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# Be Changed

*1 Samuel*

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**Change**

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**The only constant is change.**



**I've seen this before:  
Combustion due to extreme  
resistance to change.**

**What changes are you  
experiencing right now?**



**Why?**





Why does **God** cause  
change?

# **Let's Study Through Scripture**

## **The Bible: Book by Book**



# Morality & Politics

- Poor moral values during Judges era
- Weak & vulnerable to enemy attacks





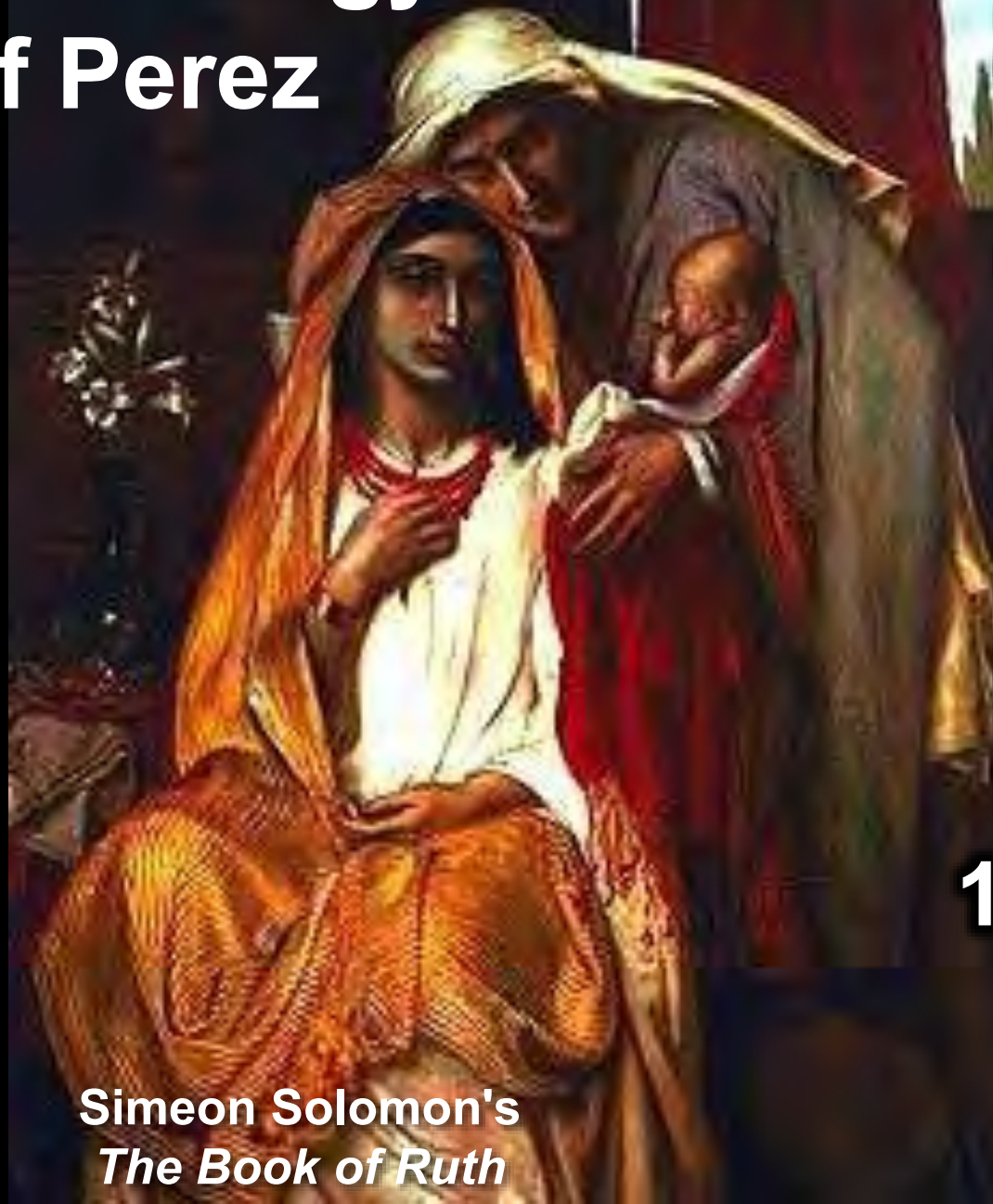
**Key Word**

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**Transition**

**1 Samuel**

# Genealogy of Perez



Simeon Solomon's  
*The Book of Ruth*

1. Perez
2. Hezron
3. Ram
4. Amminadab
5. Nahshon
6. Salmon
7. Boaz
8. Obed
9. Jesse
10. David

*Ruth 4:18-22*

# Theme

**Degenerate Theocracy  
to Davidic Monarchy**

**1 Samuel**

# Purpose of this Book

Theocracy → Monarchy

**GOD as**

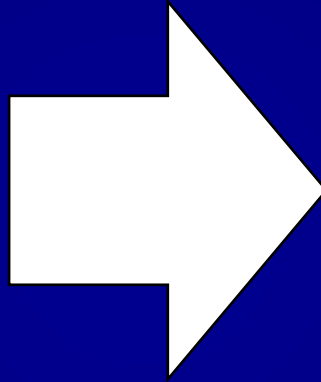


**Man as**



***Change***

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ISRAEL



FOR  
US

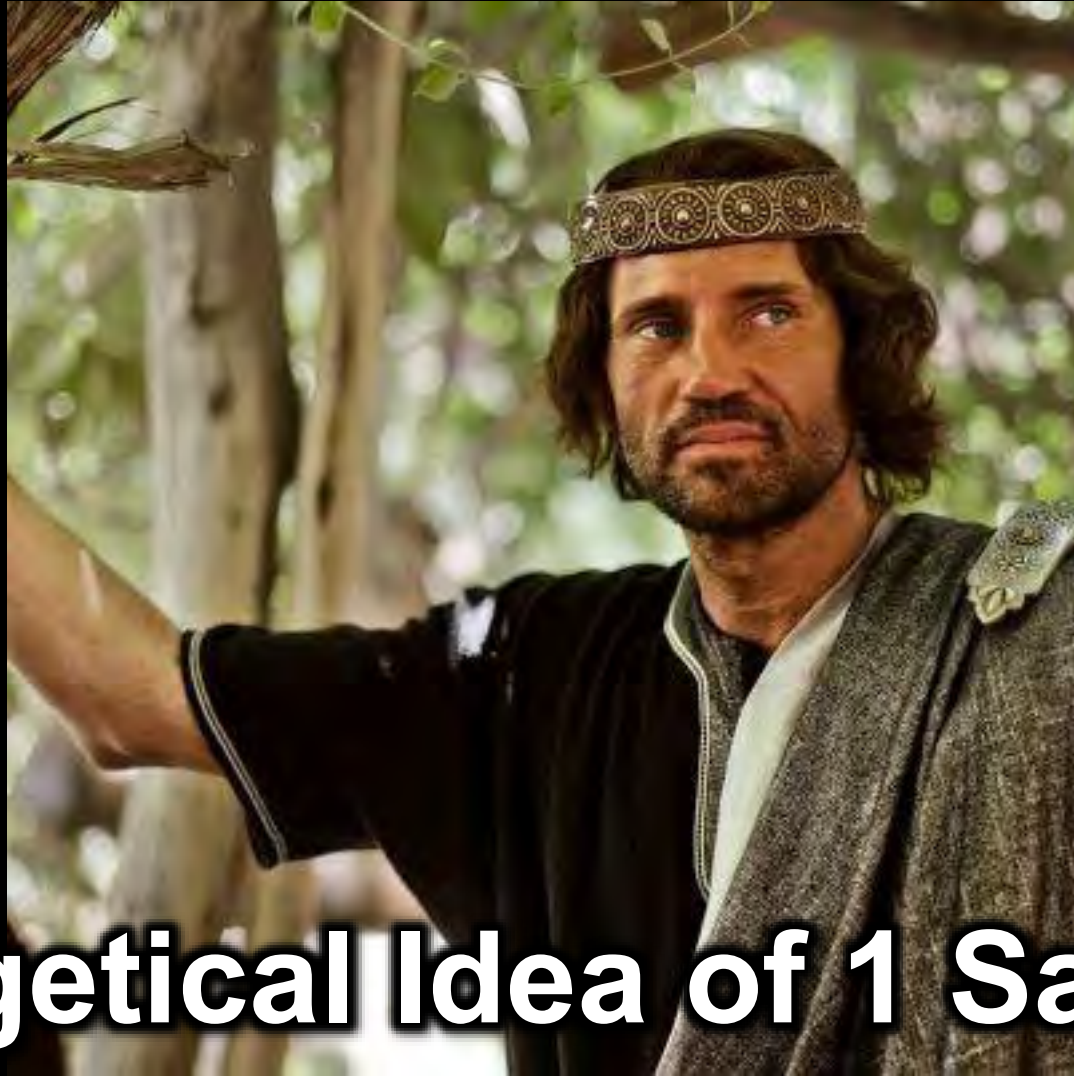
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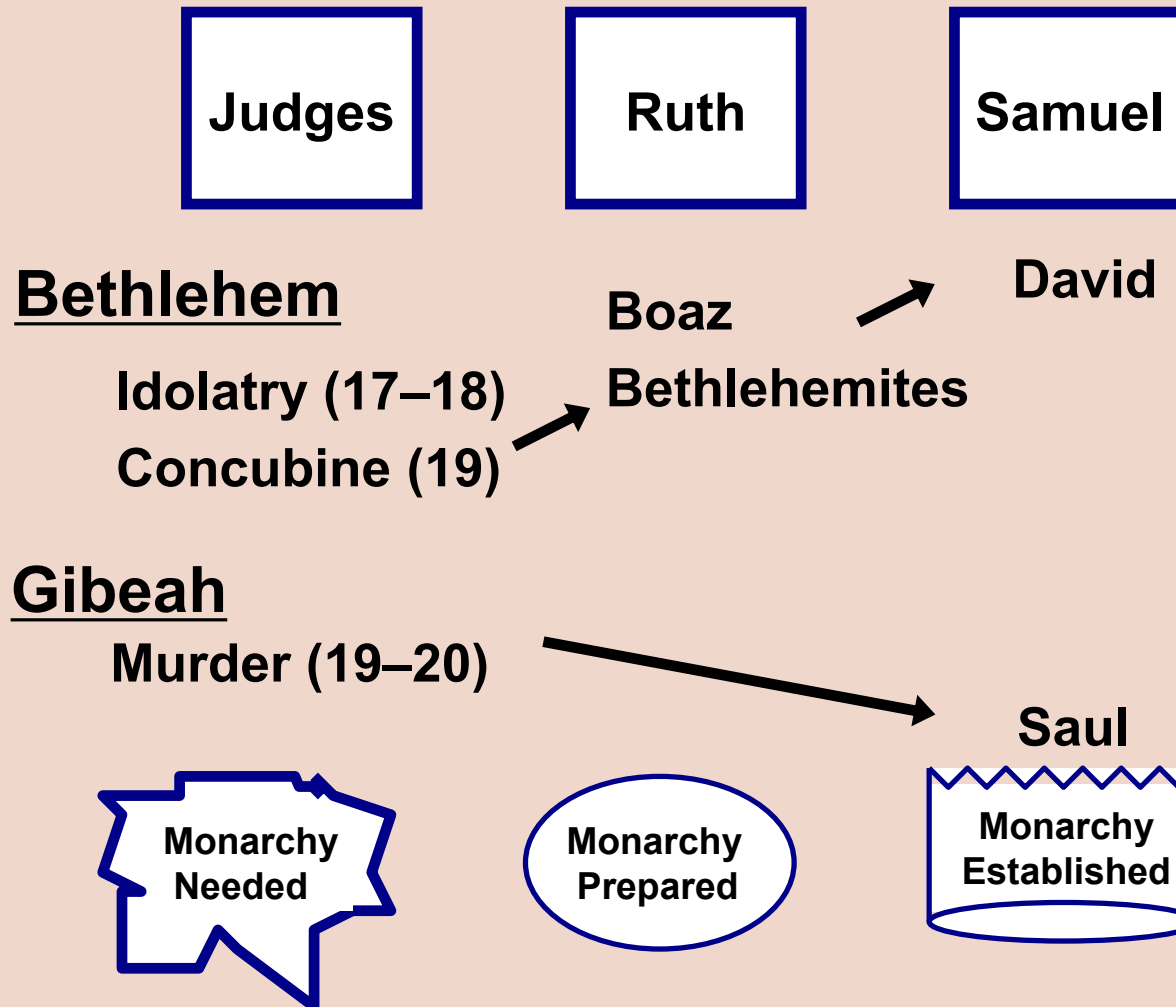
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Exegetical Idea of 1 Samuel

# Theology of Judges-Ruth-Samuel



Adapted from Thomas L. Constable, "A Theology of Joshua, Ruth, and Judges,"  
 in *A Biblical Theology of the OT*, ed. Roy B. Zuck, 95-96, 117

**1 Samuel 1**

# *Transition #1*

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# 1 Samuel



**Eli**



**Samuel**



# Chapters 1–3 Focus

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1 Samuel			
<i>Theocracy</i>	<i>Transition from Samuel to Saul</i>	<i>Monarchy</i>	<i>Transition from Saul to David</i>
<b>Samuel's Birth &amp; Calling</b>	<b>Samuel's Ministry &amp; Saul's Anointing as King of Israel</b>		
<b>Man after God's Heart</b>			
<b>Chapters 1–3</b>	<b>Chapters 4–7</b>		

# One wife is enough!



# Barrenness in a Mother's World





**Hannah Prays for a Son**





**God knows our heart's prayers**



**1 Samuel 2**

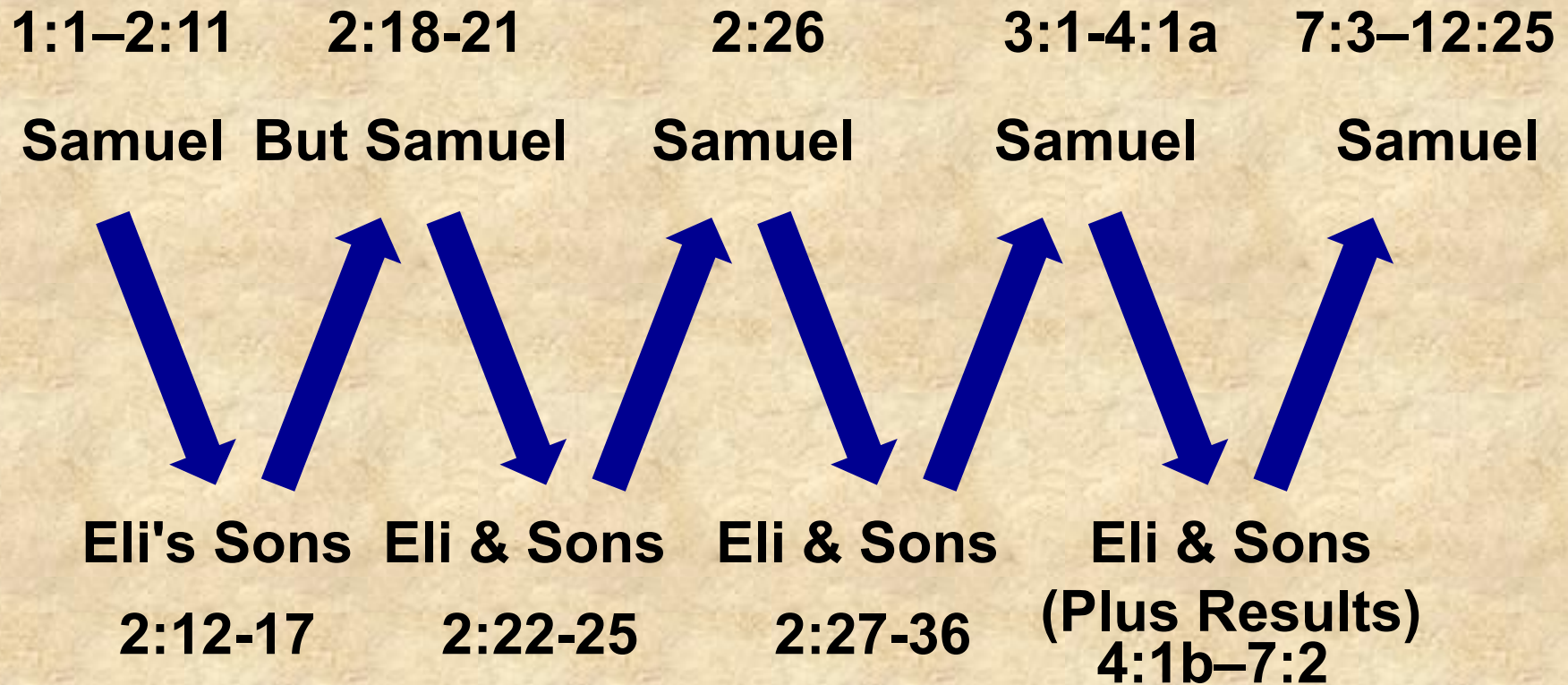


**God Answers**

# Hannah Cares for Samuel



# Biographical Contrast by Interchange (1 Sam 1–12)





# Hannah brings Samuel to Eli





# Eli & Samuel



**1 Samuel 3**



Harry Anderson

**1 Samuel 4**

# *Transition from Samuel to Saul*

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**"And Samuel's word came to all Israel"**  
**(1 Samuel 4:1 NIV)**

# A Rough Start as Judge



- The Philistines defeat Israel
- They capture the Ark of the Covenant too

# News Brought to Eli (1 Sam 4:18)



# 1 Samuel 5





**Dagan Shamed at Ashdod  
(1 Samuel 5:4)**





**Route of the Ark (1 Samuel 5)**

# 1 Samuel 6

**What should Israel's next move  
be to protect the Ark of God?**



# The Ark Returned

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- The Ark was returned to the Israelites at Beth Shemesh.



- The Ark was restored to Kiriath Jearim



1 Sam 6

**1 Samuel 7**





# **Samuel Subdues the Philistines at Mizpah (1 Samuel 7:2-17)**

# 1 Samuel



**Samuel**



**Saul**

**1 Samuel 8**



# Key Verse

1 Sam. 8:5

- Let's read it
- Was it a good idea for Israel to ask for a king?



- Why or why not?

- Premature
- Wrong motive





**Who deserved the crown?**



# **Matthew: Christ as King**



**Since  
Jacob's  
blessing in  
Genesis  
49:9-10, the  
lion has  
depicted a  
king...**

**"Judah, my son, is a young lion  
that has finished eating its prey.  
Like a lion he crouches and lies  
down; like a lioness—who dares  
to rouse him?"**

**<sup>10</sup>The scepter will not depart  
from Judah, nor the ruler's staff  
from his descendants, until the  
coming of the one to whom it  
belongs, the one whom all  
nations will honor" (NLT).**

# ***The Rise of Saul (1 Sam. 8–12)***

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Man after God's Heart			
Chapter 1–3	Chapter 4–7	Chapters 8–30	

# 1 Samuel 9

# What kind of man was Saul?



**1 Samuel 10**



# Saul Anointed King



**1 Samuel 10:1**

**1 Samuel 11**



# A Great Start as King

**Tell of Jabesh Gilead  
(now an olive orchard,  
never excavated)**

**Saul led Israelites to victory at  
Jabesh Gilead (1 Sam 11)**

**1 Samuel 12**

# The Beginning of...





**1 Samuel 13**

# The Fall of Saul (13–15)

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**Saul's excuses (1 Samuel 13)**

**1 Samuel 14**



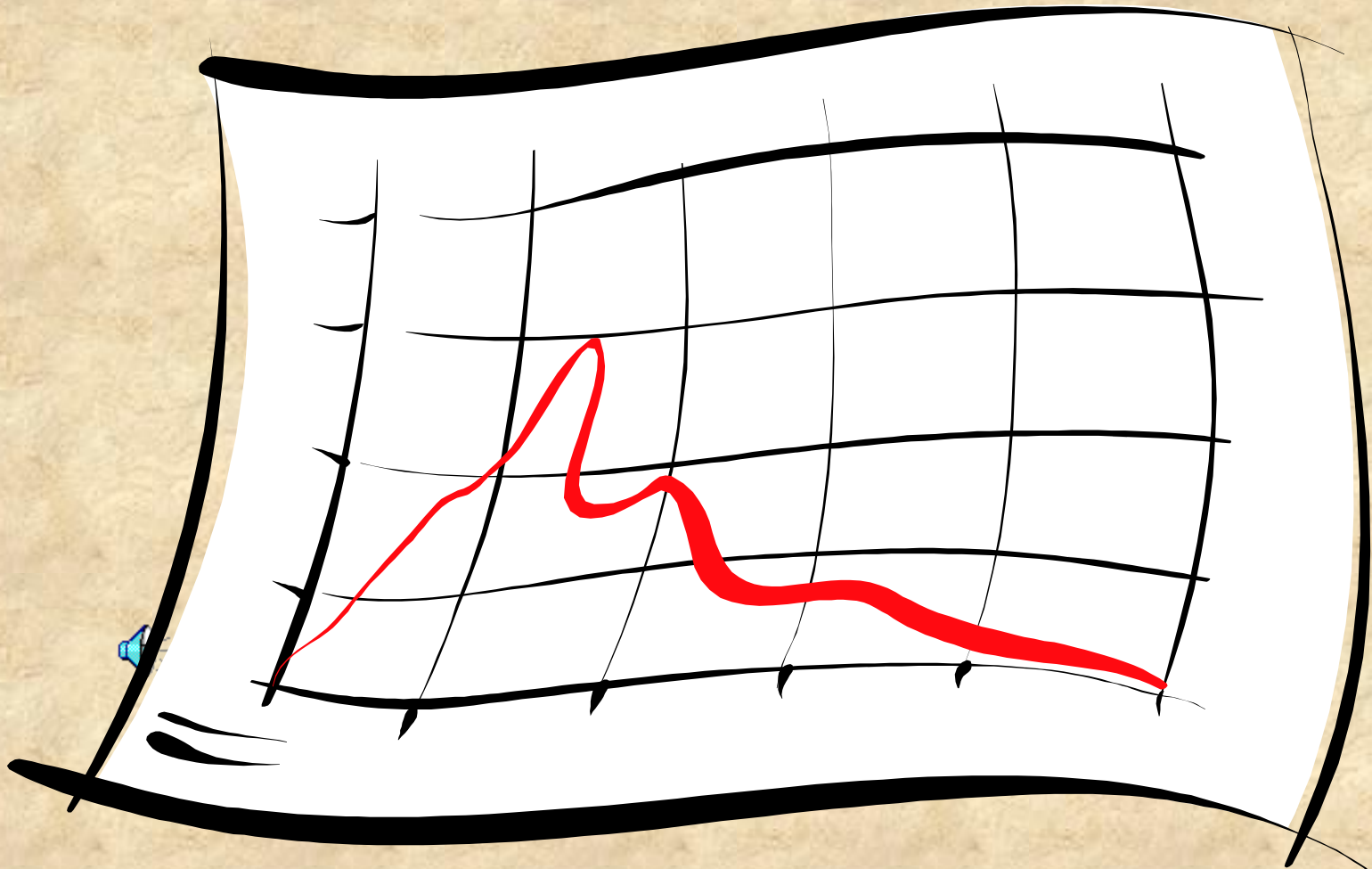


**Samuel, David & Saul**



**1 Samuel 15**

# Saul's Refusal to Destroy the Amalekites (1 Sam. 15)



## *Transition #3*

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# 1 Samuel



**Saul**



**David**

**1 Samuel 16**

# ***The Rise of David (16–30)***

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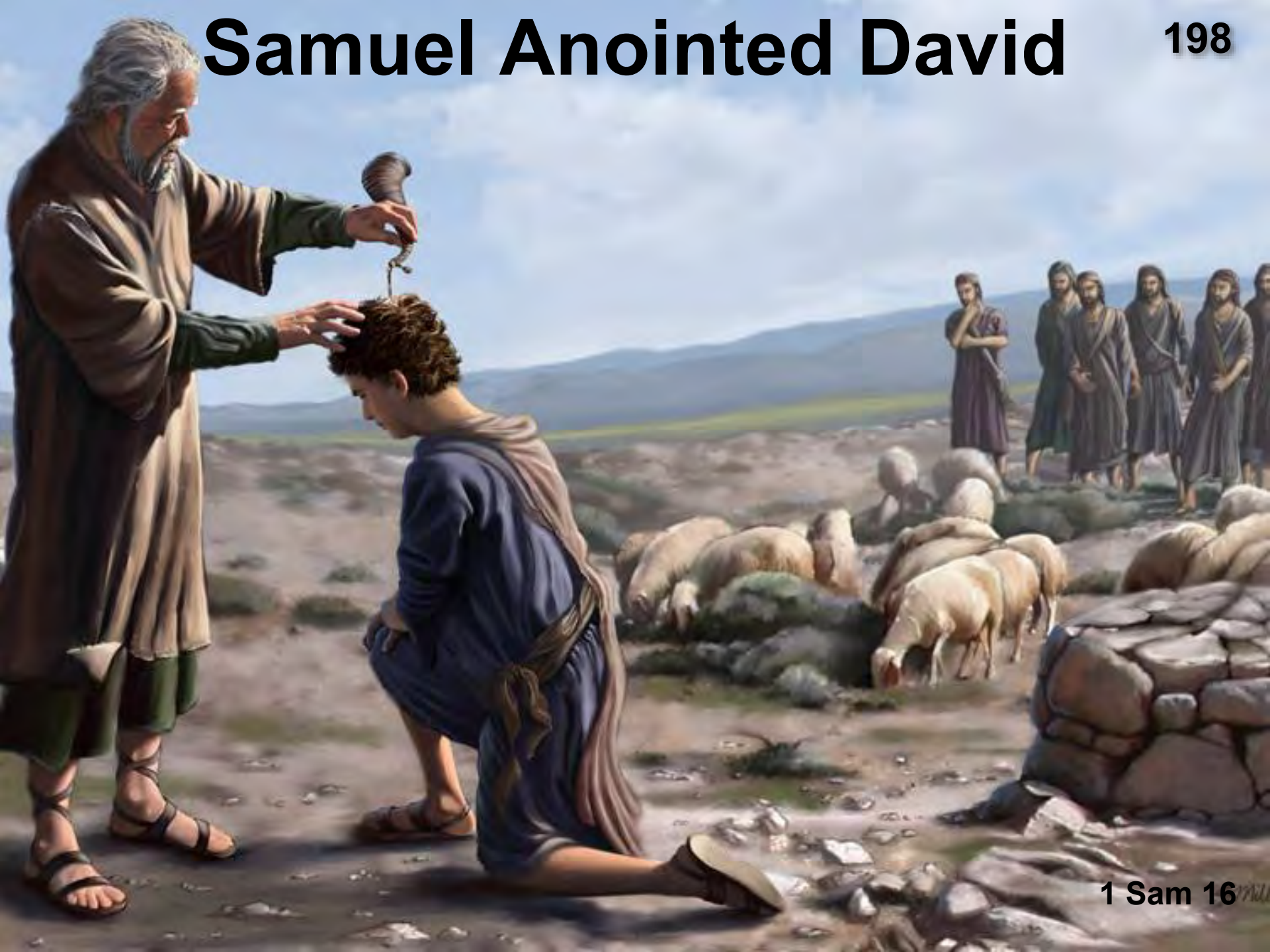


# David's Courage



# Samuel Anointed David

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1 Sam 16

# David



- Youngest son of Jesse
- Handsome, strong, courageous
- Shepherd tending his father's sheep
- Strong arms, excellent harpist

***Who was David?***



# ***God's Work in David***

1 Sam 16

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# **David**



**Chosen by the LORD**

**Anointed as Israel's 2<sup>nd</sup> king**

**Spirit of God came upon Him with power**



# Bethlehem



**Bethlehem: David was anointed king by Samuel here (1 Sam 16:13,15)**



# Bethlehem



**Bethlehem plays a much larger role in the New Testament as the birthplace of Jesus**



**David & Saul**



# David in the King's Court

- The Spirit of God left King Saul
- An evil spirit tormented him
- David rescued him by playing harp to relieve the king

**1 Samuel 17**





# David's Enemy

A dramatic painting depicting a young man, David, standing courageously between a roaring lion on the left and a roaring bear on the right. David is dressed in a red tunic over a white shirt, with a dark sash and a bag slung over his shoulder. He has his arms outstretched in a gesture of defiance or calm. In the foreground, several white sheep are visible, some looking up at the man. The background is a hazy, golden-brown landscape. The overall style is reminiscent of classical religious art.

# David's Courage



# First Victory!

**David Over  
Goliath**

**David won with  
only a sling &  
stone**

**Read: 1 Sam. 17:45-47**

**The LORD was  
with David**

**1 Sam. 17**





# Result: Philistines Flee



1 Sam 17

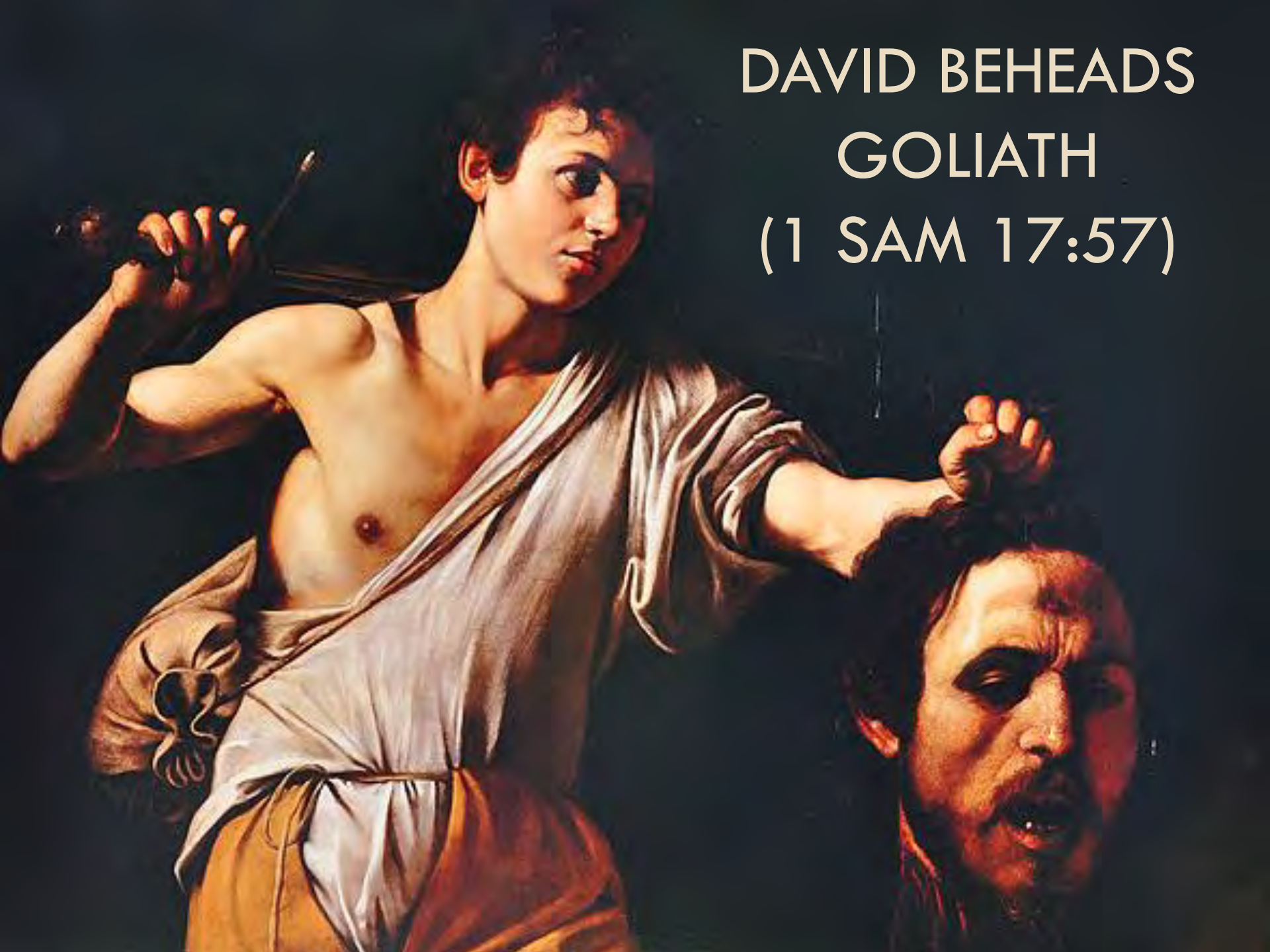


**Saul initially trusted David**



**1 Samuel 18**

DAVID BEHEADS  
GOLIATH  
(1 SAM 17:57)





# Jonathan & David

(1 Sam 18:1)





**Saul's Jealousy  
of David**

**David's prestige**



**Saul's jealousy**

**kill**  
**So Saul tried to**  
**David**

**The LORD was with David but had left Saul**

*1 Sam. 18–19*





**Saul distrusts David**



# Paranoia

# David the Refugee

**Was loved by his wife  
Michal**

**She deceived her  
father (Saul) to help  
David flee and  
escape from being  
killed by her father**

***1 Sam. 18–19***



**1 Samuel 19**





**David the fugitive**

**1 Samuel 27**



# The Three Kings:

**Saul**



**David**



**Absalom**



**A TALE OF**  
*A study in brokenness*  
**THREE KINGS**

*Gene Edwards*

A man with a beard and a crown, wearing a purple robe, looks upwards with a reverent expression. He is surrounded by a crowd of people in a desert setting, many of whom are holding up long poles or staffs. The background shows a rocky, hilly landscape under a bright sky.

**David exults in God alone**



**1 Samuel 28**

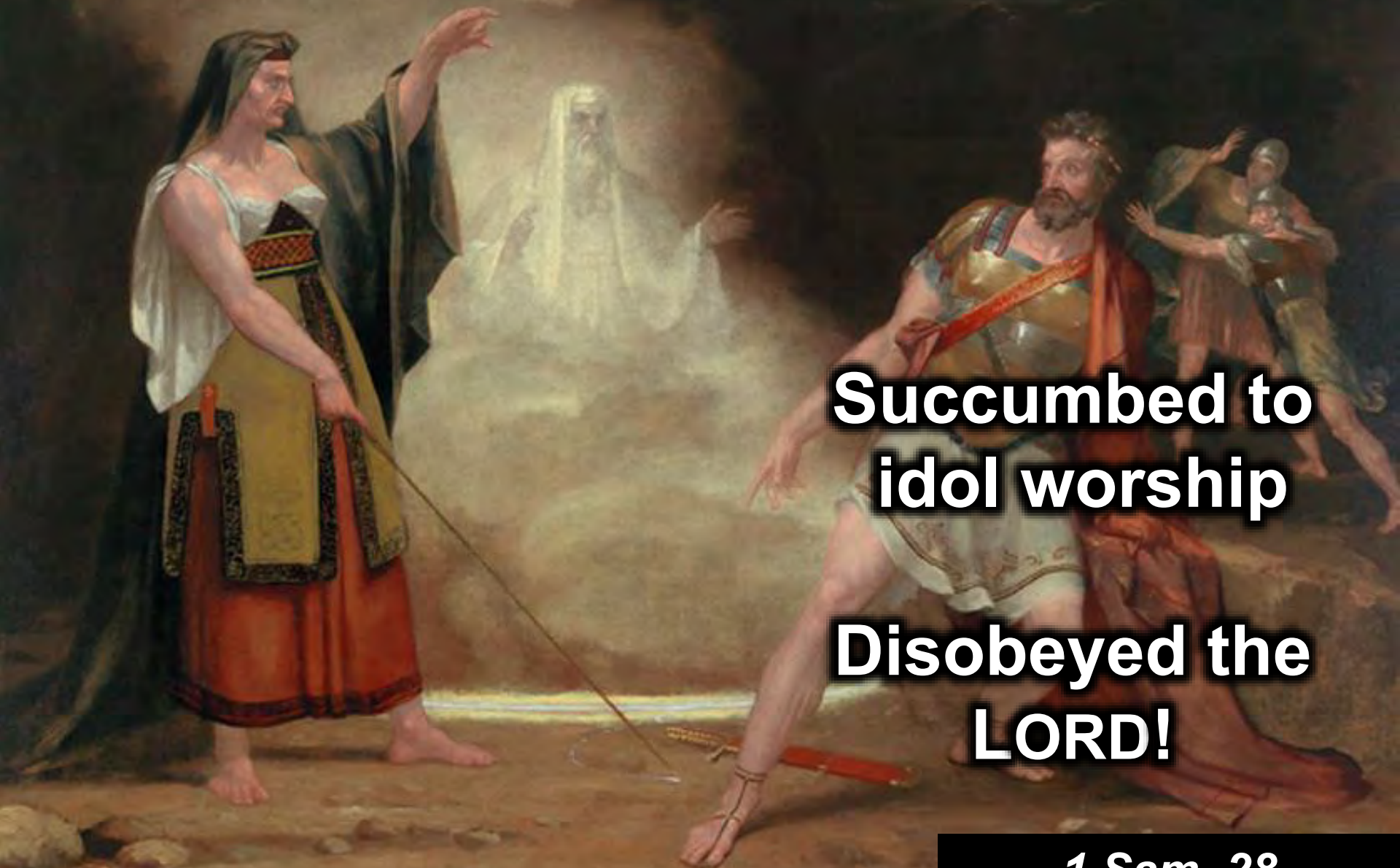
# Saul's Final Decline!



- Philistines set up camp and Saul was afraid
- Inquired of the LORD how to deal with the Philistine army
- What did the LORD say?

# Saul Consulted a Medium

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**Succumbed to  
idol worship**

**Disobeyed the  
LORD!**

*1 Sam. 28*



**The witch of Endor was a fake**



**1 Samuel 29**

# David Enlisted by Achish & Rejected

*1 Samuel 29*

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# ***What about David?***



**David Pretended to  
Befriend Philistines**

**Found strength  
in the LORD and  
continued to  
pursue and obey  
the LORD in his  
undertaking**

**1 Samuel 30**



# David Pursues the Amalekites

*1 Samuel 30*



**1 Samuel 31**



**Saul died with his sons Jonathan, Abinadab, and Malkishua (1 Sam. 31:2)**





**Saul killed  
himself  
(1 Sam. 31:4)  
but an  
Amalekite lied  
by saying he  
did it instead  
(2 Sam. 1:10)**



**After Saul's death men from Jabesh  
Gilead courageously took his body  
off the wall of Beth Shan**

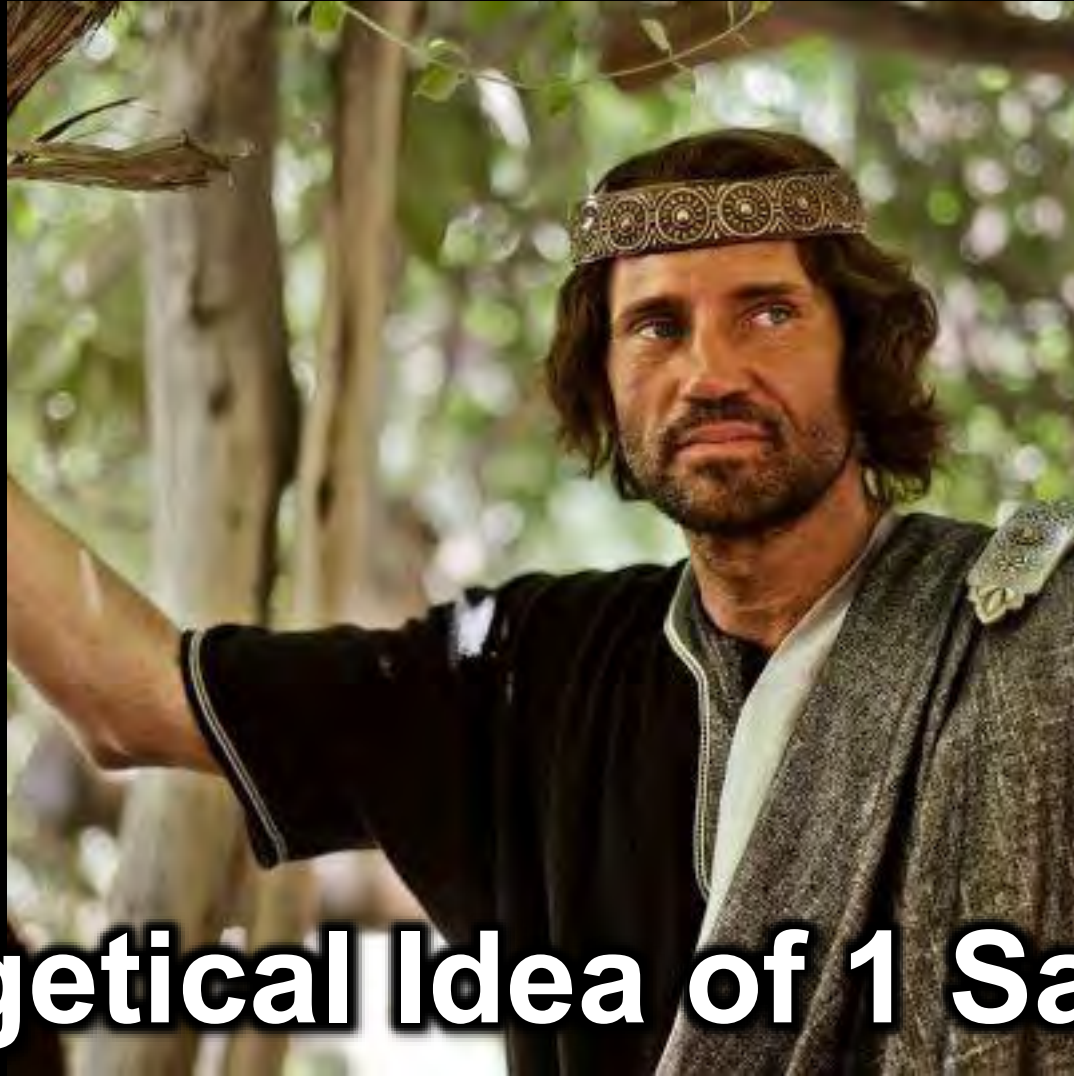
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**Tell of Jabesh Gilead  
(now an olive orchard,  
never excavated)**

**Saul's Body**



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Exegetical Idea of 1 Samuel

**II. God **initiates** change to  
fulfill his plans for us.**



**Main Idea of 1 Samuel**

**Sometimes  
change  
comes  
though our  
desire to  
be like the  
world**





The better way to change  
is for us to let God lead us

**CAUTION**

**GOD AT  
WORK**

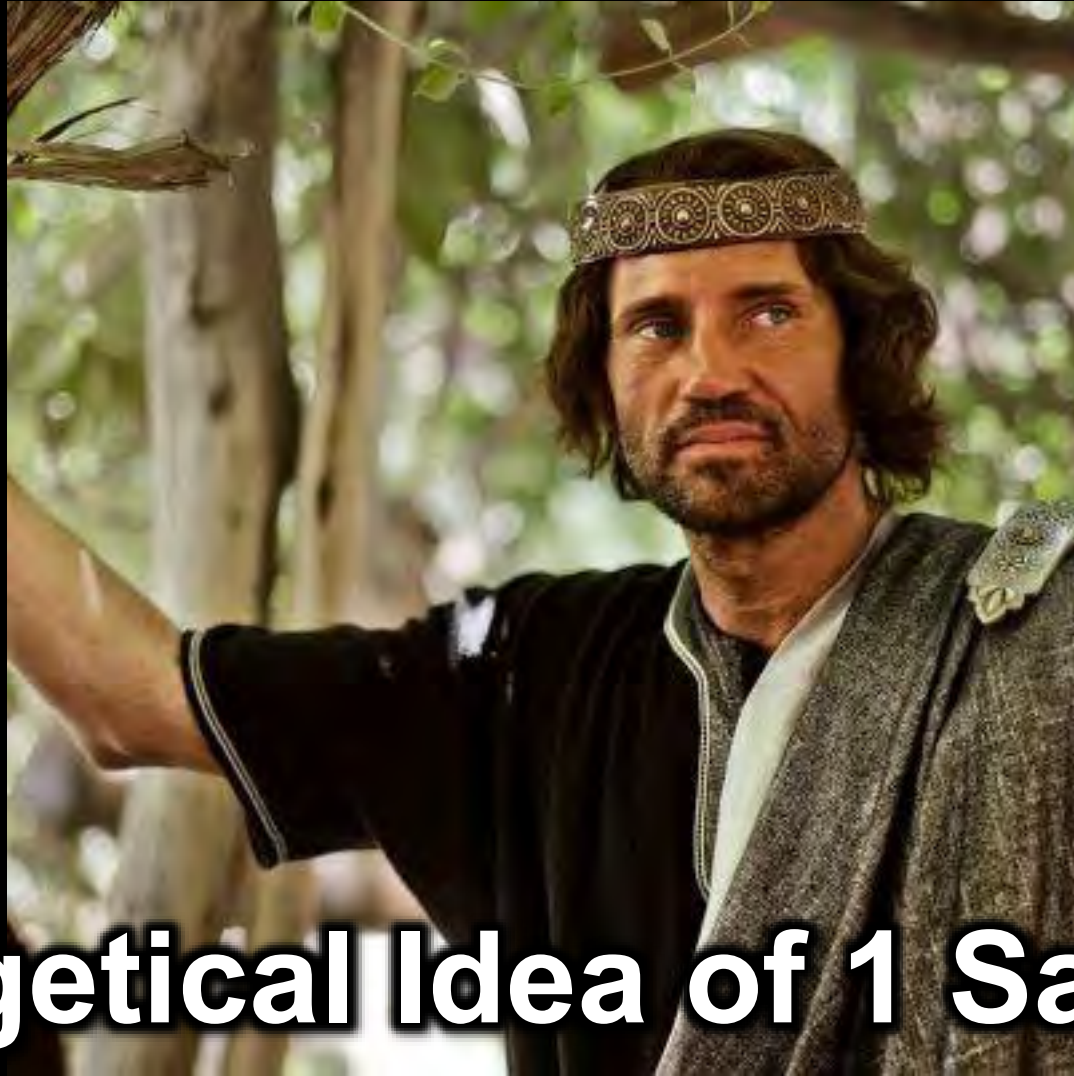
**"The world has yet to see what  
God can do through one man  
who is totally yielded to him"**

**—Dwight L. Moody—**



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**“The circumstances  
we ask God  
to change are often the  
circumstances  
God is using  
to change us.”**

**—Max Lucado—**

If nothing ever changed,  
there'd be no butterflies.

—*Unknown*





**LORD**  
**I come to**  
**YOU**

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**Let my**  
**HEART**  
**be changed**



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