saul ever repenting.



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- Saul removed David from his presence and made him commander of a thousand. This equated to an honorable discharge from Saul's presence.
- The Lord continued to give David favor within Israel and Judah.



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Vs. 17-30-David's Marriage to Michal

- Previously, Saul offered David his oldest daughter, Merab, in marriage. However, Saul did not keep his promise as he gave Merab to Adriel.



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- Saul arranged a marriage with Michal thinking Michal would act as a snare to David. Saul's deception did not work as Michal loved David.



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- At first, David declined the offer of marriage. Perhaps David did not feel worthy to be Saul's son-in-law or David did not want close connections with Saul.
- Saul planned a scheme to kill David. He told David he did not require a dowry except to kill 100 Philistines.



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- This pleased David and he, along with his men, killed 200 Philistines.
- Saul gave Michal to David in marriage and the Lord continued to honor David.



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Summary

David had to endure many trials before God could use him as king. Sometimes trials in life are not punishments but training for future purposes. Other times, trials may come since we live in a fallen world (John 16:33) []. God promises that all things work together for good (Romans 8:28). [] We must trust God in all circumstances.

End---

Psalm 51:10-12

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me away from Your presence And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of Your salvation and sustain me with a willing spirit. []

Romans 10:13

13...for "WHOEVER WILL CALL ON THE NAME OF THE LORD [*JESUS*] WILL BE SAVED."

1 Corinthians 6:11

11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Colossians 3:17

17 Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. []

Psalms 44:6-7

6 For I will not trust in my bow, Nor will my sword save me. 7 But You [God] have saved us from our adversaries, And You have put to shame those who hate us.

Psalms 46:7-11

7 The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah. 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has wrought desolations in the earth. 9 He makes wars to cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariots with fire. 10 "Cease *striving* and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." 11 The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold. Selah. []

John 14:13-14

13 Whatever you ask in My name [*Jesus*], that will I do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do *it*.

John 15:7

7 If you abide in Me [*Jesus*], and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. []

1st Samuel 17:14-15

14 David was the youngest. Now the three oldest followed Saul, 15 but David went back and forth from Saul to tend his father's flock at Bethlehem. []

John 16:33

33 I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” []

Jeremiah 29:11

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

1st John 1:9

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. []

Job 1:10-12

10 Have you not put a hedge around him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But stretch out your hand and touch all that he has, and he will curse you to your face.” 12 And the Lord said to Satan, “Behold, all that he has is in your hand. Only against him do not stretch out your hand.” So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord. []

1st Peter 5:6

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time... []

1st Samuel 17:40

40 He took his stick in his hand and chose for himself five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in his pouch, and his sling was in his hand; and he approached the Philistine...43 The Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. []

Romans 8:28

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. []