

1 Samuel



Key Word

**194
39**

Transition

1 Samuel

Theme

**Degenerate Theocracy
to Davidic Monarchy**

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Key Verse

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**"[The people] said to [Samuel], 'You are old and your sons do not walk in your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have'"
(8:5).**

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Kingdom Statement

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The **transition** from a degenerate theocracy under Eli and Samuel (1–7) to a monarchy under Saul and David (8–31) shows how God's sovereignty was delegated to the divinely elected Davidic kings who were to rule justly.

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Summary Statement

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Covenant

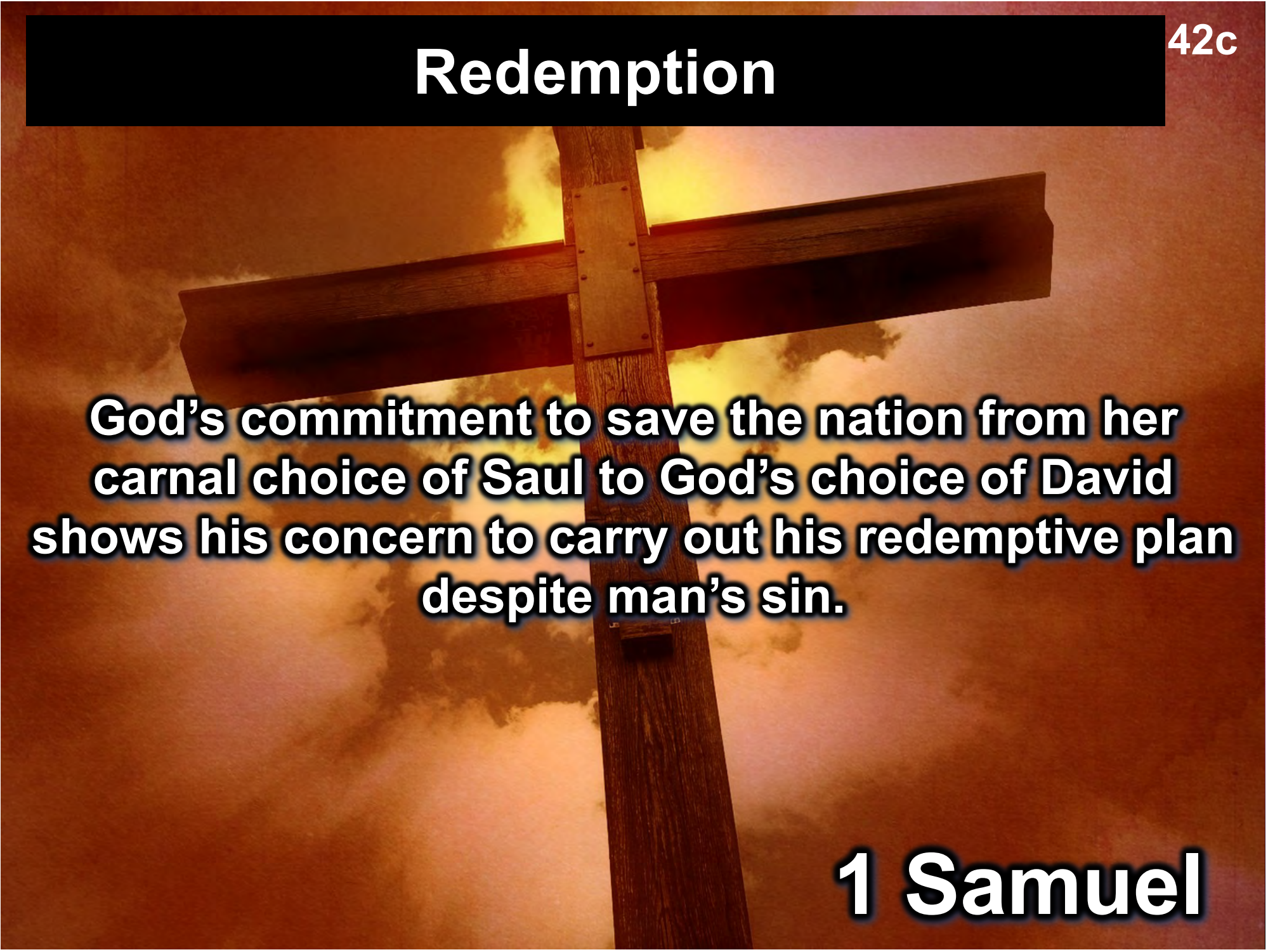
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God used Samuel to replace corrupt yet anointed priests with godly leadership in the anointed David to fulfill His covenant promise to provide kings from Abraham's line (cf. Gen. 17:6).

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Redemption

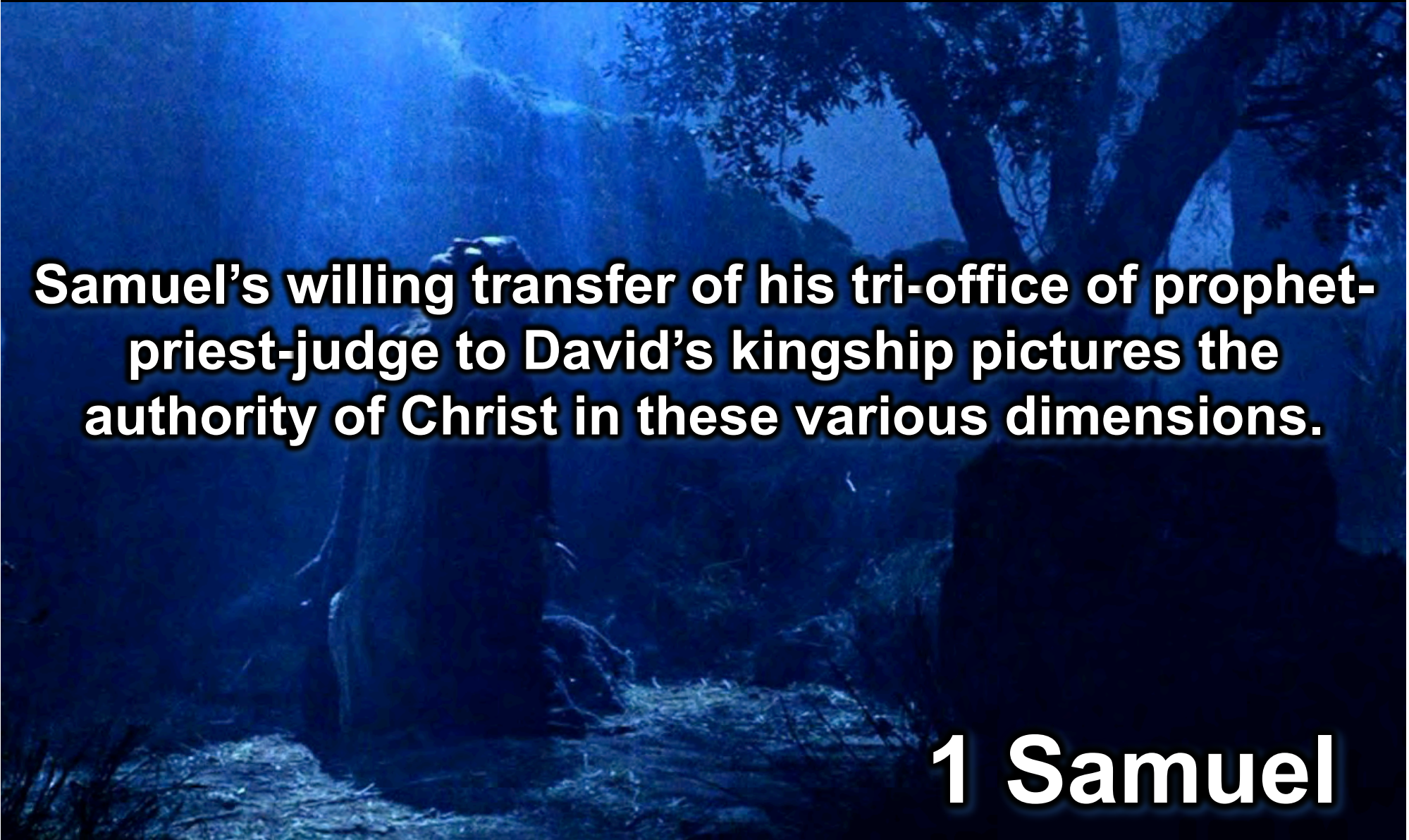
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A wooden cross stands against a dramatic, cloudy sky at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with warm, orange and yellow light, with dark, swirling clouds. The cross is made of two weathered wooden beams, with a metal plate visible at the intersection. The overall mood is solemn and spiritual.

**God's commitment to save the nation from her
carnal choice of Saul to God's choice of David
shows his concern to carry out his redemptive plan
despite man's sin.**

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Messiah

A blue-tinted image of a forest scene. In the foreground, there is a large, dark tree trunk on the left and a large, dark rock on the right. A path leads from the bottom center towards the background. In the background, there are more trees and a bright light source, possibly the sun, creating a lens flare effect. The overall scene is misty and atmospheric.

Samuel's willing transfer of his tri-office of prophet-priest-judge to David's kingship pictures the authority of Christ in these various dimensions.

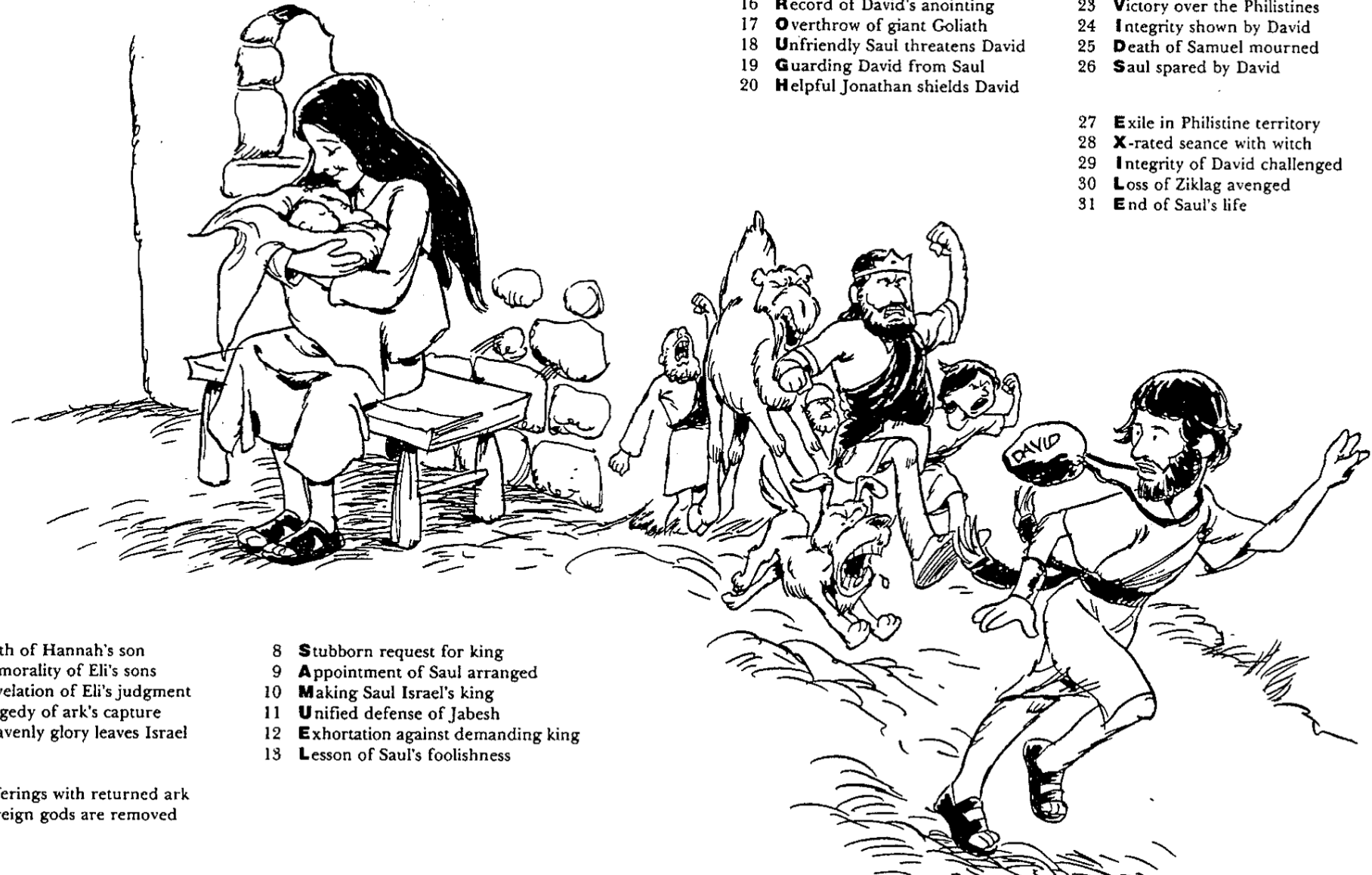
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1 Samuel: Degenerate Theocracy to Davidic Monarchy

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First Samuel



- 1 **B**irth of Hannah's son
- 2 **I**mmorality of Eli's sons
- 3 **R**evelation of Eli's judgment
- 4 **T**ragedy of ark's capture
- 5 **H**eavenly glory leaves Israel

- 6 **O**fferings with returned ark
- 7 **F**oreign gods are removed

- 8 **S**tubborn request for king
- 9 **A**ppointment of Saul arranged
- 10 **M**aking Saul Israel's king
- 11 **U**nified defense of Jabesh
- 12 **E**xhortation against demanding king
- 13 **L**esson of Saul's foolishness

- 14 **T**riumph of Jonathan's attack
- 15 **H**opelessness of Saul's disobedience
- 16 **R**ecord of David's anointing
- 17 **O**verthrow of giant Goliath
- 18 **U**nfriendly Saul threatens David
- 19 **G**uarding David from Saul
- 20 **H**elpful Jonathan shields David

- 21 **D**avid demands priests' provisions
- 22 **A**himelech killed by Saul
- 23 **V**ictory over the Philistines
- 24 **I**ntegrity shown by David
- 25 **D**eath of Samuel mourned
- 26 **S**aul spared by David

- 27 **E**xile in Philistine territory
- 28 **X**-rated seance with witch
- 29 **I**ntegrity of David challenged
- 30 **L**oss of Ziklag avenged
- 31 **E**nd of Saul's life

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Do you like it?

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



Why?

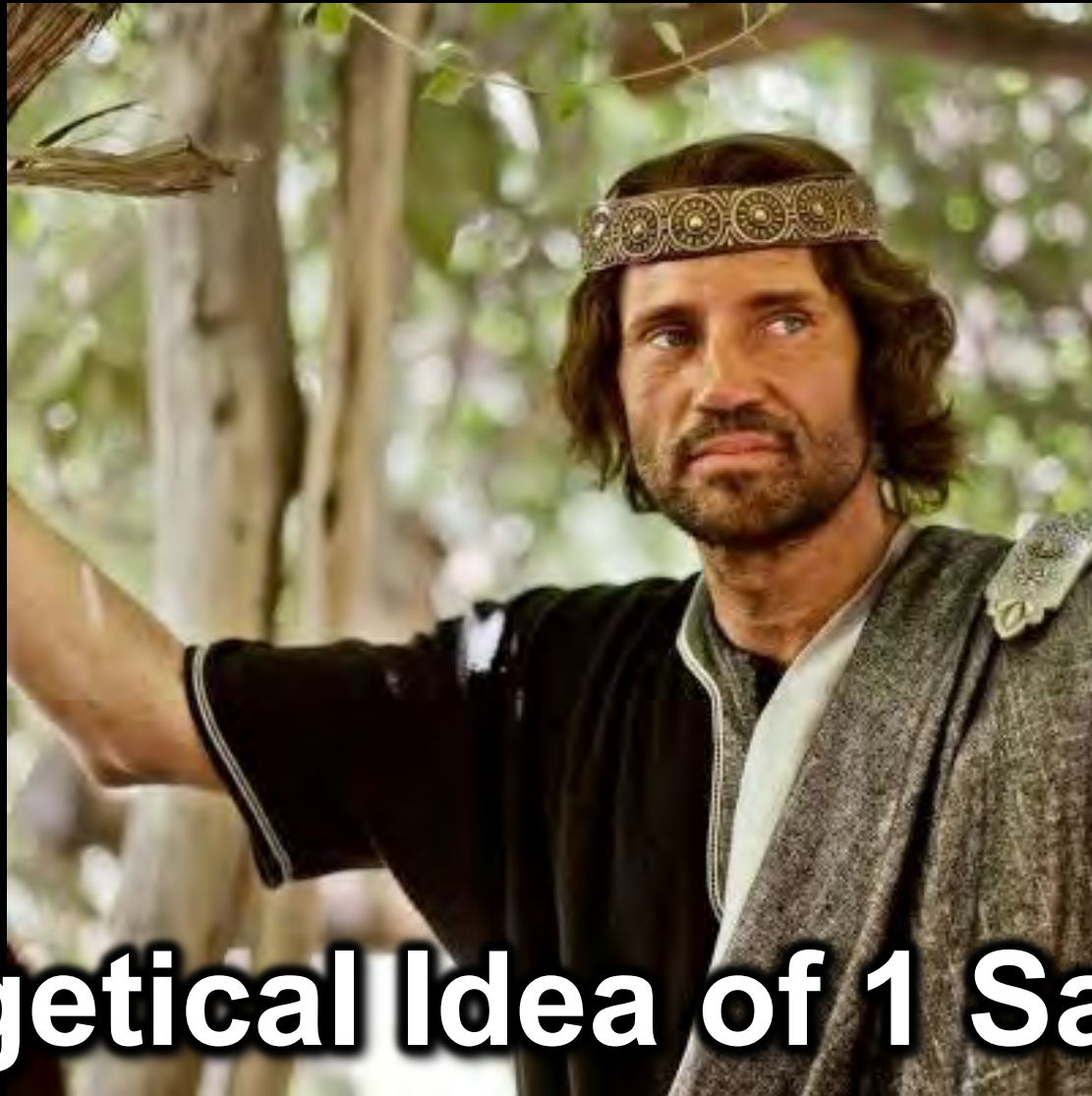
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Why does **God** cause change?

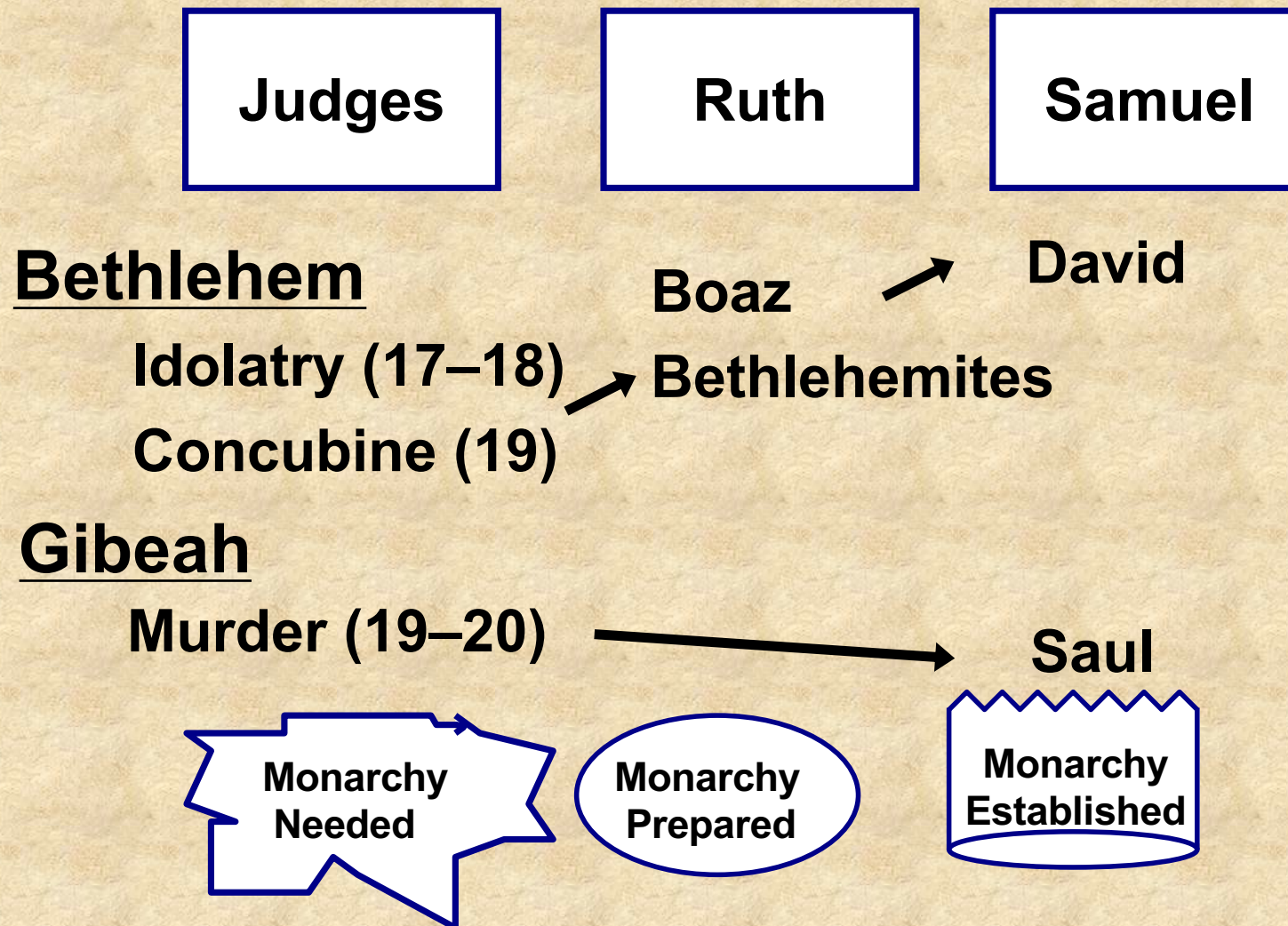
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Exegetical Idea of 1 Samuel

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

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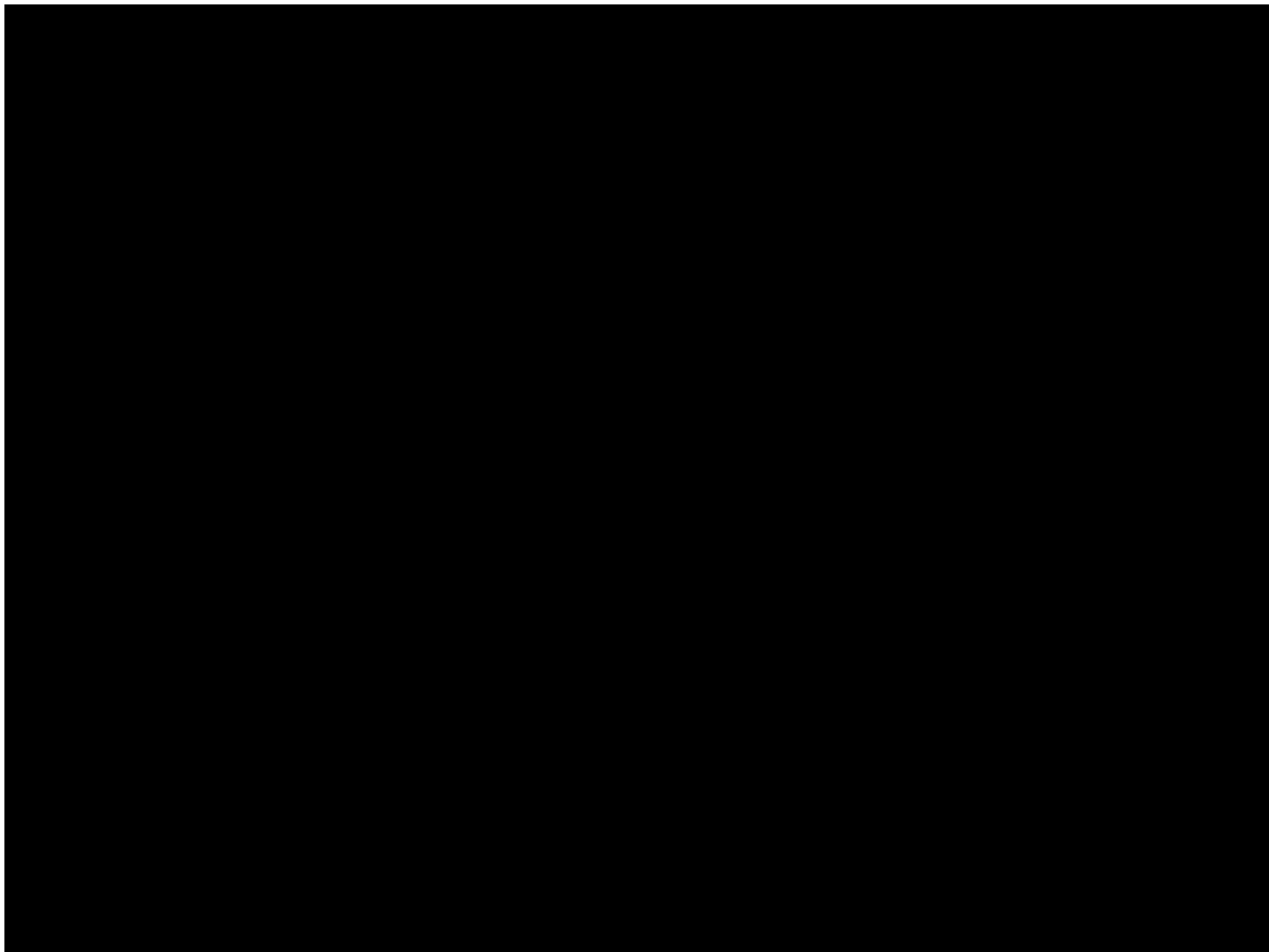
Main Idea of 1 Samuel

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

—*Unknown*



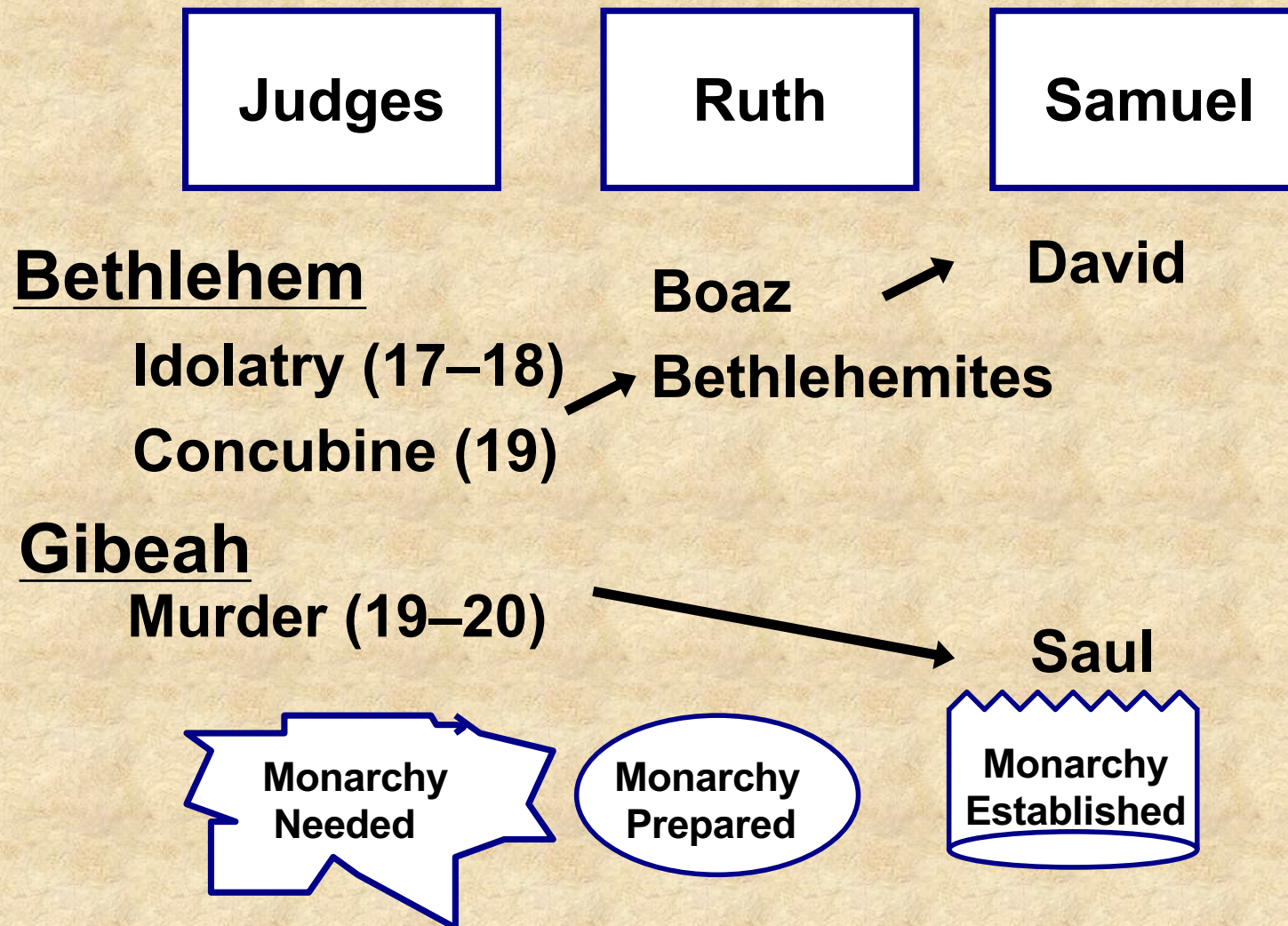
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- **First and Second Samuel originally comprised only one book in the Hebrew canon called "Samuel" after the author up to chapter 25.**
- **This single scroll was arbitrarily divided in the Septuagint (250 BC) since the Greek required a greater amount of scroll space.**



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The



to 1 Samuel



Keys to...

1 Samuel

-  **word** Transition
-  **verse** 8:5
-  **characters** Samuel, Saul, David
-  **place** Israel
-  **authors** Samuel, Nathan, Gad



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?

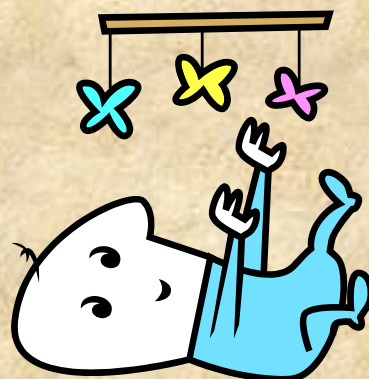
- Premature
- Wrong motive

How long it covers



94 years

From 1105 B.C --- 1011 B.C.



Begins: Birth of Samuel

Ends: Death of Saul

How long it covers



Purpose of this Book

Theocracy → Monarchy

GOD as



Man as



Forming the Message Statement

**Subject
(Theme)**



**Purpose
(Reason)**

What the book says

The narrow
lineage of Israel
from Creation to
Joseph

Why it says it

informs Israel it began by
God's election for rule and
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Abraham in contrast to the
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Genesis

Summary Statement

The narrow lineage of Israel from Creation to Joseph informs Israel it began by God's **election for rule and unconditional promise for blessings through Abraham in contrast to the Canaanites**



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The reason God **transitioned Israel from a degenerate theocracy under Eli and Samuel to a monarchy under Saul and David was to show that he delegated his rule to Davidic kings for them to rule justly.**

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Now You Write Your Own Summary Statement

Sum up **1 Samuel 1–7** in one sentence
with both the **subject**
(content/theme/what the chapters say)
plus the **purpose**
(reason/significance/why it says it)

1 Samuel 1–7

1st Samuel

Purpose: To reveal the political and spiritual consequences in Israel's folly of rejecting the theocracy in favor of a monarchy, and to witness the sovereign working of God to prepare a "man after His own heart" to rule as king.

SAMUEL

A Prophet-Judge for the Time When the Glory Departed

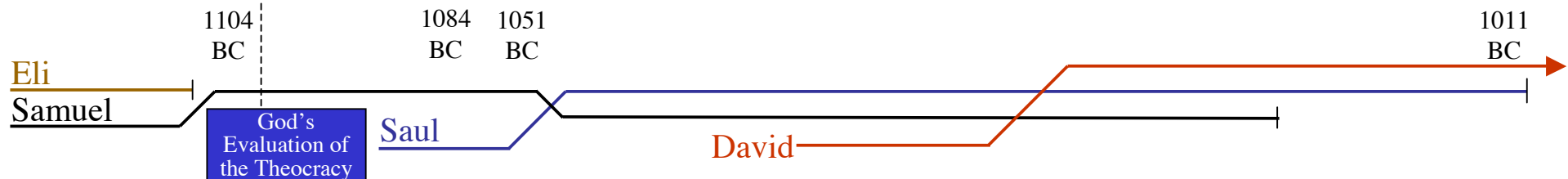
Suppl. 2.1

Samuel Established as a Prophet of the LORD		Samuel Revives the Nation to Overcome the Philistines			
Dedication of Samuel to the LORD	Samuel Confirmed as Prophet in Contrast to A Corrupt Priesthood	Defeat at Aphek: The Glory Departs!	Philistines Afflicted By the Ark	Return of the Ark To Israel	Philistines Subdued Following a Revival
1:1-2:10	2:11-3:21	4:1-22	5:1-12	6:1-7:2	7:3-17
1-3		4-7			
Chapters 1 – 7					

THE REIGN OF SAUL

The Blunder of the Monarchy with Saul as King

Founding of the Kingdom Under Saul		Saul’s Rule Rejected by the LORD			Decline of Saul with the Choice and Emergence of David		
“Give Us A King!”	Saul’s First Great Failure: Offered Sacrifices	Saul’s Foolishness Contrasted with Jonathan’s Brave Loyalty	Amalekites: The LORD Rejects Saul’s Rule	David Emerges a Hero, Only To Incur Saul’s Hatred	David’s Wanderings—Fleeing From Saul	The Philistine War That Ends Saul’s Reign	
	13	14	15	16:1–20:42	21:1–27:12	28:1–31:13	
	8–12			13–15			
			16–31				
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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



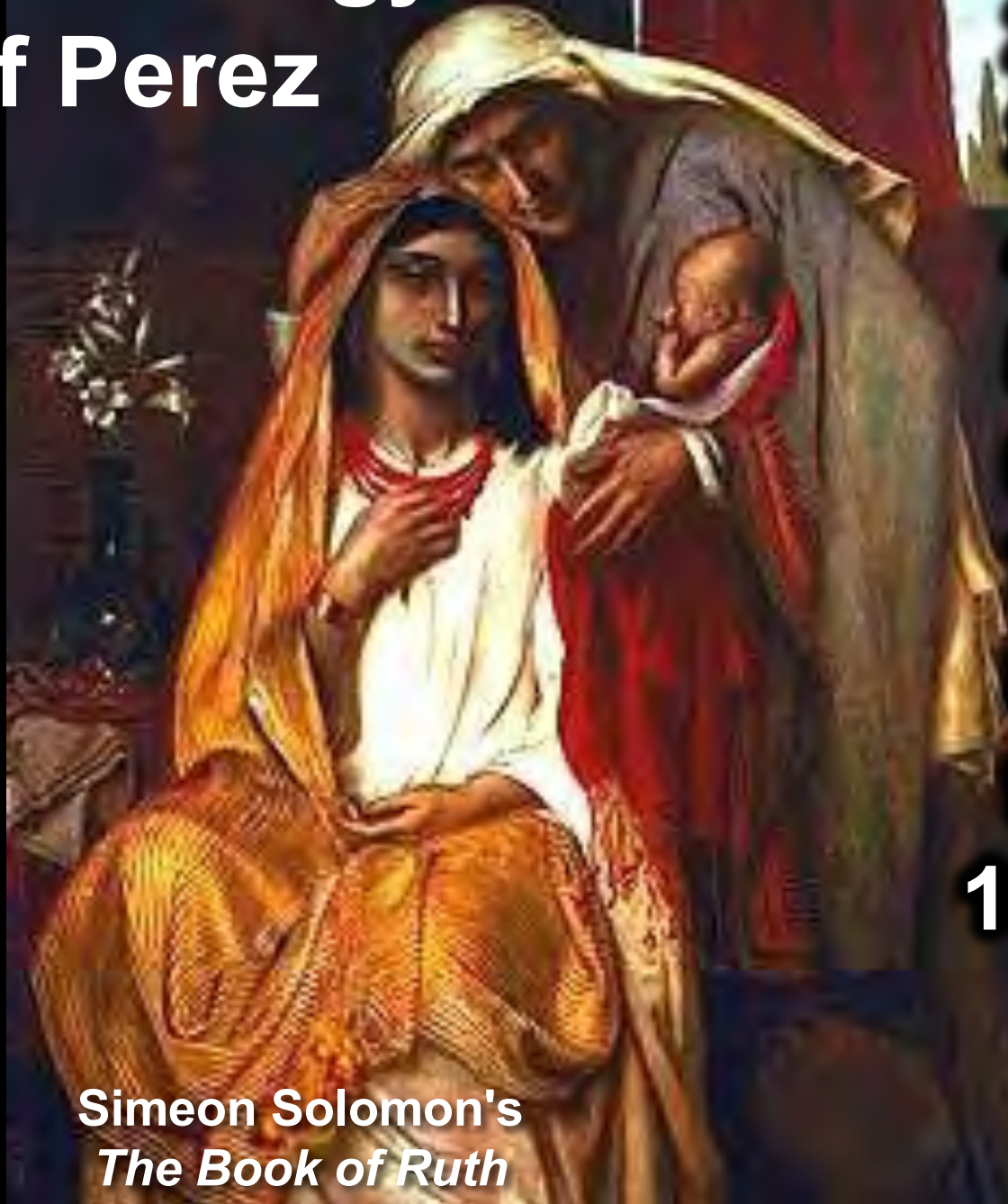
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Genealogy of Perez



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

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Purpose of this Book

Theocracy → Monarchy

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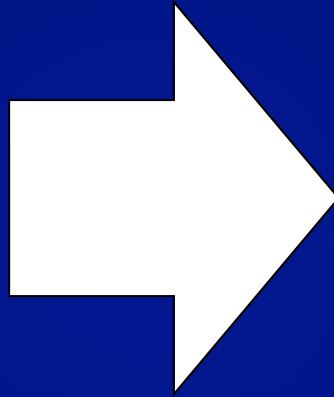


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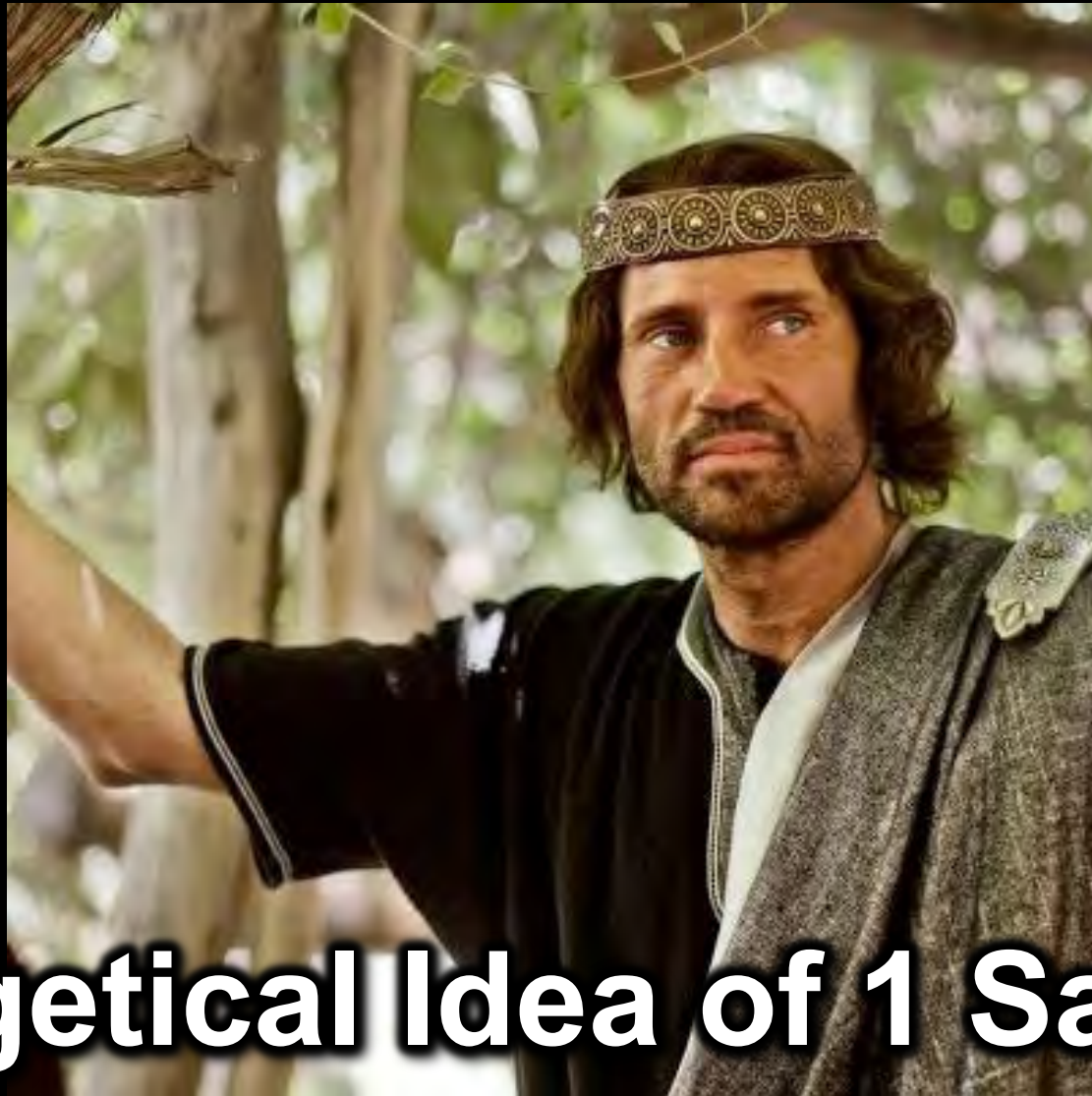
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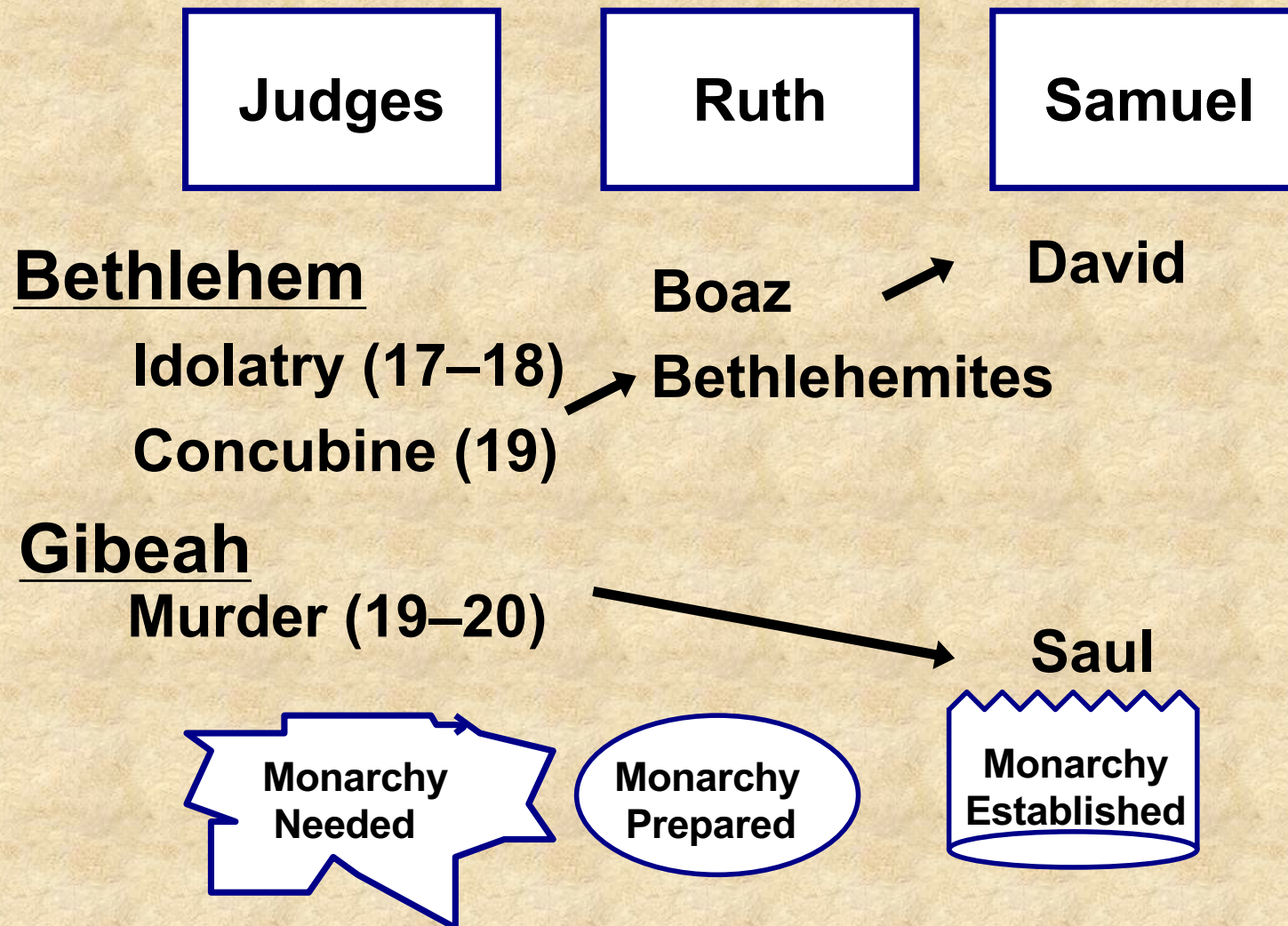
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Eli



Samuel

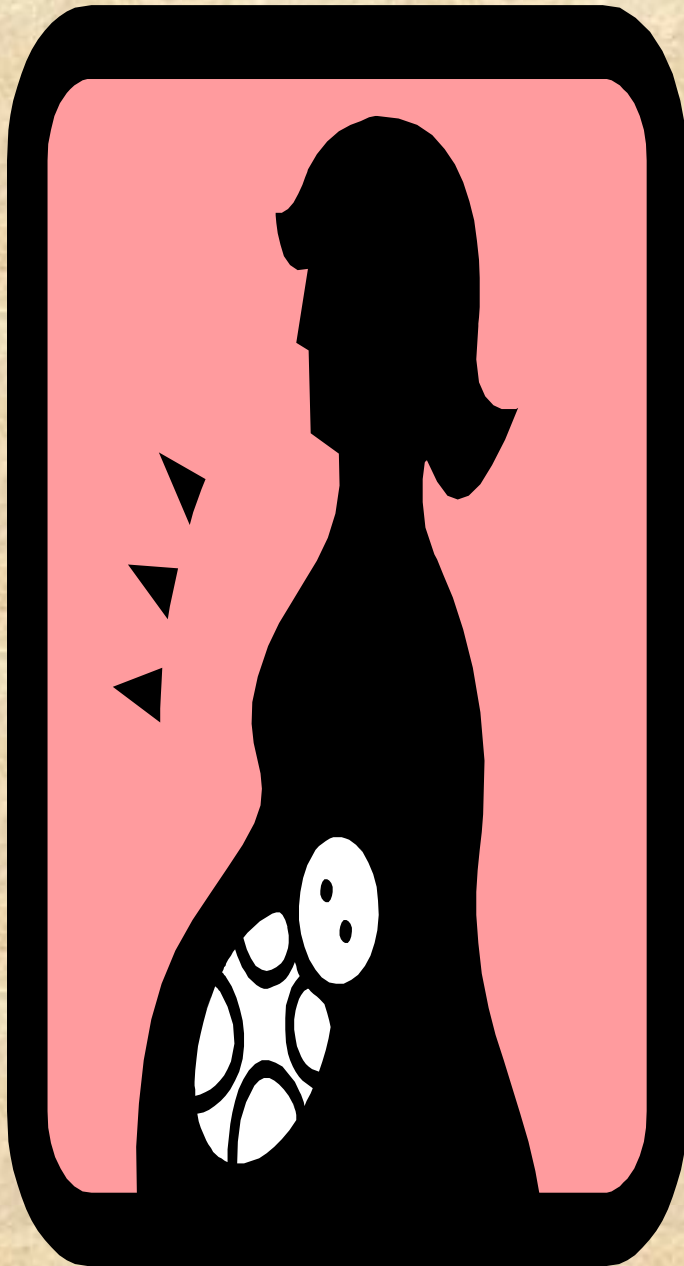
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Samuel's Birth

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- Samuel was born about 1100 BC.
- His father was Elkanah. He was an Ephraimite.
- Elkanah had two wives. One was named Hannah.
- The two wives did not see eye to eye because Hannah was childless.

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

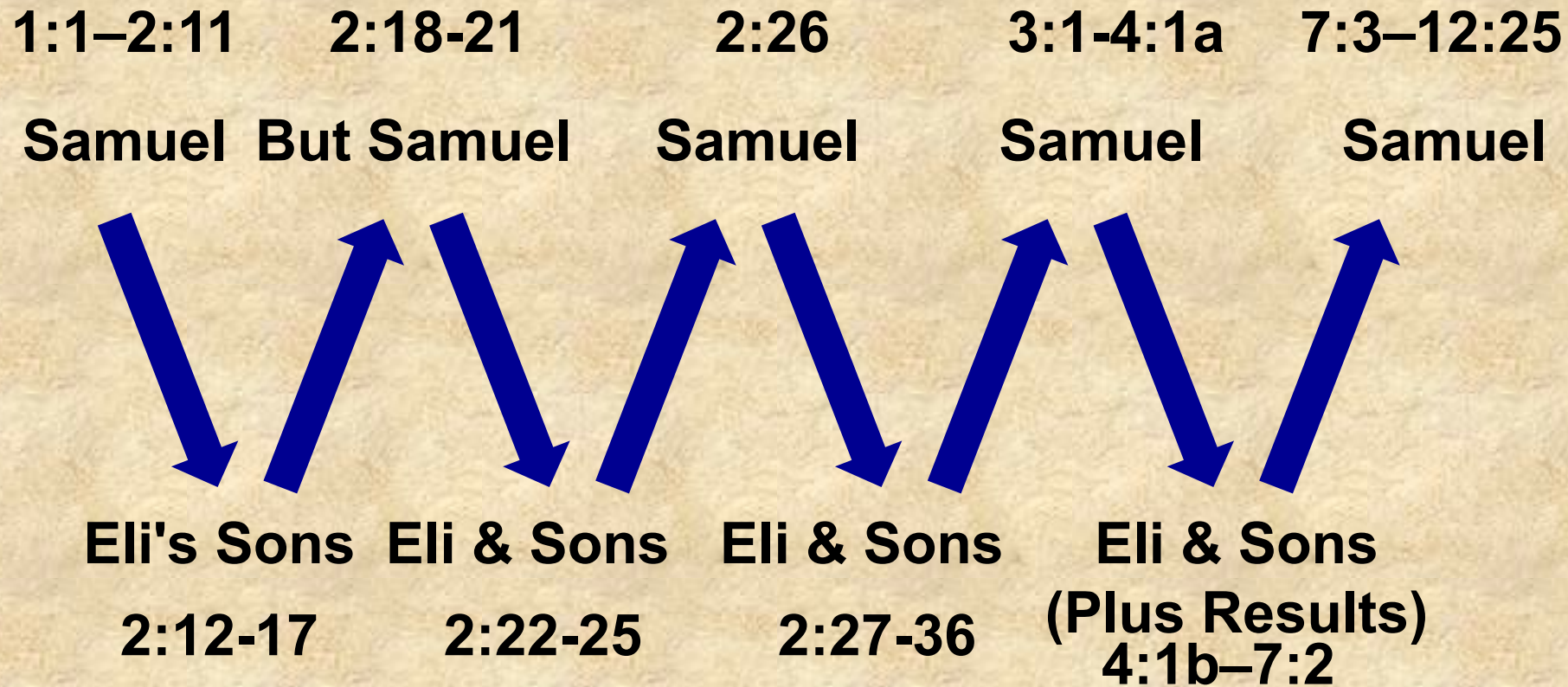


Children are a Blessing

Hannah Cares for Samuel



Biographical Contrast by Interchange (1 Sam 1–12)



Samuel's Dedication

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- **Hannah prayed earnestly for a child, and God honored her.**
- **God gave her a son and she named him Samuel.**
- **She dedicated Samuel to the LORD for service in the tabernacle.**
- **He was born to a Levite home.**
- **He was called an Ephraimite because he stayed in the hill region of Ephraim.**

1 Sam 2

Hannah brings Samuel to Eli



Eli & Samuel



1 Samuel 3

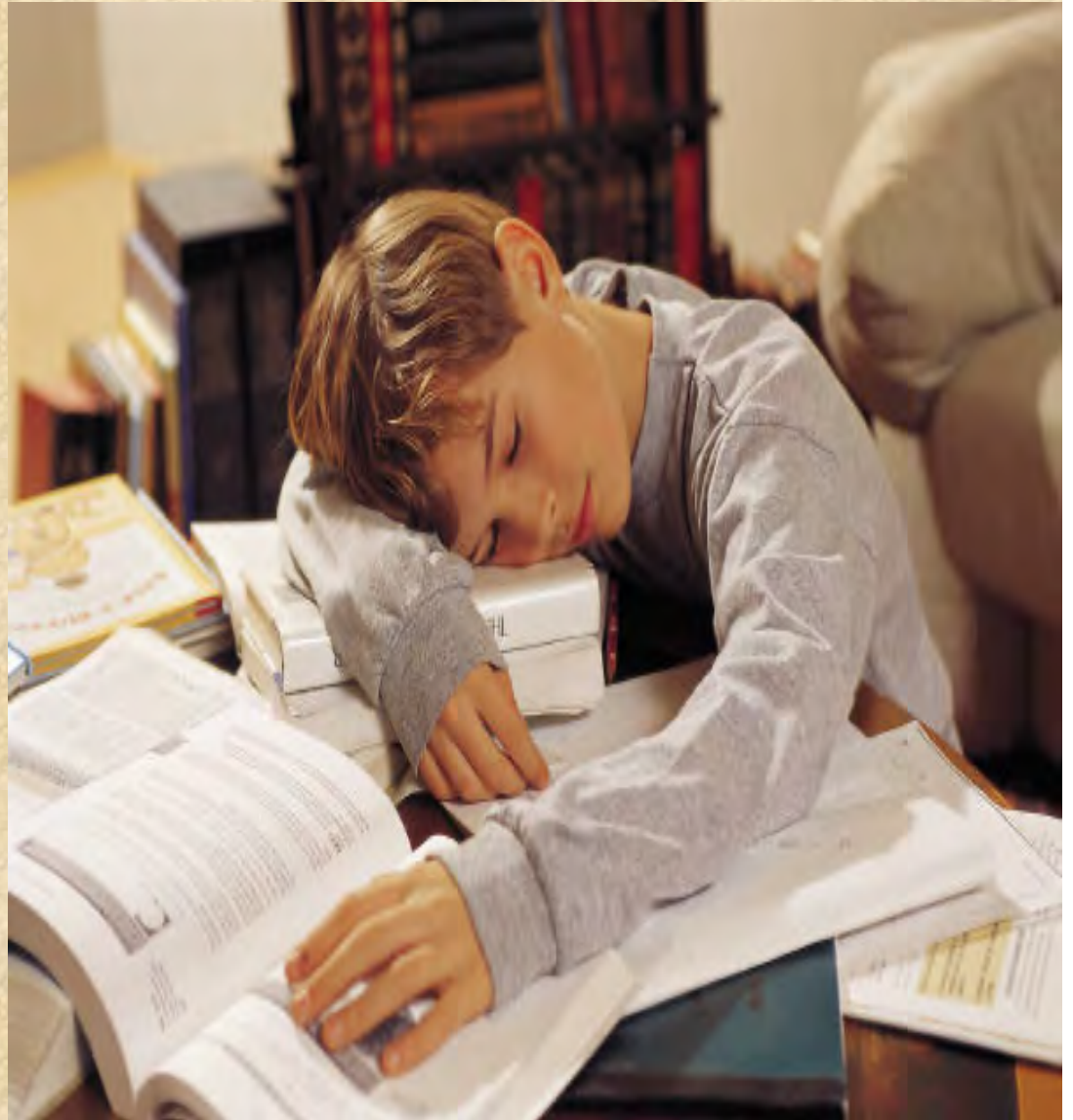
The Boy Samuel



Samuel's Call

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- **God called Samuel in the night when he was lying down in the temple.**
- **God called him thrice.**
- **Samuel responded on the third time.**



1 Sam 3

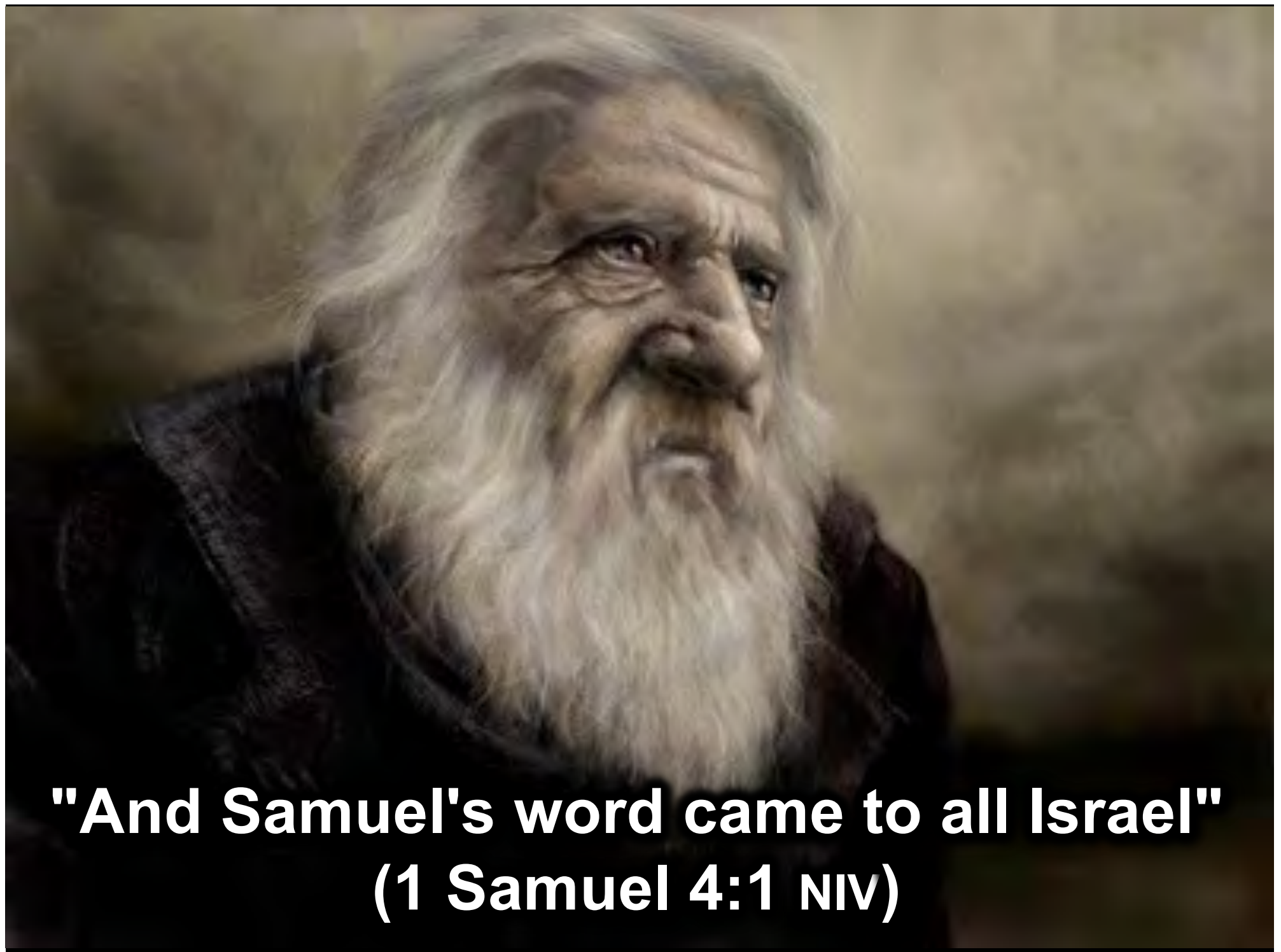


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**"And Samuel's word came to all Israel"
(1 Samuel 4:1 NIV)**

A Rough Start as Judge

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

1 Sam 4



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



Eli



Samuel

1 Samuel



Samuel



Saul

1 Samuel 8



Key Verse

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Who deserved the crown?

Matthew: Christ as King

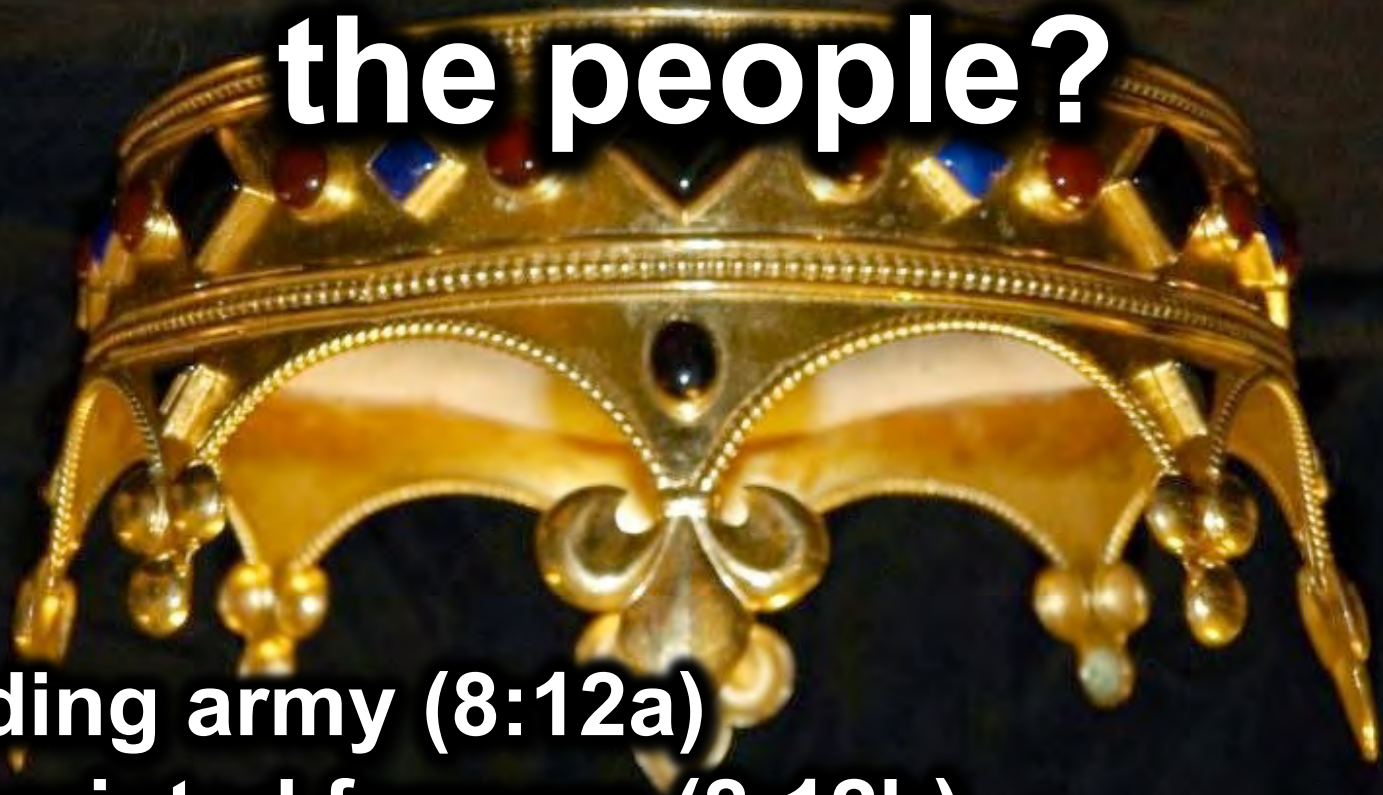


Since Jacob's blessing in Genesis 49:9-10, the lion has depicted a king...

"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?"

¹⁰The 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).

What would the king do to the people?



- **Standing army (8:12a)**
- **Conscripted farmers (8:12b)**
- **Forced makers of weapons (8:12c)**
- **Daughters as bakers, launderers, oil workers, and perfumers in the palace (8:13)**

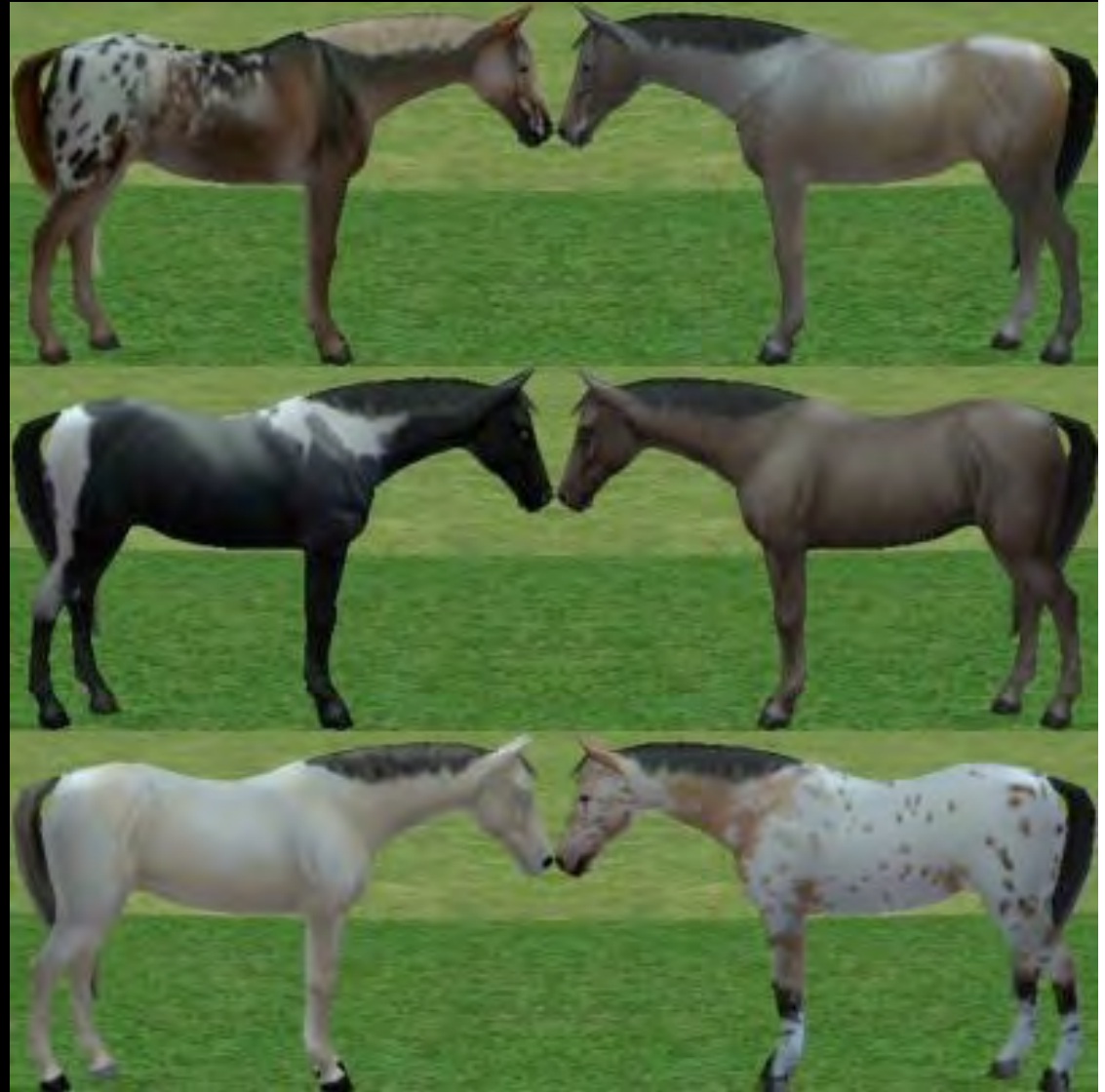
Warnings for Kings (1400 BC)

**"You are about to enter the land the LORD your God is giving you. When you take it over and settle there, you may think, 'We should select a king to rule over us like the other nations around us.' ¹⁵ If this happens, be sure to select as king the man the LORD your God chooses. You must appoint a fellow Israelite; he may not be a foreigner"
(Deut. 17:14-15 NLT).**

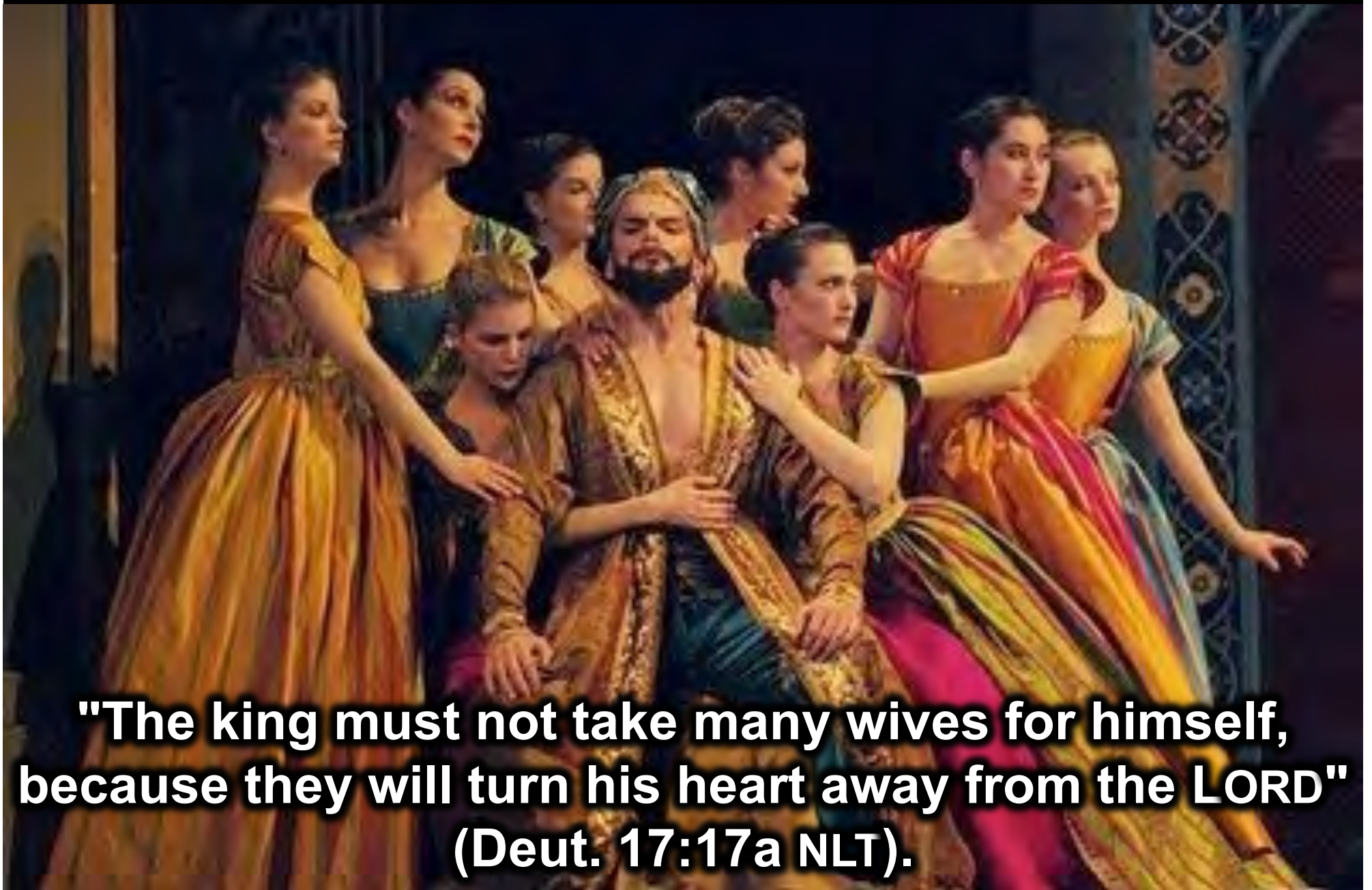


Warnings for Kings (1400 BC)

"The king must not build up a large stable of horses for himself or send his people to Egypt to buy horses, for the LORD has told you, 'You must never return to Egypt'" (Deut. 17:16 NLT).



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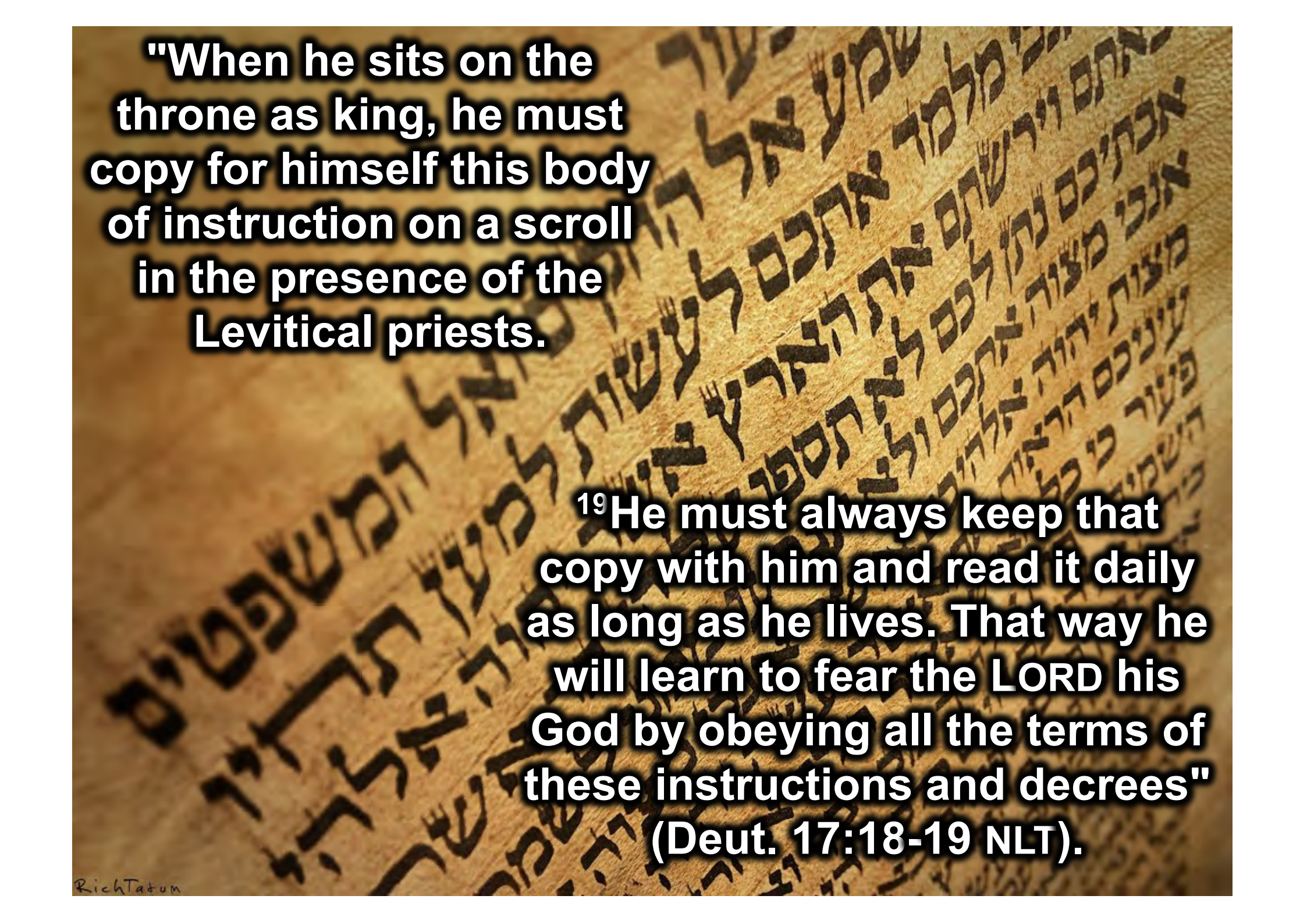


**"The king must not take many wives for himself,
because they will turn his heart away from the LORD"
(Deut. 17:17a NLT).**

Warnings for Kings (1400 BC)

**"And he must not
accumulate large
amounts of wealth
in silver and gold
for himself"
(Deut. 17:17b NLT).**



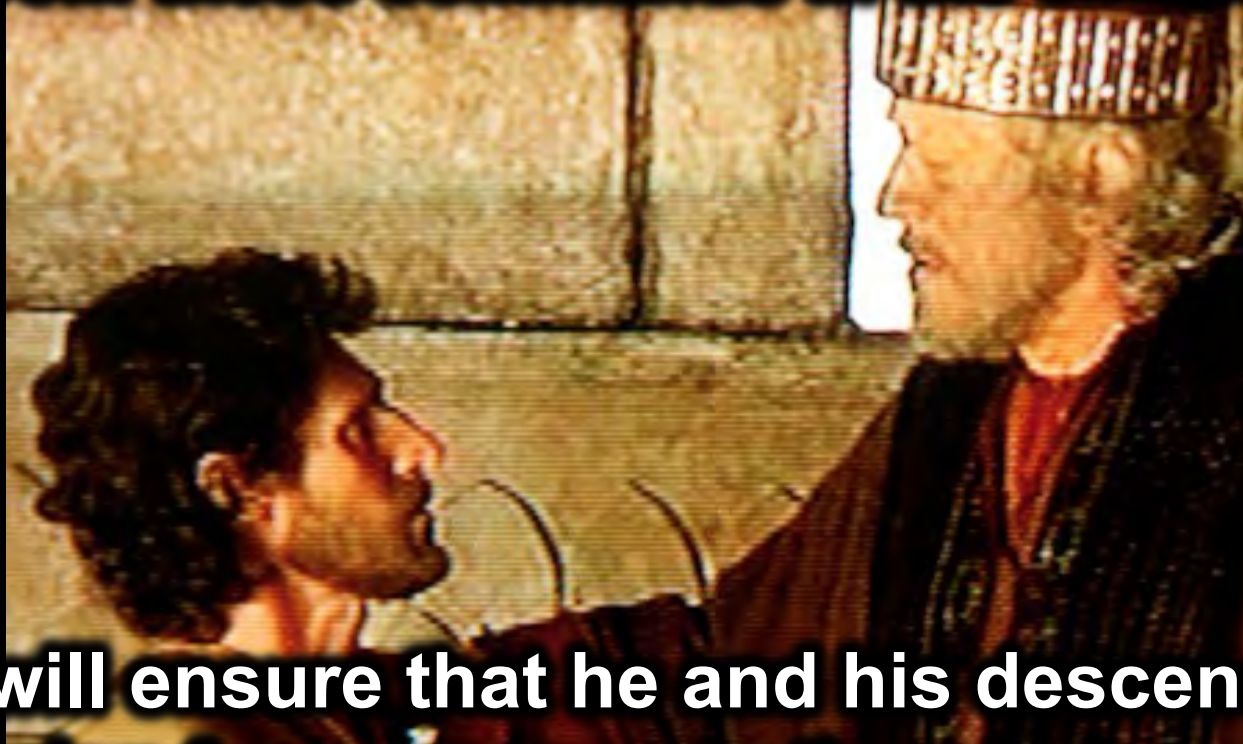
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"When he sits on the throne as king, he must copy for himself this body of instruction on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.

¹⁹He must always keep that copy with him and read it daily as long as he lives. That way he will learn to fear the LORD his God by obeying all the terms of these instructions and decrees"
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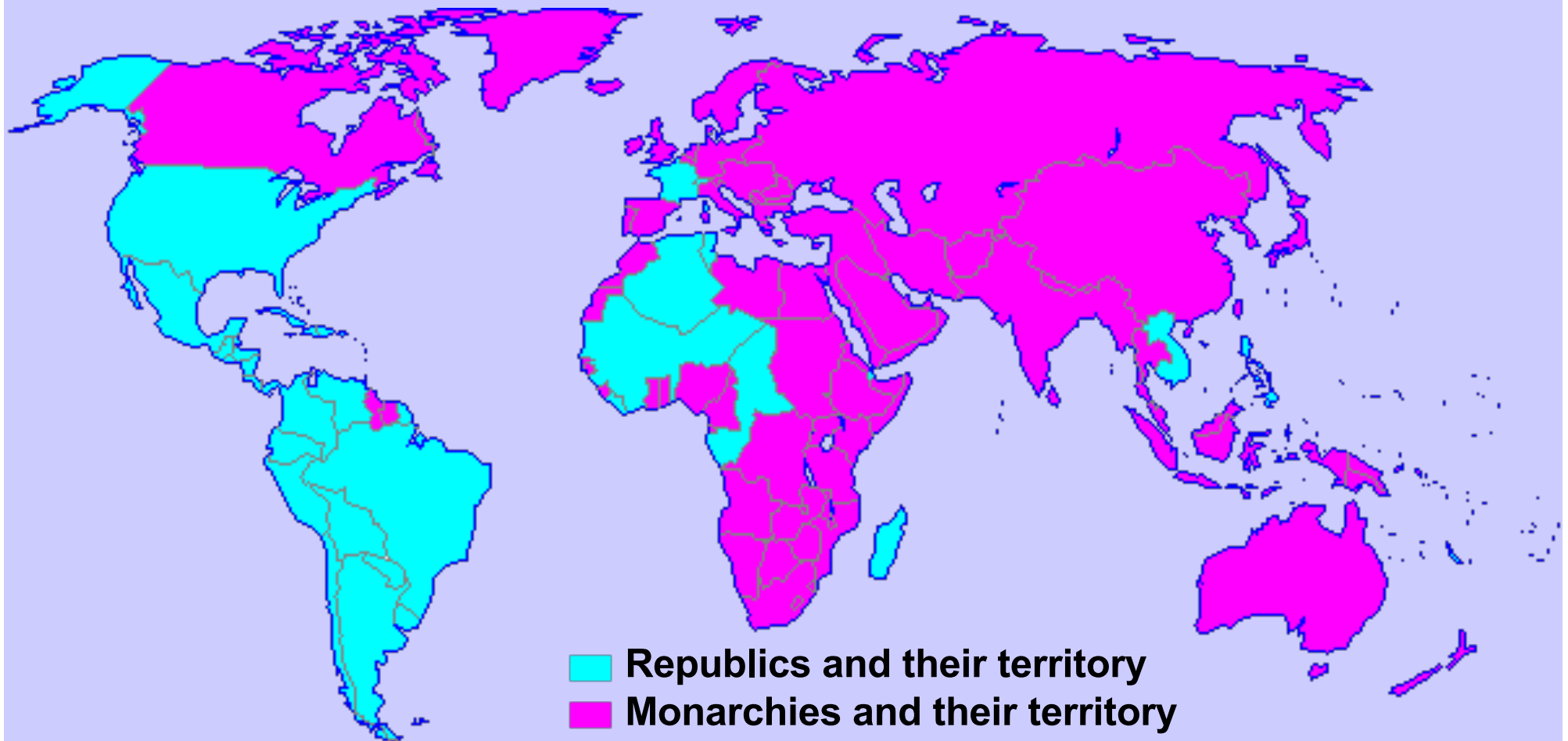
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"This regular reading will prevent him from becoming proud and acting as if he is above his fellow citizens. It will also prevent him from turning away from these commands in the smallest way"



"And it will ensure that he and his descendants will reign for many generations in Israel"
(Deut. 17:20 NLT).

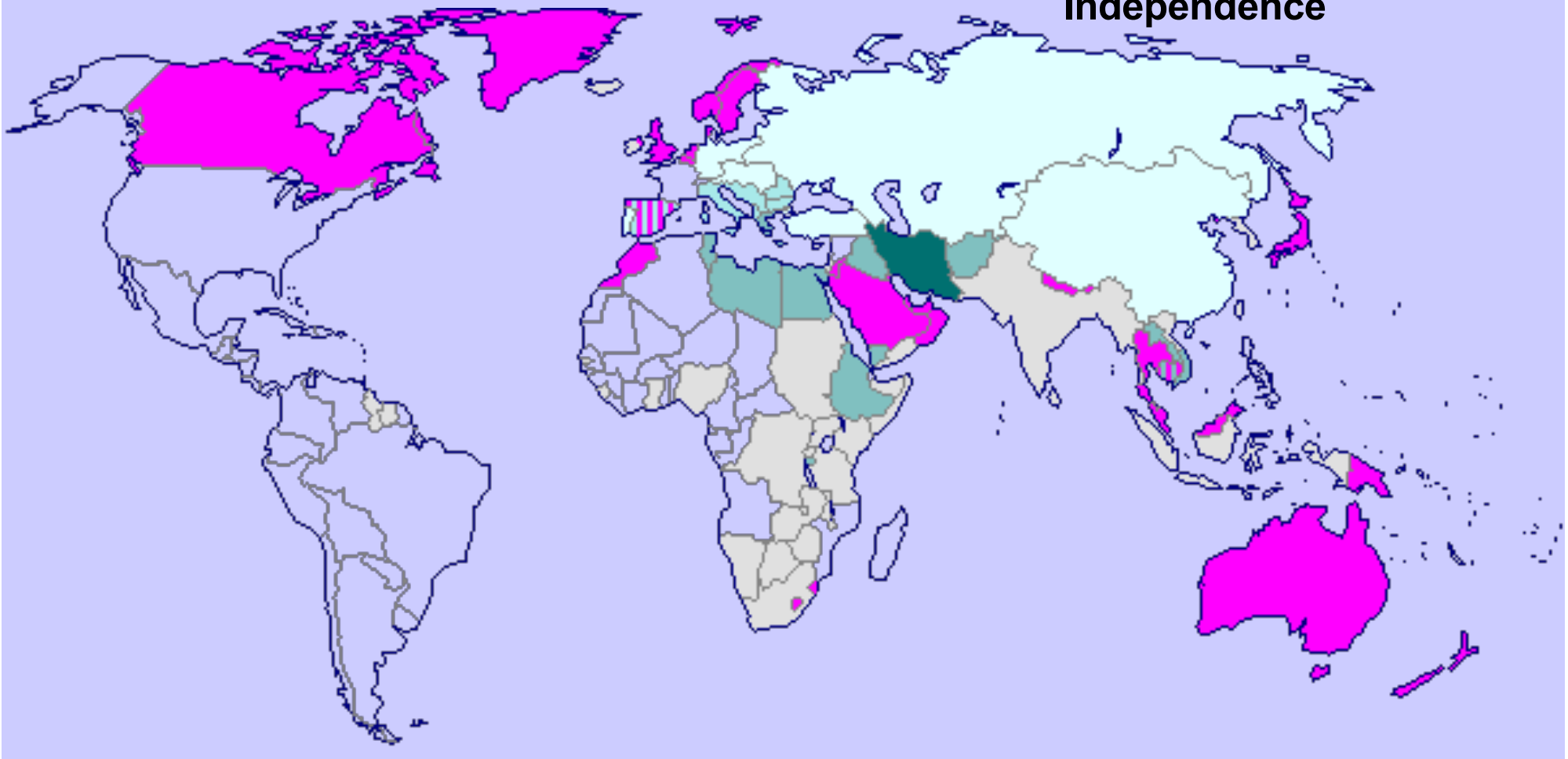
Monarchies in 1900



Monarchies in 2000

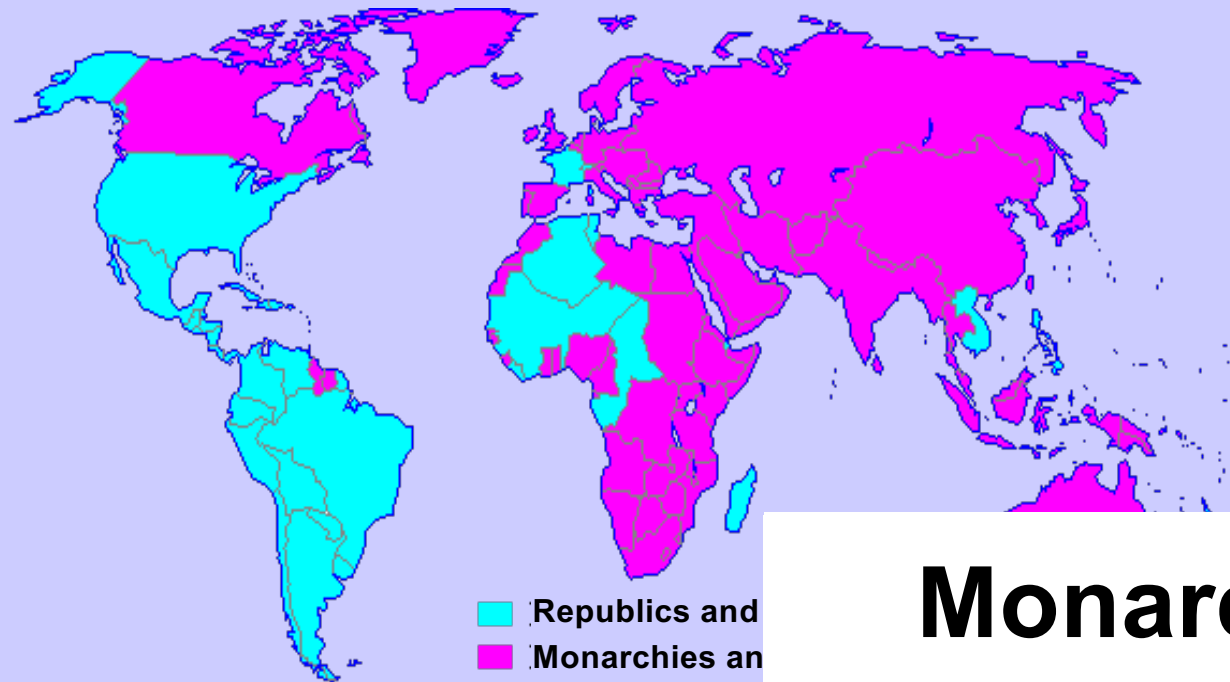
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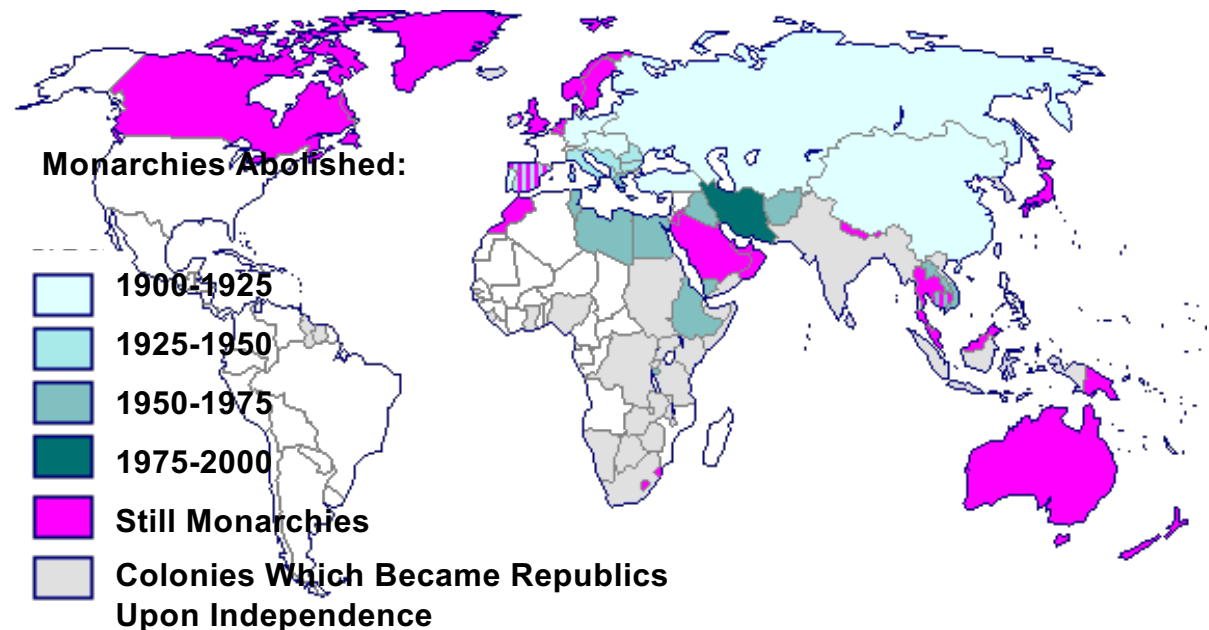


Monarchies in 1900

The Demise of Monarchies



Monarchies in 2000



KING OF KINGS

The Eternal Davidic Ruler

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1 Samuel 9

What kind of man was Saul?



1 Samuel 10

Saul Anointed King



1 Samuel 10:1

1 Samuel 11

"When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of the God came upon him in power, and he burned with anger."



1 Sam. 11:6

A Great Start as King

A wide-angle photograph of a hillside covered in olive trees, identified as Tell of Jabesh Gilead. The hillside is covered in a dense, terraced pattern of olive trees. In the background, there are more hills and a valley. The sky is clear and blue.

**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

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Saul's excuses (1 Samuel 13)

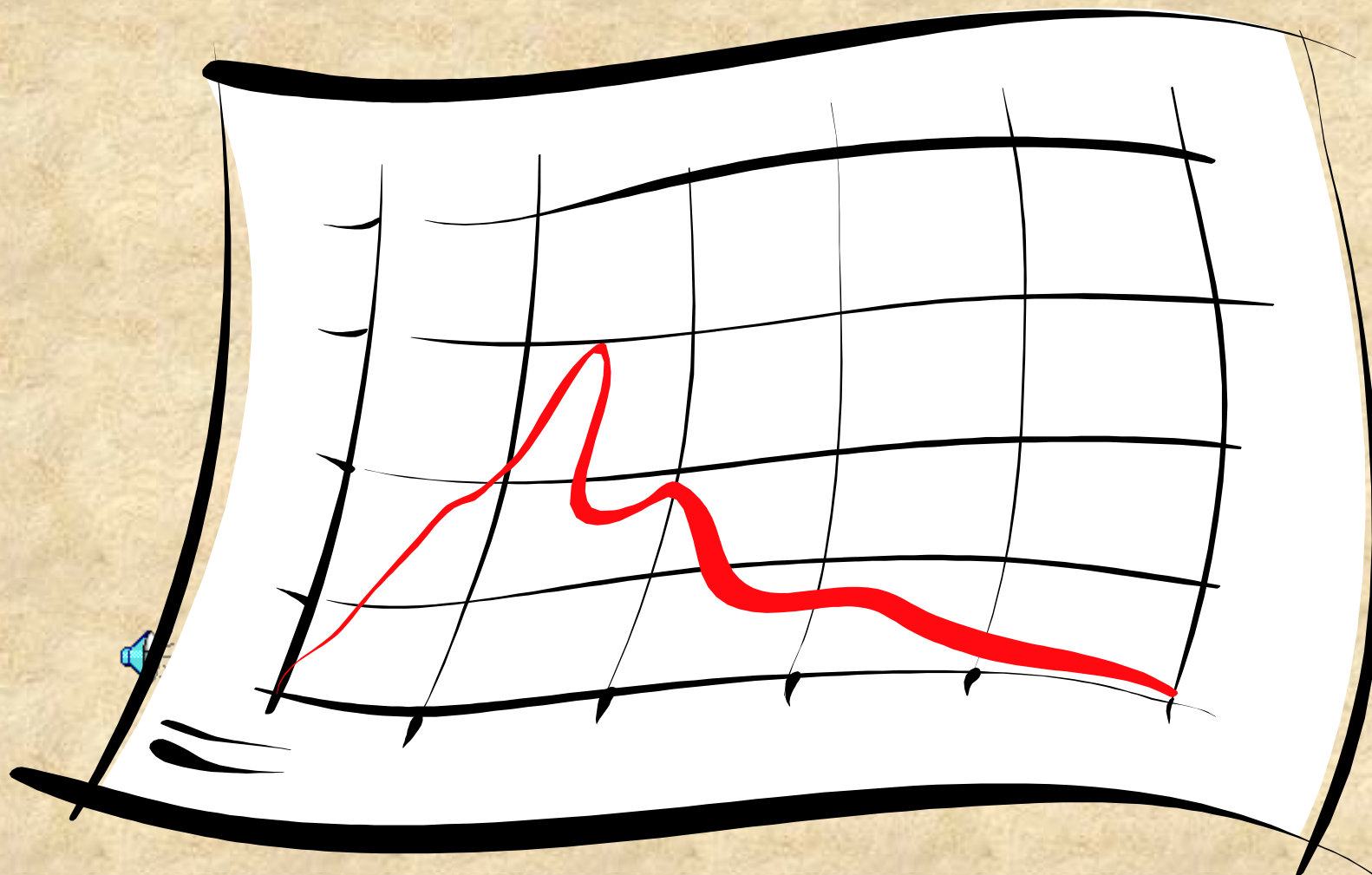
1 Samuel 14



Samuel, David & Saul

1 Samuel 15

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



God's Sorrow Over Saul

*God is unchangeable.
So why then did He
"repent" or "grieve over"
the fact that
He made Saul king?
(1 Sam. 15:35)*



1 Samuel 1-7



Eli



Samuel

1 Samuel 8-15



Samuel



Saul

Transition #3

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1 Samuel 16-31



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Decline of Judges		Rise of Kings		
Chapters 1–7		Chapters 8–31		
Samuel: "Heavenly King"		Saul: "Earthly King"		
Eli	Samuel	Saul		David
Man After Man's Heart	Man After God's Heart	Man After Man's Heart		Man After God's Heart
Paralysis	Prayer	Panic		Patience
<i>Transition #1</i> Eli to Samuel (1–3)	Samuel & Ark's Wanderings (4–7)	<i>Transition #2</i> Samuel to Saul (8–12)	Saul Rejected (13–15)	<i>Transition #3</i> Saul to David (16–31)
c. 94 Years				
Birth of Samul (1105 BC) to Death of Saul (1011 BC)				





David's Courage

Samuel Anointed David

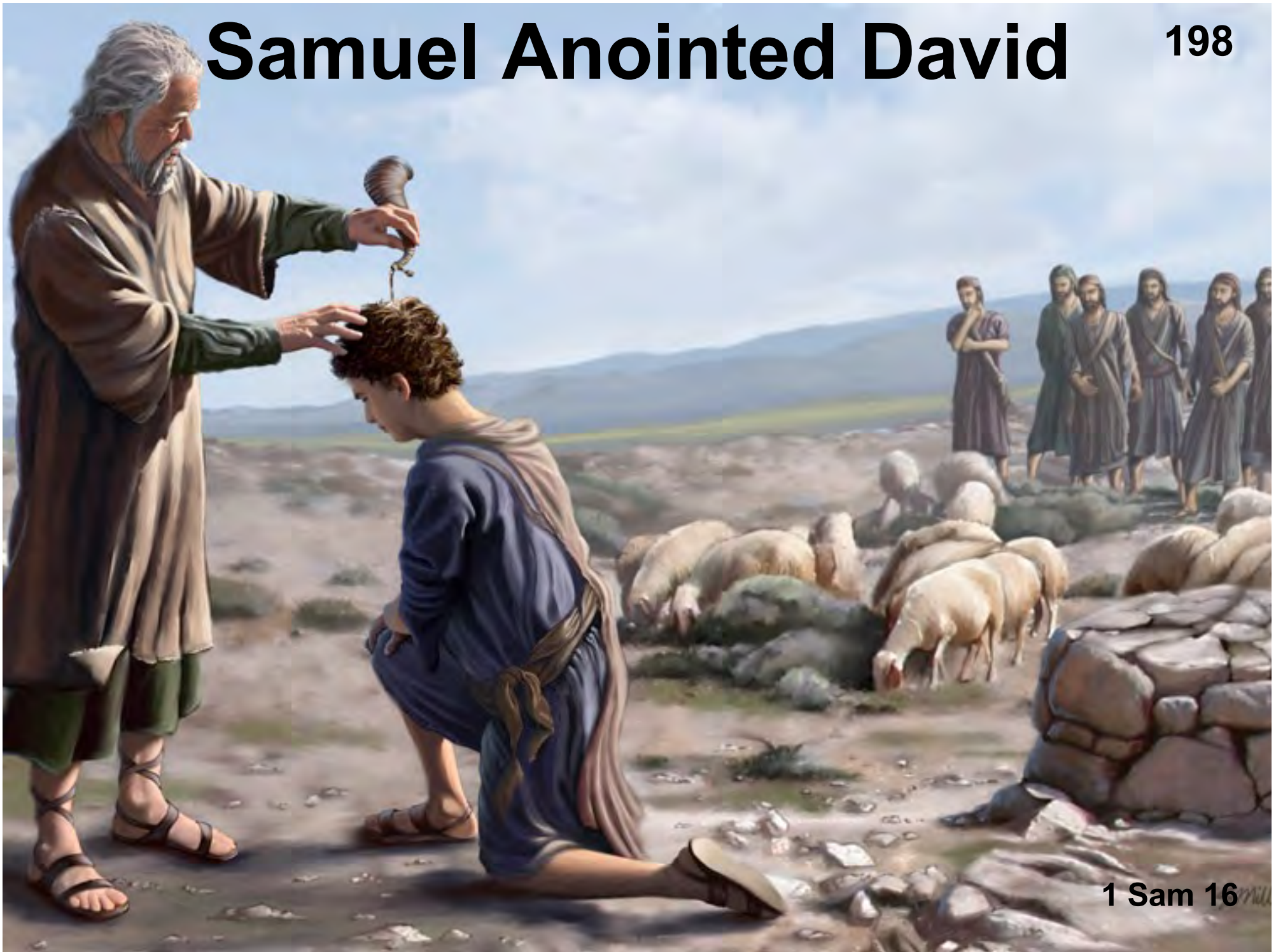
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1 Sam 16

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 2nd 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 oil painting depicting a young man, David, standing courageously between two large, roaring animals: a lion on the left and a bear on the right. David is dressed in a red tunic over a white shirt, with a dark sash tied around his waist. He has his arms outstretched in a gesture of defiance or calm. At his feet are several small, white sheep. The background is a hazy, golden-brown landscape. The overall mood is heroic and courageous.

David's Courage



First Victory!

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**David Over
Goliath**

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

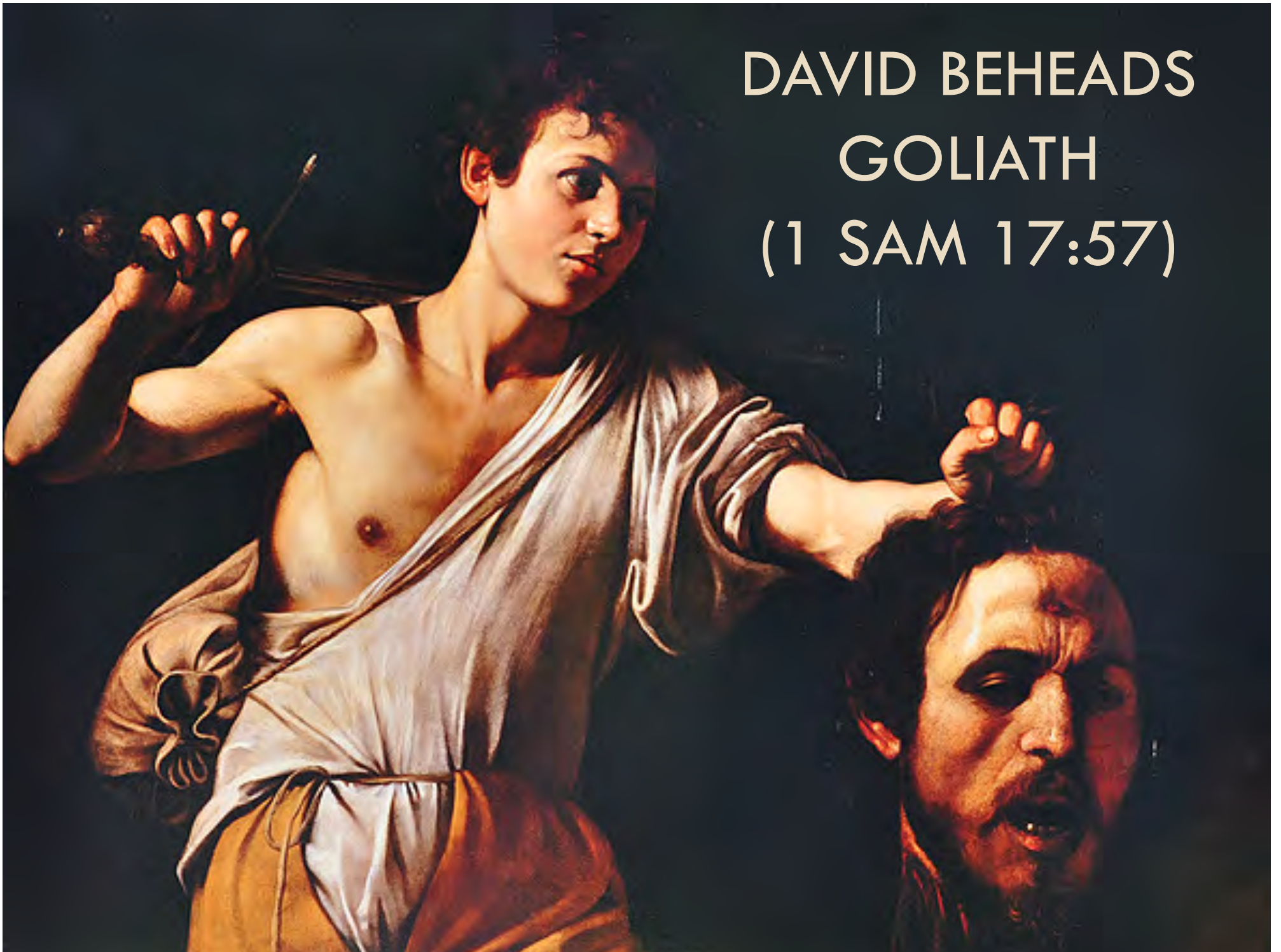
Read: 1 Sam. 17:45-47

**The LORD was
with David**

1 Sam. 17



DAVID BEHEADS
GOLIATH
(1 SAM 17:57)



Result: Philistines Flee



1 Sam 17




Saul initially trusted David

1 Samuel 18



**Jonathan &
David
(1 Sam 18:1)**



**Saul's Jealousy
of David**

David's prestige



Saul's jealousy
So Saul tried to kill
David

The LORD was with David but had left Saul

1 Sam. 18–19



Saul distrusted 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



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



Psalm 59

For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time Saul sent soldiers to watch David's house in order to kill him. To be sung to the tune "Do Not Destroy!"

Psalm 59:1-3

**Rescue me from my enemies, O God.
Protect me from those who have come to
destroy me.**

**² Rescue me from these criminals;
save me from these murderers.**

**³ They have set an ambush for me.
Fierce enemies are out there waiting, LORD,
though I have not sinned or offended them.**

1 Samuel 19



David the Fugitive

1 Samuel 20



Gone were the harp days

Best Friends: David and Jonathan

Final Parting

1 Sam 20



1 Samuel 21



The priest Ahimelech gave Goliath's sword and consecrated bread to David and his men (1 Samuel 21:6, 9)



Doeg the Edomite & Saul (21:7)

Psalm 52

For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time Doeg the Edomite said to Saul, “David has gone to see Ahimelech.”

Rebuke

Why do you boast of evil, you mighty man? Why do you boast all day long, you who are a disgrace in the eyes of God? Your tongue plots destruction; it is like a sharpened razor, you who practice deceit. You love evil rather than good, falsehood rather than speaking the truth.

Psalm 52:1-3

Psalm 34

A psalm of David, regarding the time he pretended to be insane in front of Abimelech, who sent him away.

Psalm 34:3

**“Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.”**



Psalm 34

**¹ I will extol the LORD at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.**

**² I will glory in the LORD;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.**

**³ Glorify the LORD with me;
let us exalt his name together.**

**⁴ I sought the LORD, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.**

**⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.**

**⁶ This poor man called,
and the LORD heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around
those who fear him,
and he delivers them.**

**⁸ Taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

**⁹ Fear the LORD, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.**

**¹⁰ The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the LORD
lack no good thing.**

**¹¹ Come, my children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

**¹² Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days,**

**¹³ keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from telling lies.**

**¹⁴ Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

**15 The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous,
and his ears are attentive to their cry;**

**16 but the face of the LORD
is against those who do evil,
to blot out their name from the earth.**

**17 The righteous cry out,
and the LORD hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.**

**18 The LORD is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

19 The righteous person may have many troubles,

but the LORD delivers him from them all;

**20 he protects all his bones,
not one of them will be broken.**

**21 Evil will slay the wicked;
the foes of the righteous will be condemned.**

**22 The LORD will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be
condemned.**



LORD

**"The LORD is near the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit."**

Psalm 34:18

Psalm 56

For the choir director: A psalm of David, regarding the time the Philistines seized him in Gath. To be sung to the tune "Dove on Distant Oaks."

Psalm 56:1-4 NLT

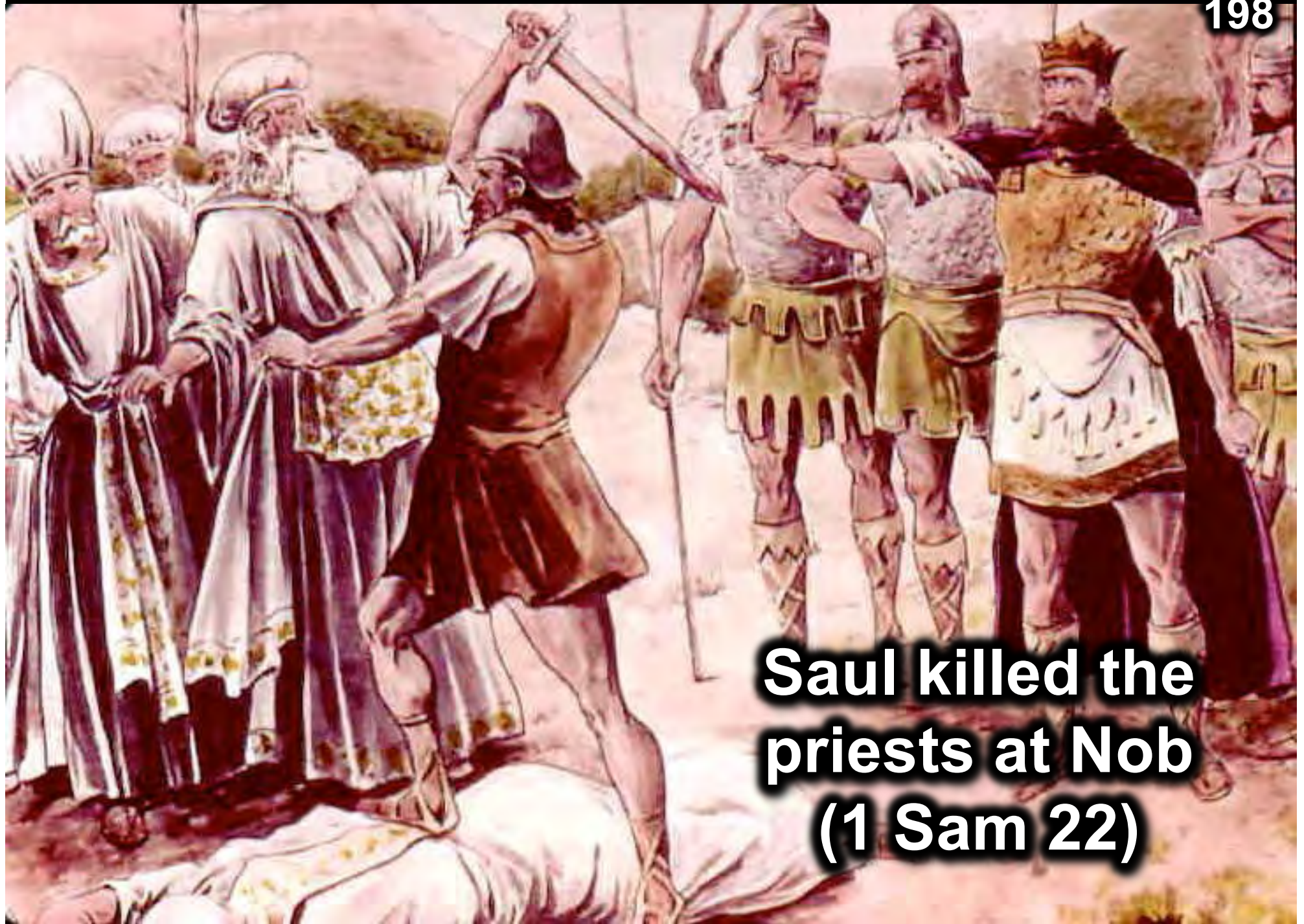
**O God, have mercy on me,
for people are hounding me.
My foes attack me all day long.**

**² I am constantly hounded by those who slander
me, and many are boldly attacking me.**

**³ But when I am afraid,
I will put my trust in you.**

**⁴ I praise God for what he has promised.
I trust in God, so why should I be afraid?
What can mere mortals do to me?**

1 Samuel 22



**Saul killed the
priests at Nob
(1 Sam 22)**

1 Samuel 23

Psalm 54

For the choir director; on stringed instruments. A Maskil of David, when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, “Is not David hiding himself among us?”

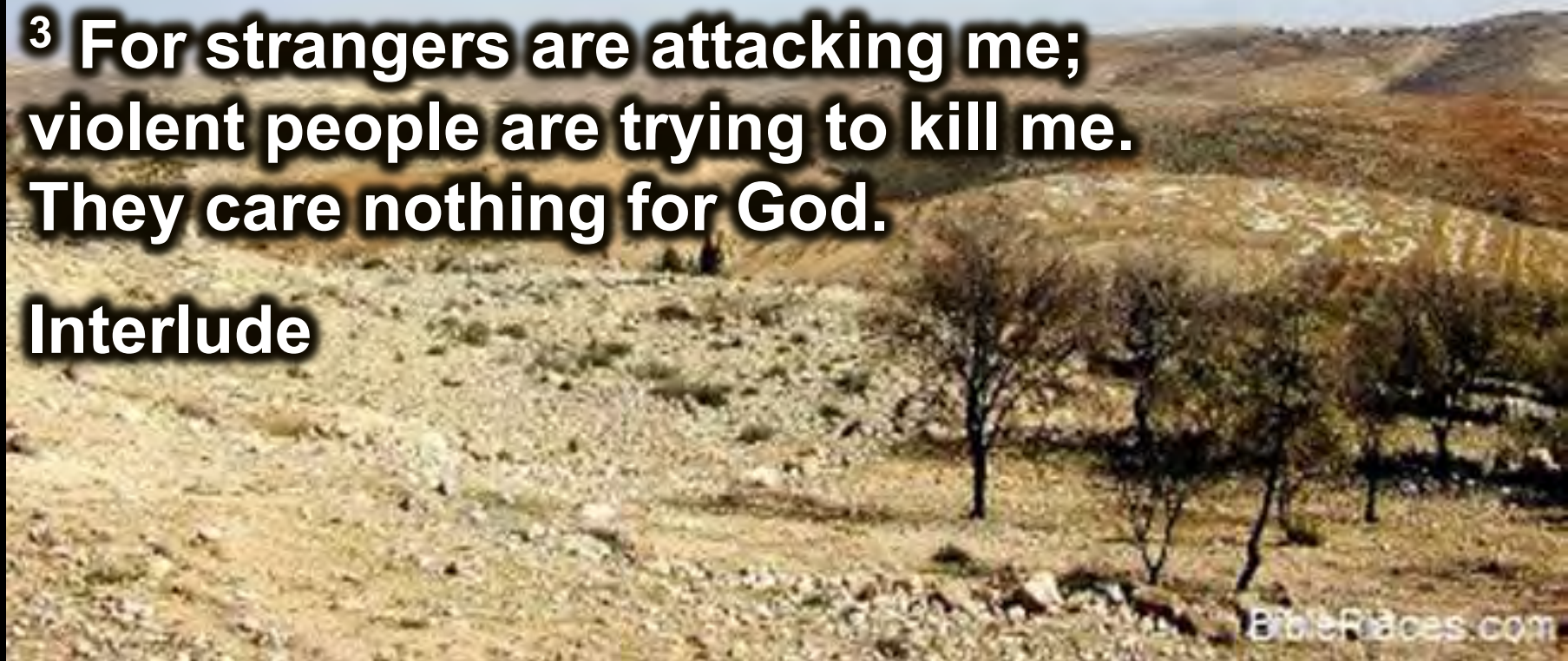
Psalm 54:1-3 NLT

**Come with great power, O God, and rescue me!
Defend me with your might.**

**² Listen to my prayer, O God.
Pay attention to my plea.**

**³ For strangers are attacking me;
violent people are trying to kill me.
They care nothing for God.**

Interlude



En Gedi Refuge



Above En Gedi, looking up the canyon from west to the east with the Dead Sea in back, here David found refuge from Saul (1 Sam. 23:29; 24:1)

1 Samuel 24

David Spared Saul's Life

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**Called Saul
"the LORD's anointed"
(7x in chaps. 24 & 26)**

**David respected God's
appointed king**

**David spared Saul's life even
though Saul was trying to
kill him**

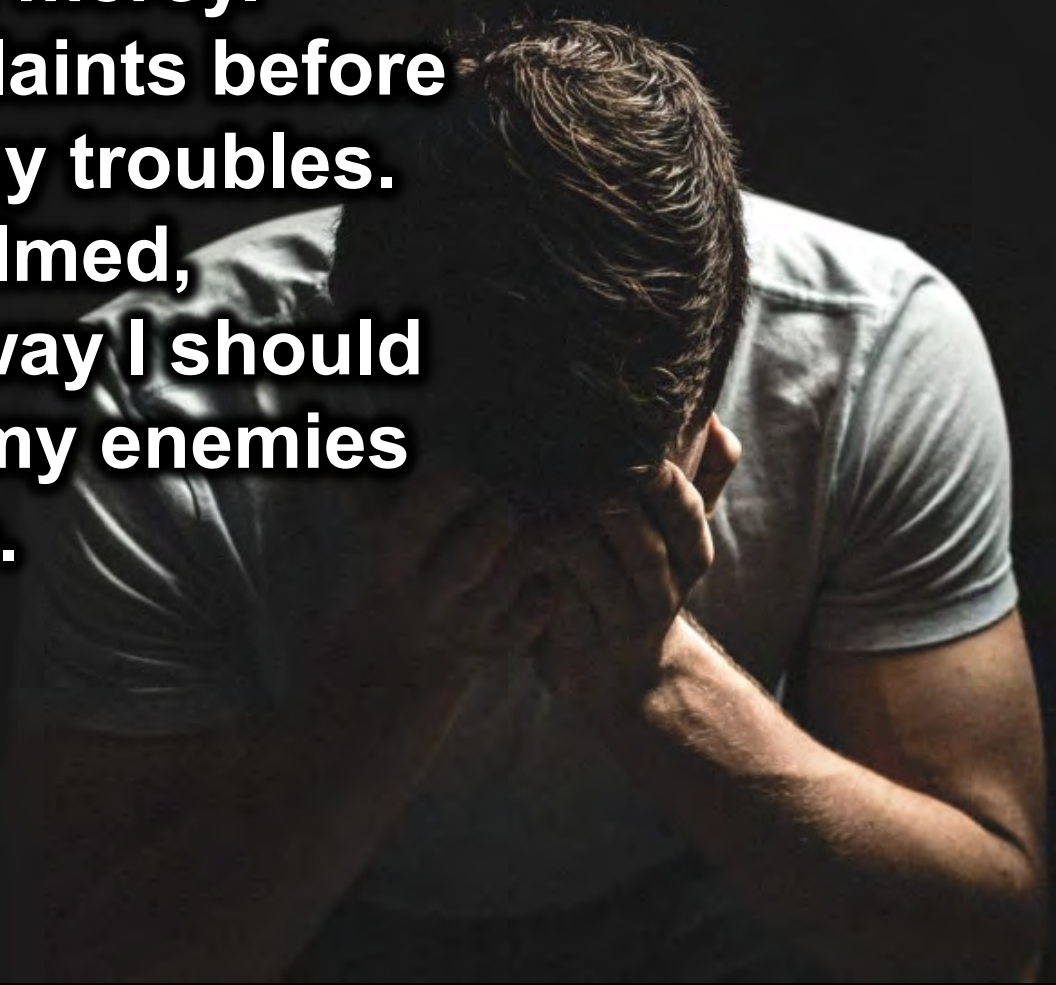
1 Sam. 24 & 26

Psalm 142

**A psalm of David, regarding
his experience in the cave.
A prayer.**

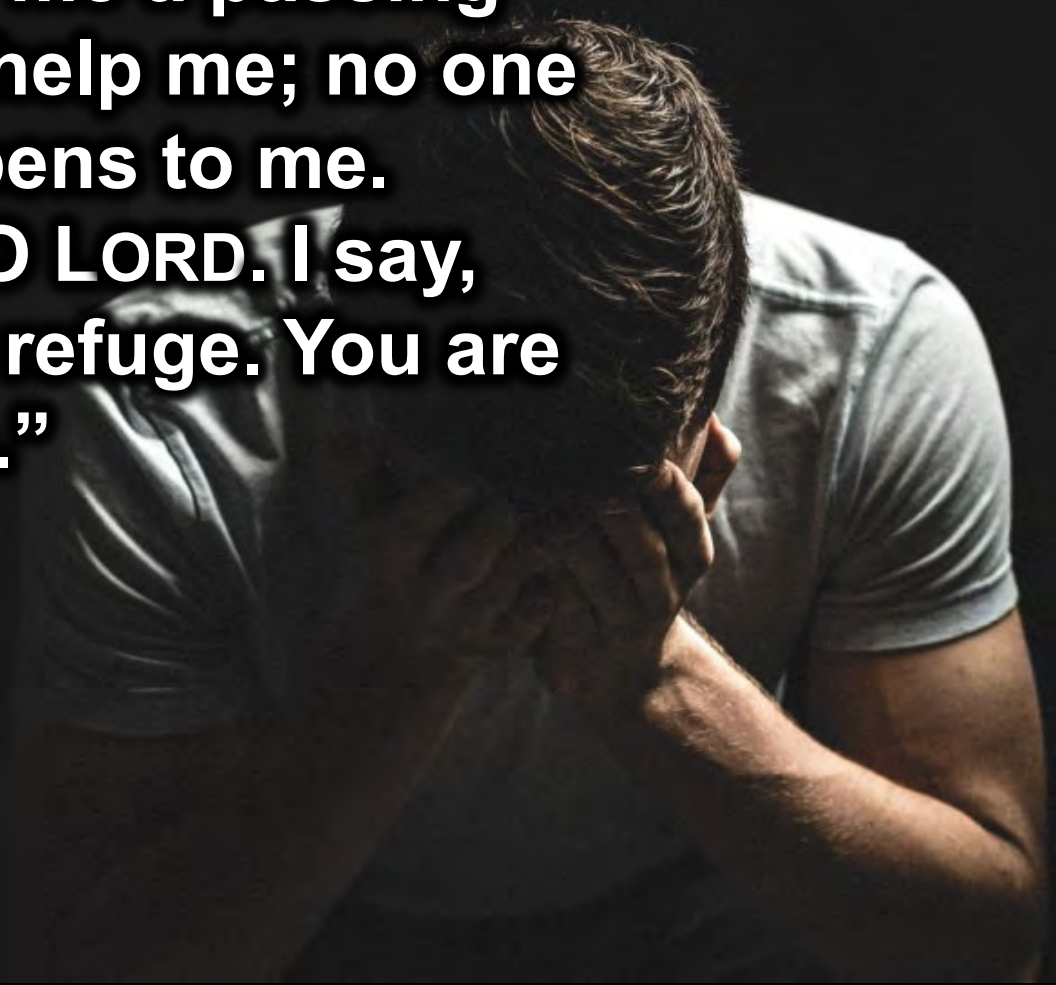


Psalm 142 (NLT)



**I cry out to the LORD;
I plead for the LORD's mercy.
² I pour out my complaints before
him and tell him all my troubles.
³ When I am overwhelmed,
you alone know the way I should
turn. Wherever I go, my enemies
have set traps for me.**

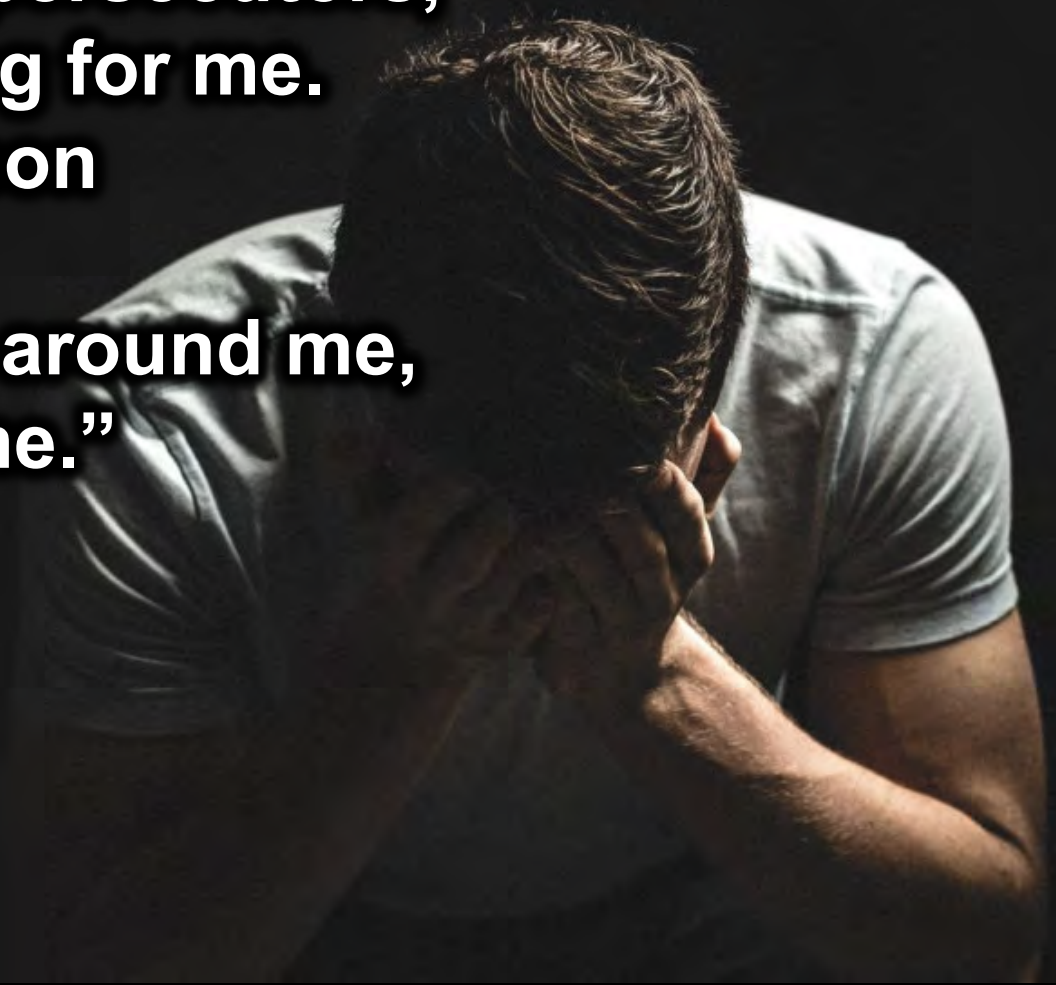
Psalms 142 (NLT)



I look for someone to come and help me, but no one gives me a passing thought! No one will help me; no one cares a bit what happens to me.

**⁵ Then I pray to you, O LORD. I say,
“You are my place of refuge. You are
all I really want in life.”**

Psalm 142 (NLT)



**⁶ “Hear my cry, for I am very low.
Rescue me from my persecutors,
for they are too strong for me.
⁷ Bring me out of prison
so I can thank you.
The godly will crowd around me,
for you are good to me.”**

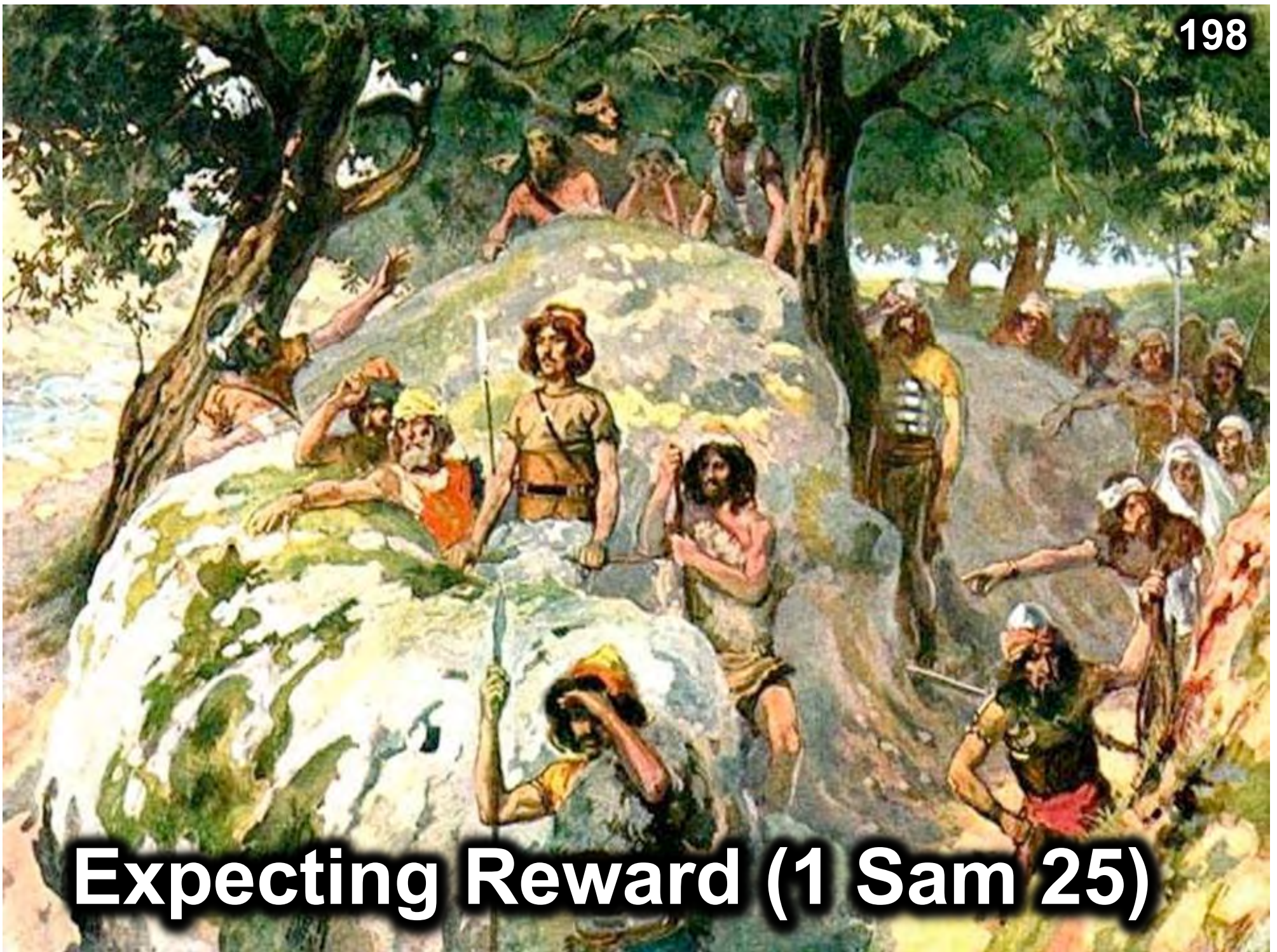
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1 Samuel 25

Samuel Died



1 Sam. 25

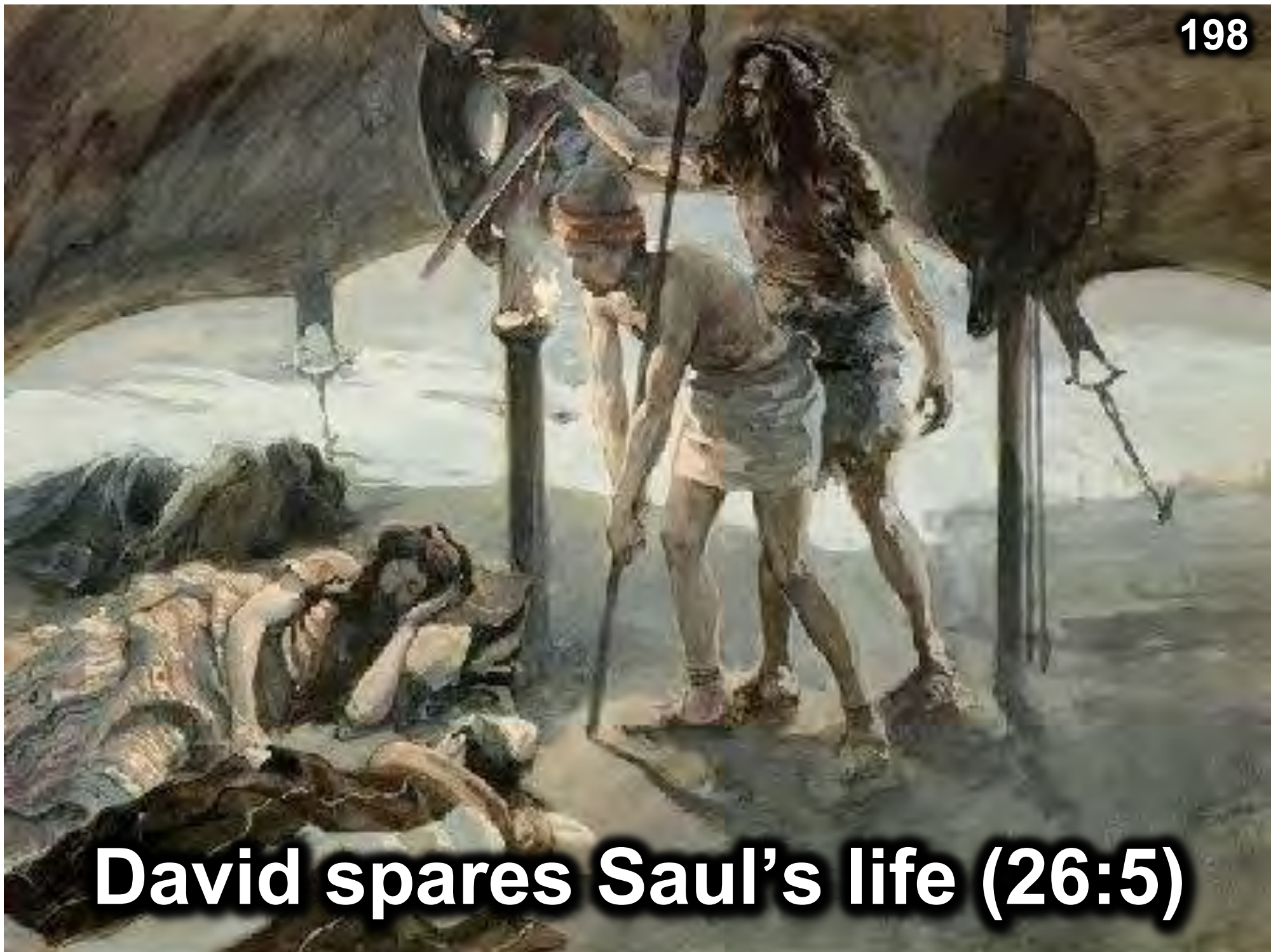


Expecting Reward (1 Sam 25)



Abigail, Nabal & David (1 Sam 25)

1 Samuel 26



David spares Saul's life (26:5)

1 Samuel 27

The Three Kings:

Saul



David



Absalom



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

Gene Edwards



A man with a beard and a crown, wearing a purple robe, is shown in a close-up, looking upwards with his mouth open in a shout or song. He is surrounded by a crowd of people, some of whom are also looking upwards and holding up long poles or staffs. The background is a rocky, desert-like landscape. The overall scene suggests a moment of triumph or religious fervor.

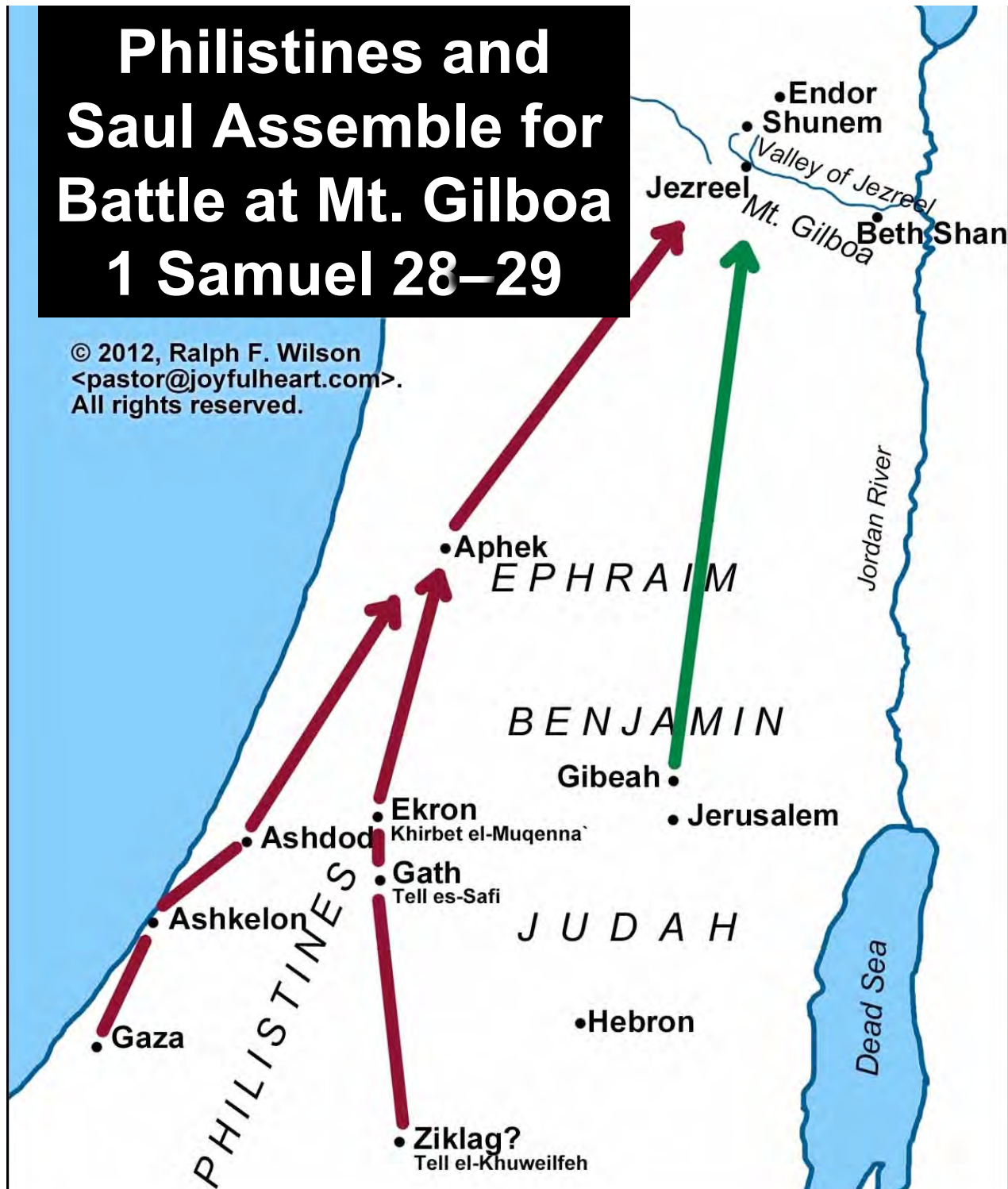
David exults in God alone

1 Samuel 28

Philistines and Saul Assemble for Battle at Mt. Gilboa 1 Samuel 28–29

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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



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

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1 Samuel 31

Saul's Tragic End



**Philistines killed
Saul's sons**



**Saul took his
own life**





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)**

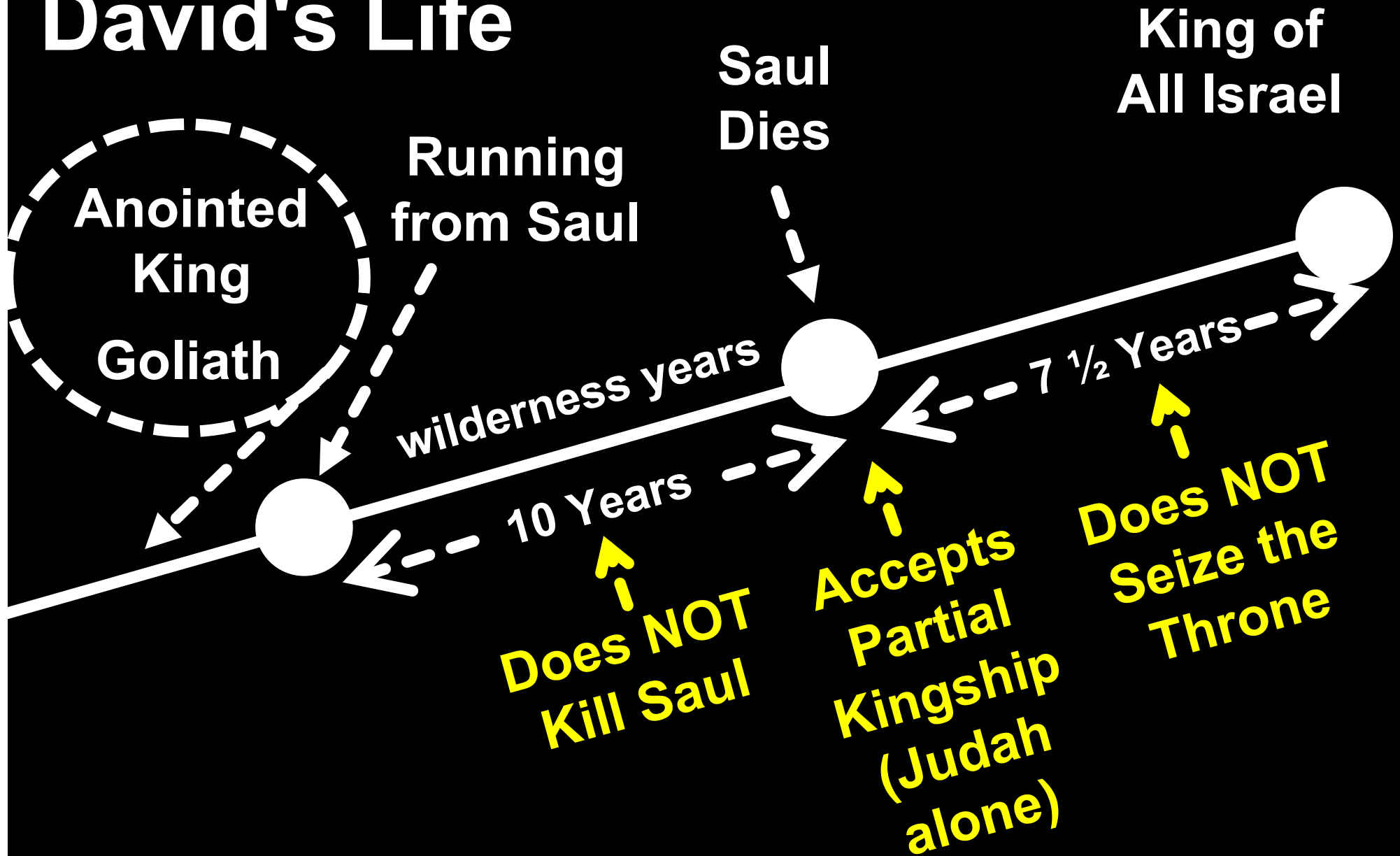
**After Saul's death men from Jabesh 200
Gilead courageously took his body
off the wall of Beth Shan**

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

Saul's Body

Lessons in Patience

David's Life



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**

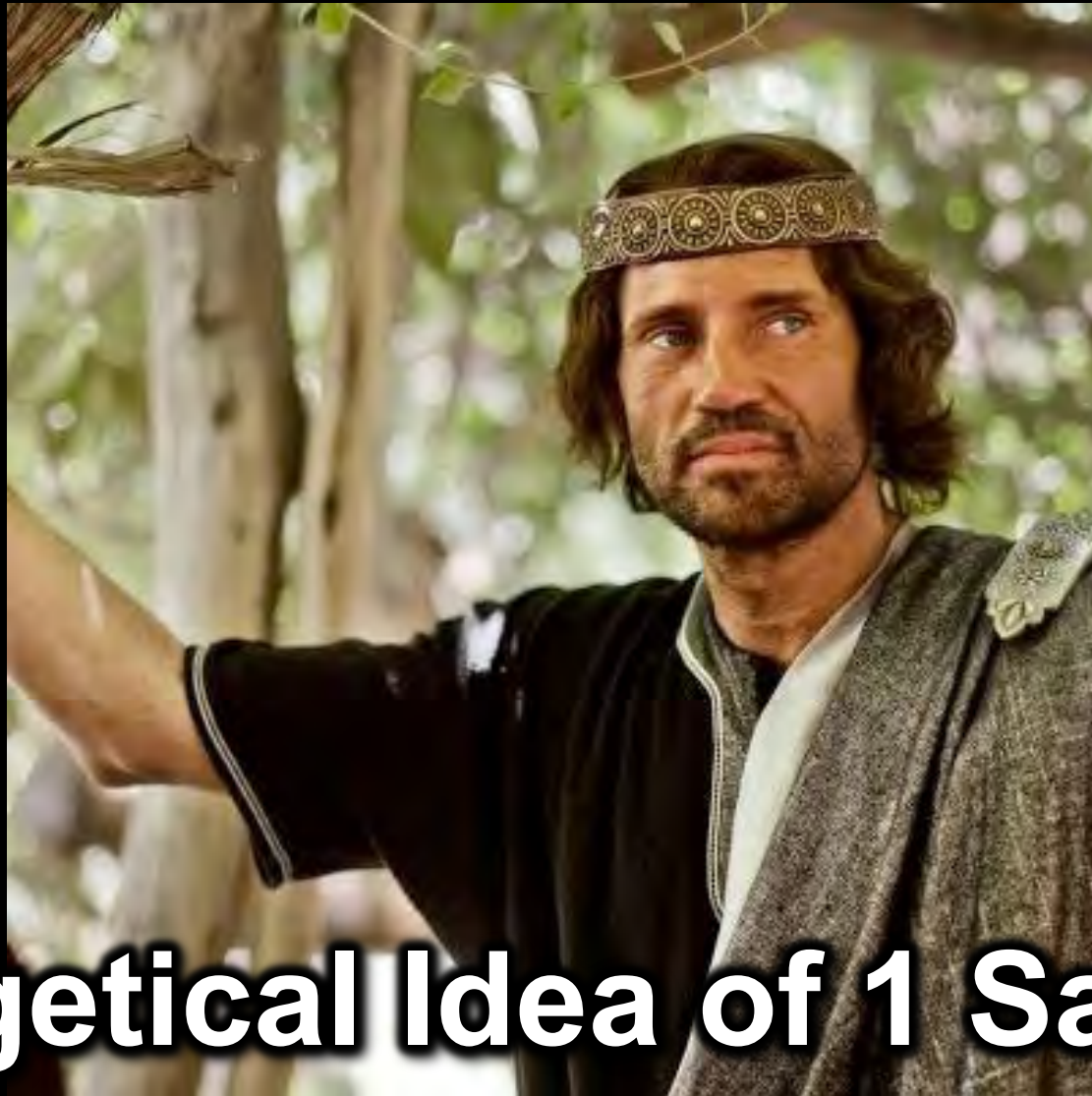
**"The world has yet to see what
God can do through one man
who is totally yielded to him"**

—Dwight L. Moody—



Why does **God** cause
change?

I. God had always planned to rule through **Davidic** kings.



Exegetical Idea of 1 Samuel

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



Main Idea of 1 Samuel

A man in a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie is shown from the chest up. Instead of a head, there is a glowing lightbulb. The background is a dark, textured wall.

Be Changed

1 Samuel

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**"THE CIRCUMSTANCES
WE ASK GOD
TO CHANGE ARE OFTEN
THE CIRCUMSTANCES GOD
IS USING
TO CHANGE US"**

**—MAX LUCADO,
*I AM WONDERFULLY & FEARFULLY MADE***

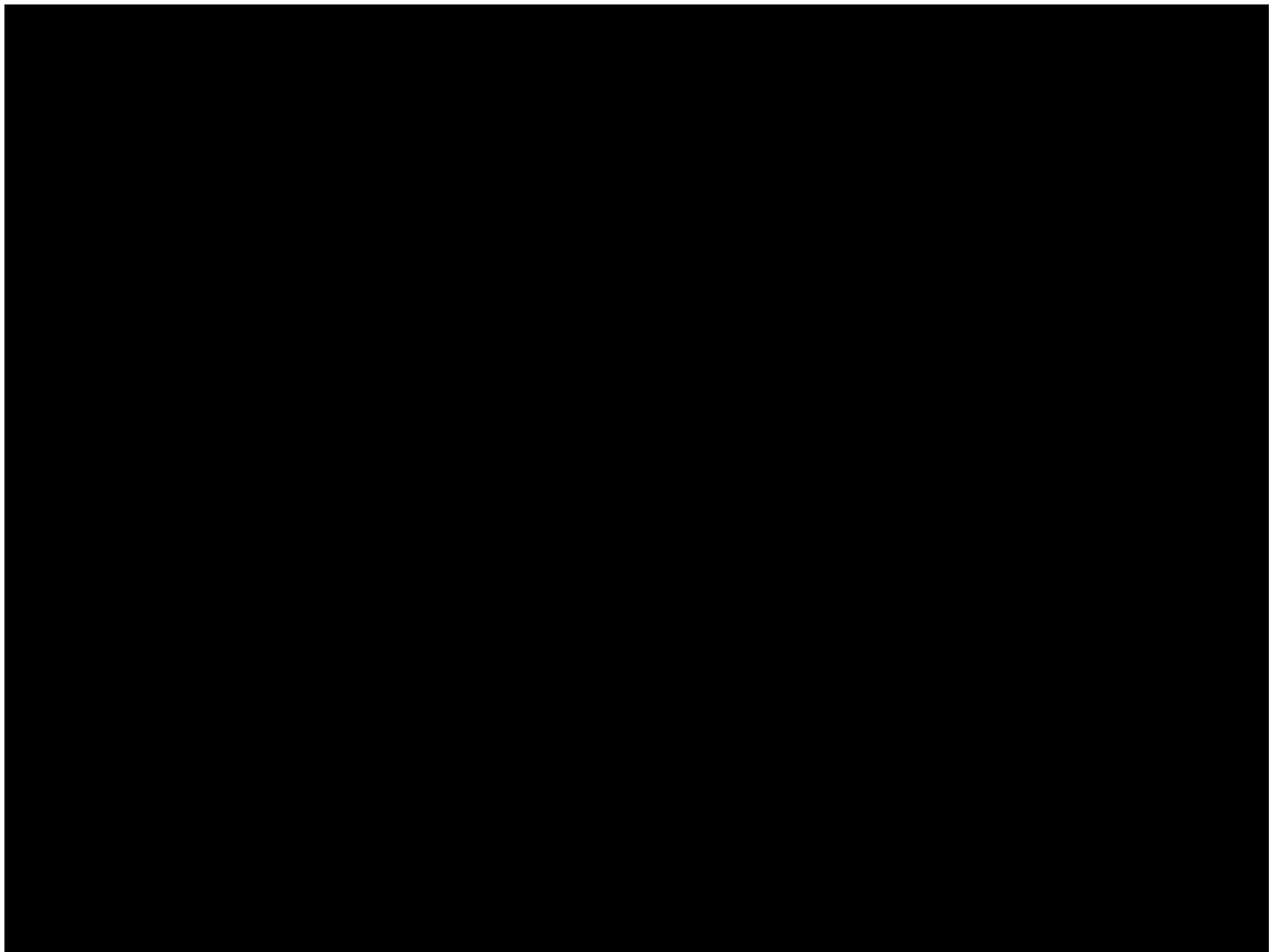
If nothing ever changed,
there'd be no butterflies.

—*Unknown*



LORD
I come to
YOU

Let my
HEART
be changed




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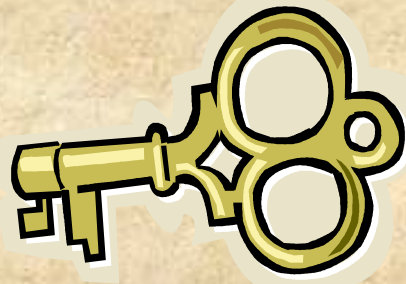
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1 Samuel at a Glance

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<i>Theocracy</i>	<i>Transition from Samuel to Saul</i>	<i>Monarchy</i>	<i>Transition from Saul to David</i>
Samuel's Birth & Calling	Samuel's Ministry & Saul's Anointing as king of Israel	Rise of Saul & Fall of Saul Rise of David	Saul's Death
Man after God's Heart	Saul: Man after Man's Heart David: Man after God's Heart		Saul: Man after Man's Heart David: Man after God's Heart
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Application

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START

RIGHT



FINISH WELL



Be a man after **GOD'S** heart through **obedience**

Review of Saul

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Saul

How did He start?



Physically (9:2):

He was young

He was impressive

He was tall

Q: Advantages or Disadvantages?

A: Advantages!



Review of Saul

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Saul

How did He start?



Physically (9:2):

He was young

He was impressive

He was tall

Q: How did he respond when Samuel said that he'd lead Israel?

A: Felt inadequate despite his advantages!!!

Saul

How He Started



Flying Colours, Flying Start!

**Felt unworthy of
the honour,
fearful of the
position**

**Successfully routed
enemy and saved the
city... Kingship was
confirmed!**

How He Continued

Saul

Incident 1:

He did not wait for Samuel
but went ahead to offer
sacrifices to the Lord.

Read: 13:12

- Disregarded God
- Feared men



How He Continued

Saul

Incident 2:

**God promised Saul victory
but after the battle Saul took
the spoils for himself**

His Defense: Read: 15:13-15

- **pushed the blame on soldiers**
- **failed to obey God again (15:20)**
- **sought honour from man (15:24, 25, 30)**



Consistent Character Flaws

Saul

1. Failed to obey the LORD's commands
2. Unduly concerned about what the people wanted



Rejected by the Lord (1 Sam 15:23)

Review of David

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How He Started

David

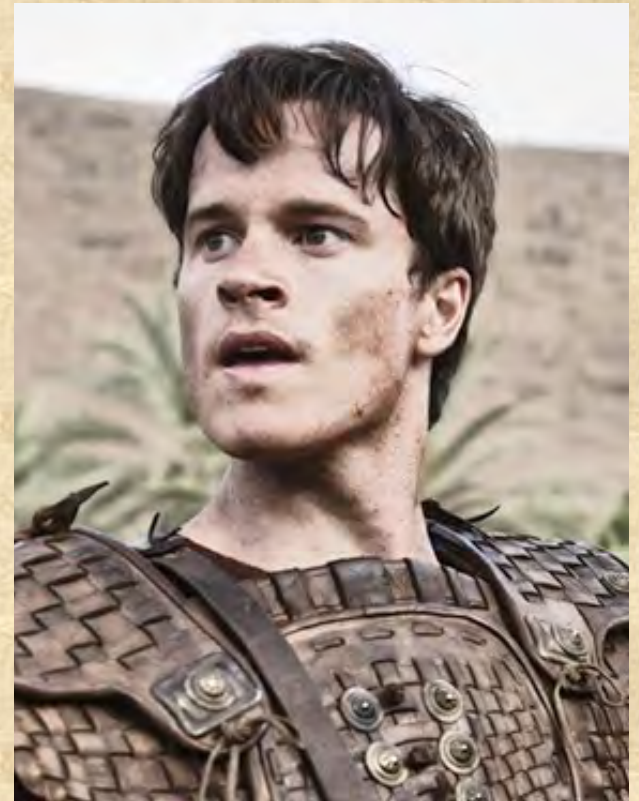


Physically (16:12):

- ruddy
- fine appearance
- handsome features

Q: Advantages or Disadvantages?

A: Advantages



How He Started

David

Spiritually?

Let's Read: 16:12b-13

- ◆ Chosen by the Lord
- ◆ Spirit of the Lord came upon David in power

Anointed by the Lord



Flying Colours, Flying Start!

David's Successes

How He Continued

David



Inquired of the Lord

1 Sam. 23:2

1 Sam. 23:4

1 Sam. 30:8

Read 30:8

- The Lord answered David's inquiries and he obeyed the Lord



How He Continued

David

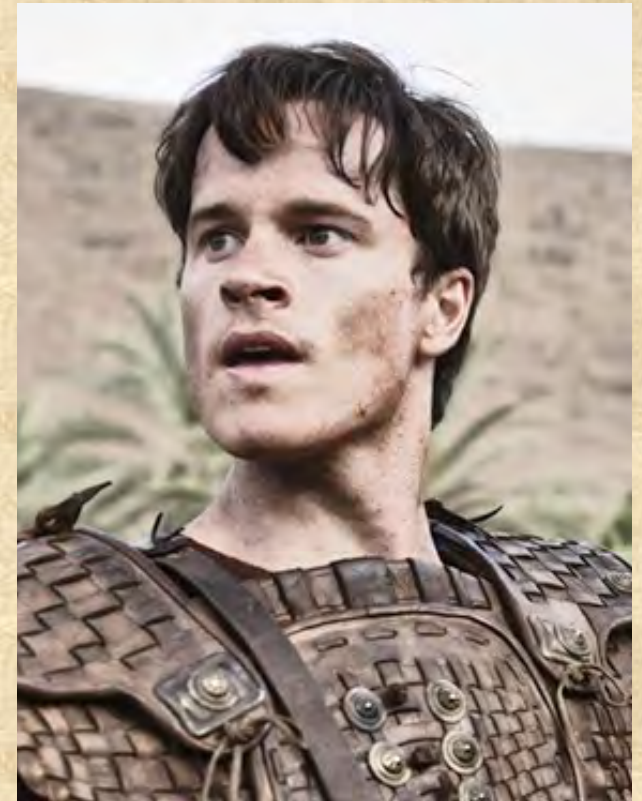


Spared his Enemy's Life

1 Sam. 24:7-8

1 Sam. 26:9-10

- **David respected Saul's anointment**
- **David obeyed the Lord's command (Deut. 1:17) and left the judgment of Saul to God**



God's View of Sacrifices

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TO OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE



1 Samuel 15:22


Today's Context

God does not want us to make sacrifices for him if we are not obeying his commands. For example:

- **A church leader gives his time to serve on several ministries in the church, but is not showing love to his wife and his children at home.**



- **A missionary conducts weekly discipleship classes but does not forgive someone who hurt her.**



God said to tell
you his law is
not to be voted
on. Just do it!

Why our Obedience is important to God

**God cherishes our
relationship** more
than anything else.

He does not want us
to be busy doing
things when our
relationship with him
is not right.

Started Right

Summary on Saul

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Humble

+

**Felt unworthy
of honour**

+

**Afraid to take up
king's responsibility**

Pride

+

**Concern
with honour**

+

Ego Problem

Finished Wrong

**Personal
Downfall**

A man after **man's** heart



Finished <to be continued 😊.... in 2 Samuel>
Well?

Continued Well

Summary on David

David

Started Right

Rise of David

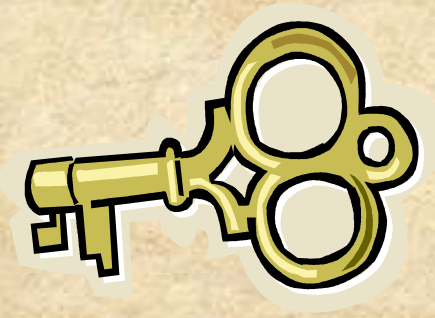


Anointed
by the
Lord

Continuously
obeyed the
Lord



A man after **GOD's** heart



Application

START

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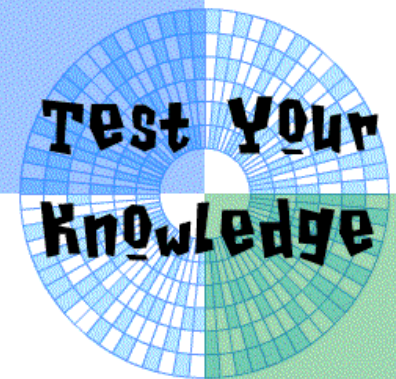
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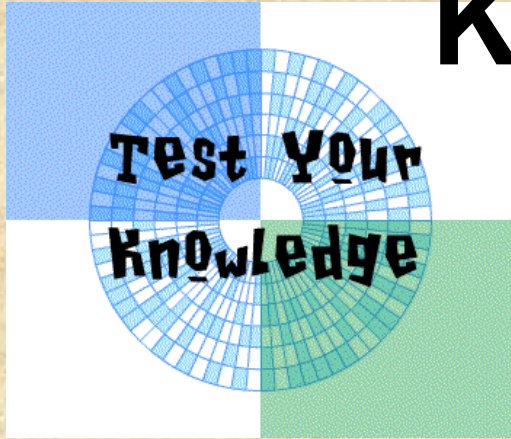
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Review

**Who remembers the
three transitions that
we have studied today?**





Keys to the Book

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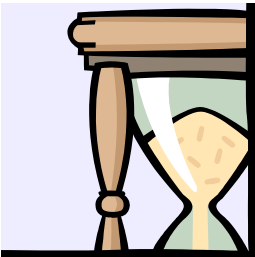
1 Samuel

- **key word**
- **key verse**
- **key application**

Transition

1 Samuel 8:5

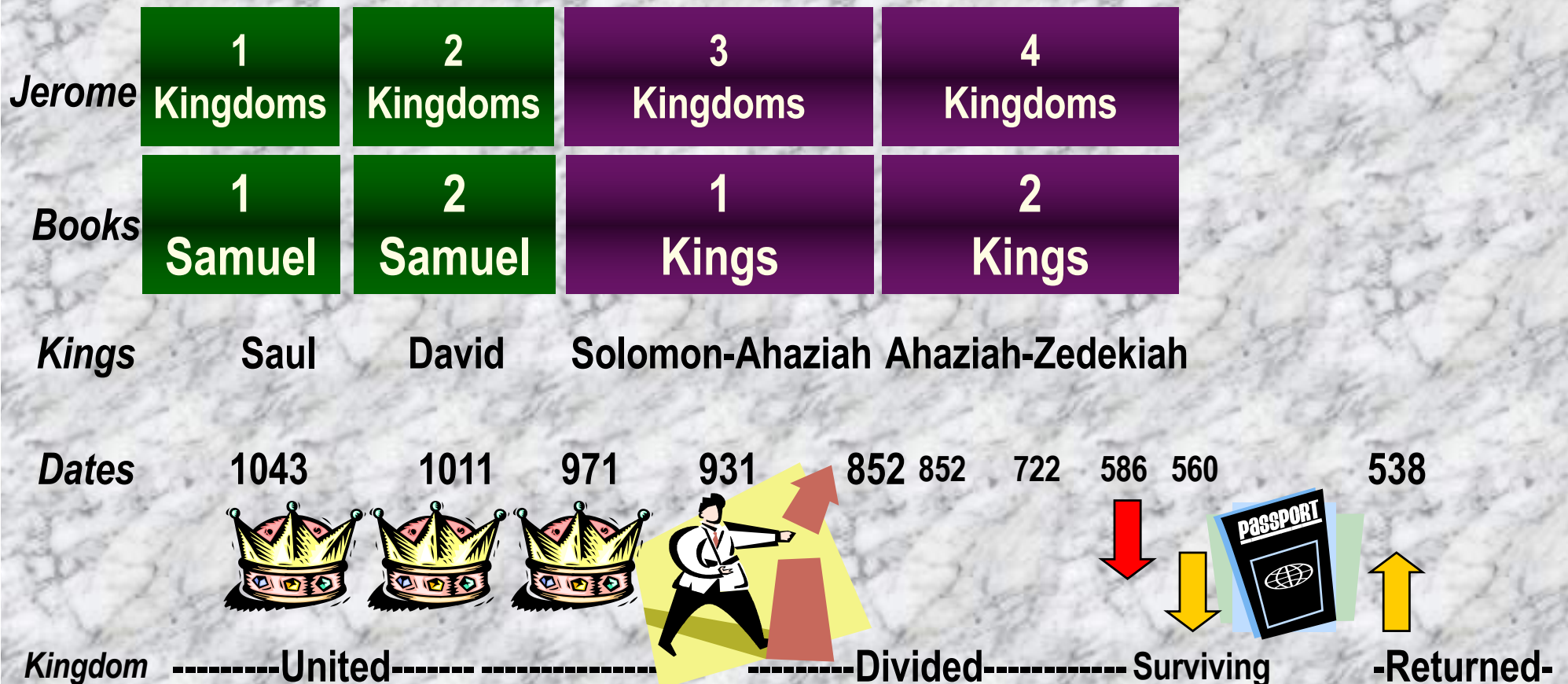
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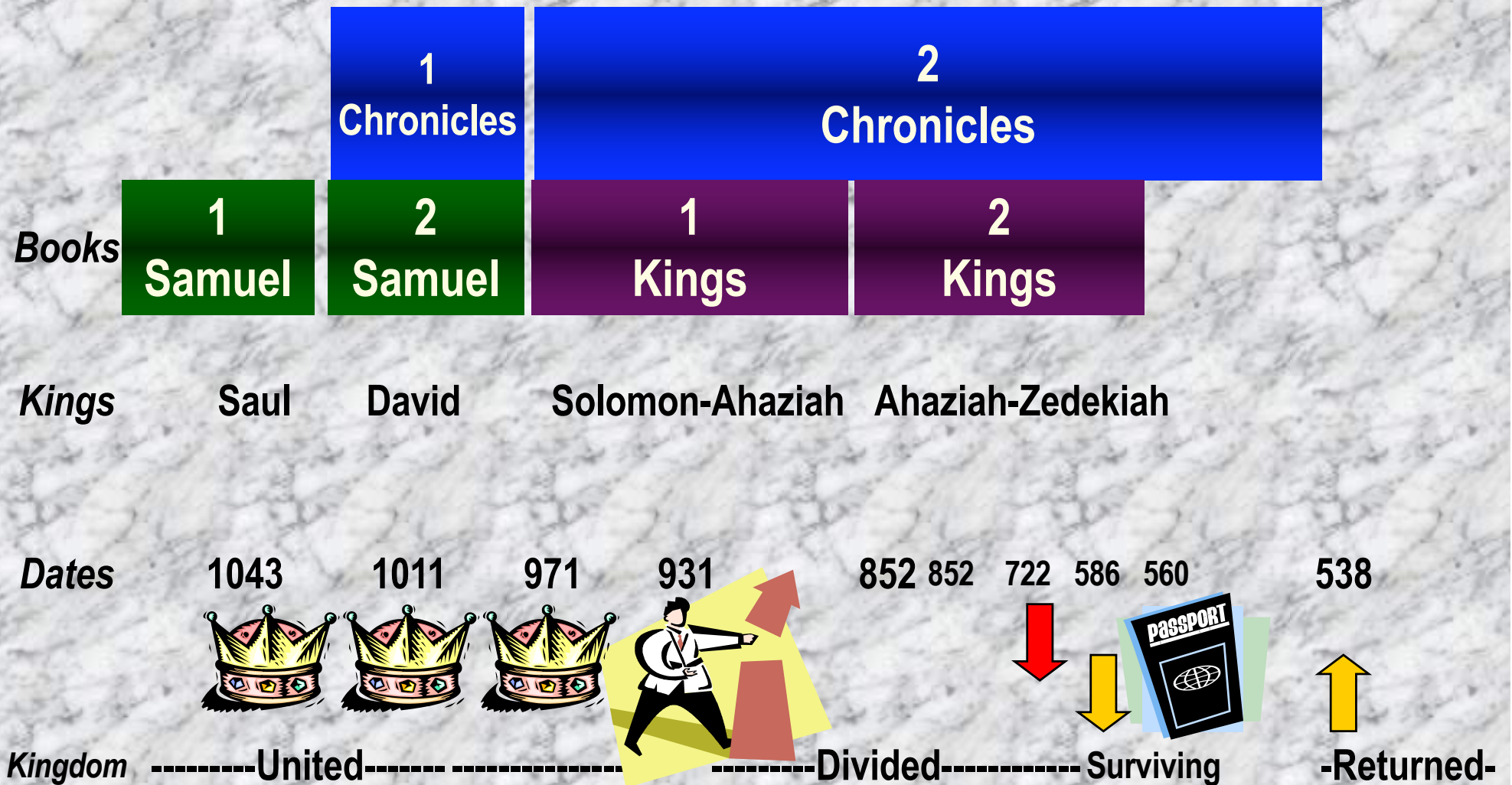
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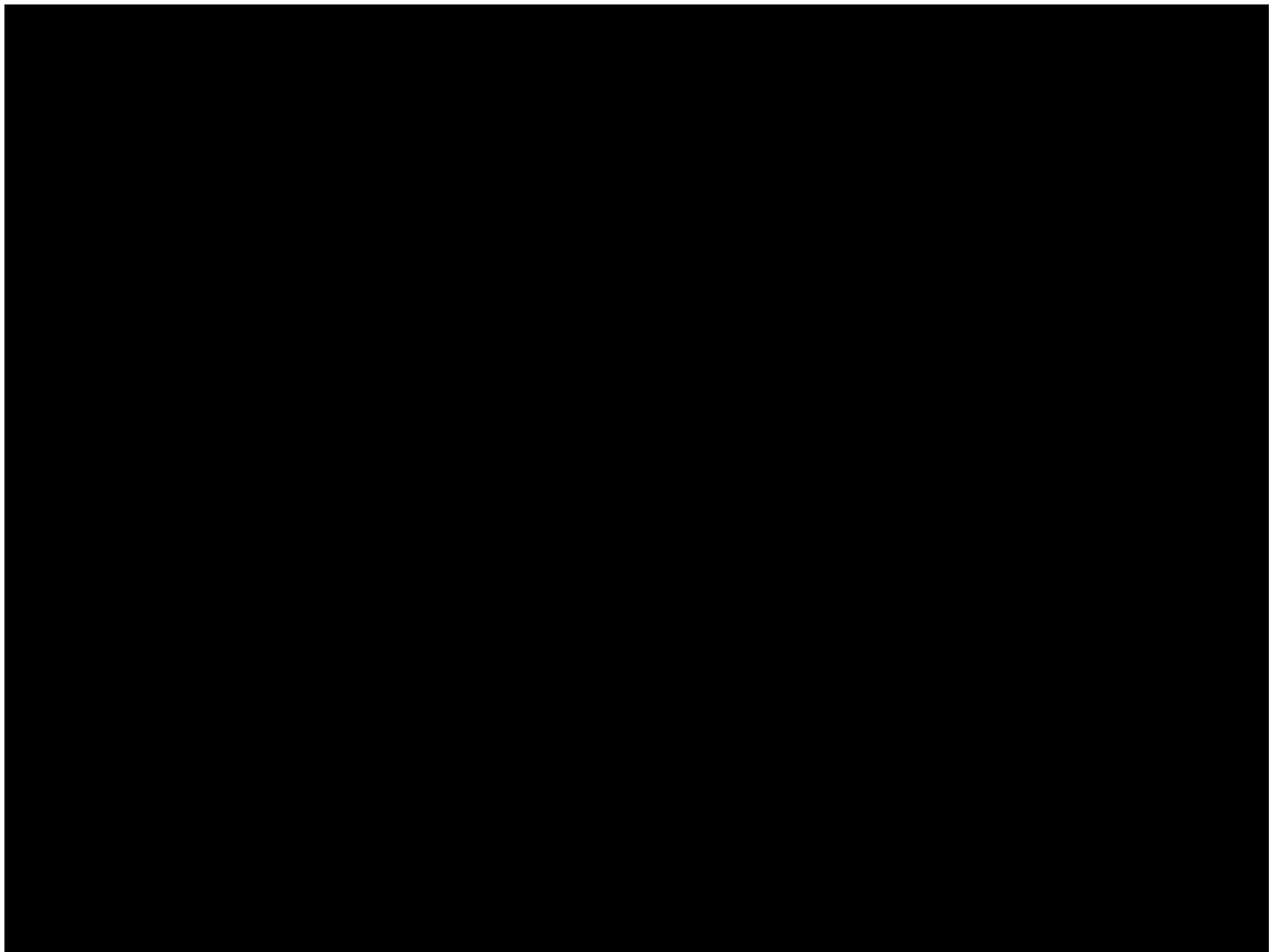
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