Rise and Fall of Saul:

The 1st Transgression of King Saul:

- I Samuel 13:2 *Saul chose him* ***three thousand men of Israel;*** *whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every man to his tent.*

- *3 And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that was in Geba, and the Philistines heard of it.* ***And the people were called together after Saul to Gilgal.***

The 1st Transgression of King Saul: (after 2 years of his rein)

1. **By offering the sacrifice of a priest** (I Sam 13:9).



- The Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, 30,000 Philistines plus 6,000 chariots
- Waiting for Samuel at Gilgal , but Samuel was delayed 7 days.

- I Sam 13: [6] *When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits*.

❑ I Sam 13: [9] ***And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering***.

The 1st Transgression of King Saul: Confronted by Samuel

- **SAMUEL :** ***What hast thou done?***

- **SAUL :** ***Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;***
- *12* ***Therefore said I****, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the* LORD*:* ***I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.***



- ❑ Saul's army still was reduced to 600 (v. 15)

The 1st Transgression of King Saul: Confronted by Samuel

- I Samuel 13: 11

- **SAMUEL** : ***Thou hast done foolishly****: thou hast not kept the commandment of the* LORD *thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the* LORD *have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.*



- 14 ***But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart,*** *and the* LORD *hath commanded him to be captain over his people,* ***because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.***

The Transgressions of King Saul:

1. **By offering the sacrifice of a priest** (I Sam 13:9).
2. **By issuing a foolish decree: (*no food to be eaten by his troops until the Philistines were defeated.)* - *which caused the people to transgress***

- I Samuel 14: 24 *And the men of Israel were **distressed** that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, **Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies**. So none of the people tasted any food.*
- *25 And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was **honey upon the ground**.*
- *26 And when the people were come into the wood, behold, the **honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth**:*

The 2nd Transgression of King Saul:

- Jonathan did not hear the king's decree and ate some honey:

I Sam 14: *9 Then said Jonathan,* ***My father hath troubled the land****: see, I pray you, how* ***mine eyes have been enlightened****, because* ***I tasted a little of this honey.***

30 ***How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to day of the spoil of their enemies which they found****? for had there not been now a much greater slaughter among the Philistines*?

The 2nd Transgression of King Saul:

- **Saul would have ordered the death of his own son, Jonathan**, had not the people refused to let Saul carry out his foolish law .

I Samuel 14: 45 *And the people said unto Saul,* ***Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel****? God forbid: as the* LORD *liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day.*

So the people rescued Jonathan, that he died not.

The Transgression of King Saul: He made the people to transgress (when they ate with the blood

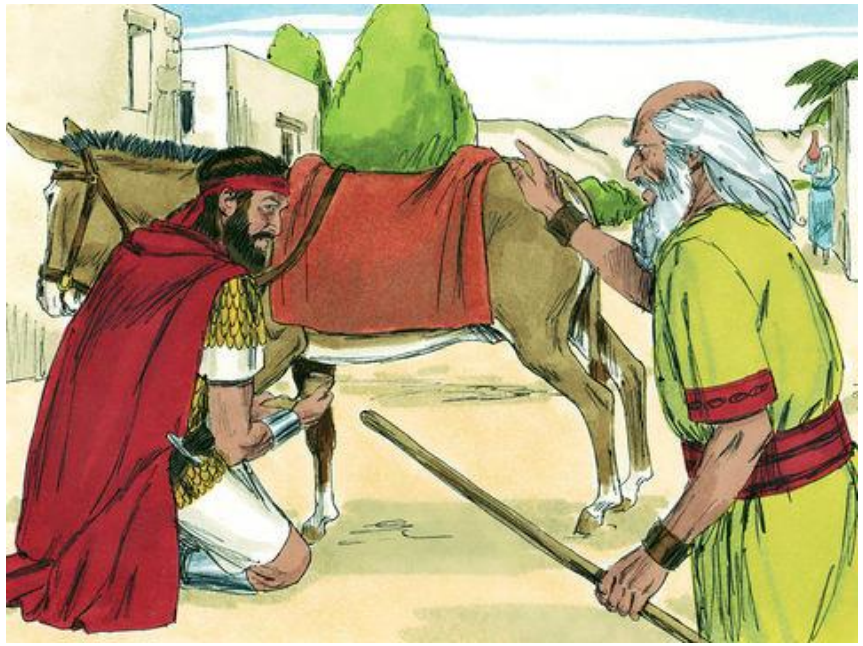
- I Samuel 14:31 *And they smote the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and* ***the people were very faint****.*

- *32 And* ***the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves****, and* ***slew them on the ground****:* *and* ***the people did eat them with the blood.***

- *33 Then they told Saul, saying, Behold,* ***the people sin against the LORD, in that they eat with the blood*** *…*

The 3rd Transgression of King Saul:

3. **By opposing the command of God to destroy a pagan named Agag and his city** (I Sam 15:9).



❑ **God's command:**

I Sam 15: [2] *Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Amalek did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way, when he came up from Egypt.*

- [3] *Now* ***go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass***.

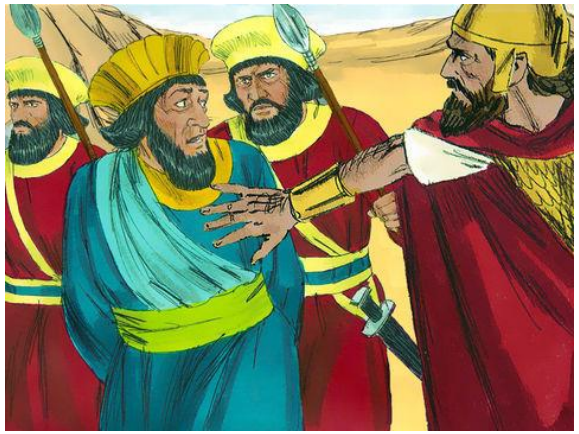
God's Command to Moses regarding the Amalakites:

Deut 25:17-19

- *17 Remember what **Amalek** did unto thee by the way, when ye were come forth out of Egypt;*
- *18 How he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, even all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God.*

- *19 Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, **that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget it.***

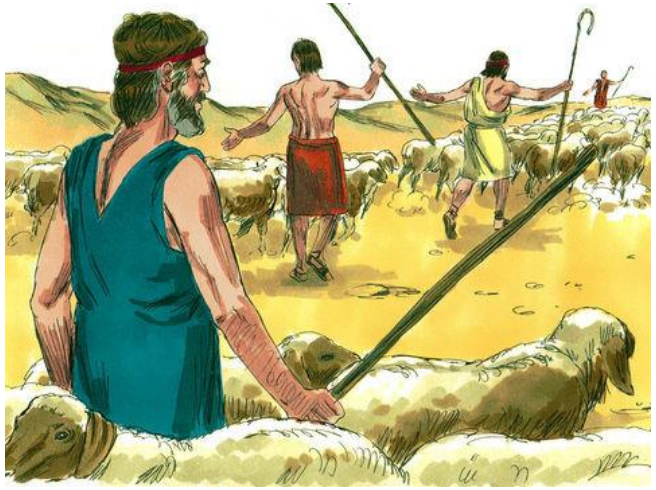
3. By opposing the command of God to destroy a pagan named Agag and his city:



❑**Saul's action**:

- I Sam 15: 7 *And* ***Saul smote the Amalekites*** *from Havilah until thou comest to Shur, that is over against Egypt.*

- 8 *And* ***he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive****, and* ***utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword****.*



9 *But* ***Saul and the people spared Agag****, and the* ***best of the sheep****, and of the* ***oxen****, and of the* ***fatlings,*** *and the* ***lambs****, and* ***all that was good,*** *and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.*

- **<u>Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,</u>**
- 11 *It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments*.
- And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.



- **<u>SAUL</u>** : ***Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD***.



- **<u>SAMUEL</u>** : ***What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear***?

- **SAUL :** *They have brought them from the Amalekites: for* ***the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.***

- **SAUL** :, *Yea,* ***I have obeyed*** *the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites.*

- 21 ***But the people*** *took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal.*



- **SAMUEL :** *Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD?* ***Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.***



- ***23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.***

- ***Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.***



The Transgression of King Saul:



- *And as Samuel turned about to go away,* ***he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.***

- ***28*** *And Samuel said unto him,* ***The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.***

This event was significant because:

It marked the total rejection of Saul by God (15:11).

AGAG

I Sam 15 [18] *And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said,* ***Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites,*** *and fight against them until they be consumed*.

- Agag Executed before the Lord:

I Sam 15: [32] *Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past.*

- [33] *And Samuel said,* ***As thy sword hath made women childless****, so* ***shall thy mother be childless among women****.*

- ***And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal.***

AGAG – a type of sin

- **AGAG** – represents **SIN** that has to be dealt with - lest *"sin will find you out"*

- In I Samuel 30, the remnants of the Amalakites invaded David.

- During the time of Esther (Hadassah) while in Persia, a man named **HAMAN** conspired to terminate all the Jews in Persia (about 486 BC>)

Esther 3: 1 *After these things did king Ahasuerus promote* ***Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite,*** *and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him*

Rise and Fall of Saul:

- **Summary of Saul's Transgressions**:

1. By offering the sacrifice of a priest (I Sam 13:9).
2. By issuing a foolish decree: (*no food to be eaten by his troops until the Philistines were defeated.)*
   a. *Thereby, causing the people to transgress (they ate blood)*
   b. *Would have killed his own son, Jonathan, would it not for the people.*
3. Disobedience in the command to smite the Amalakites entirely.

DAVID

His name means “*beloved*”.

Greatest of the Kings of Israel.

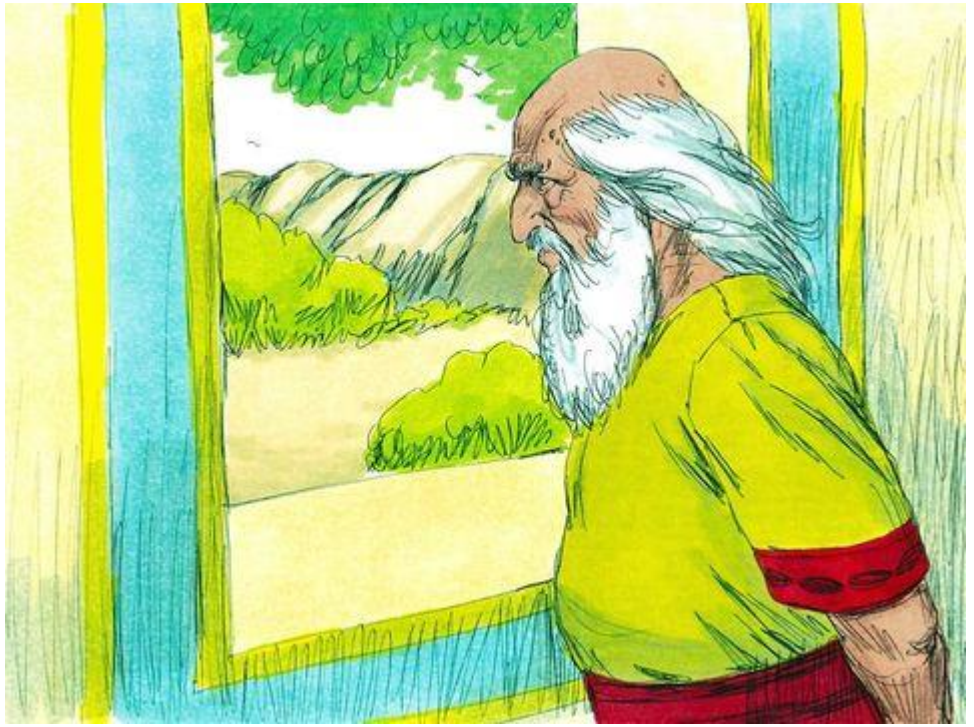
From the tribe of JUDAH

Called “*the man after God’s own heart*.”

❑ It was the last meeting between Saul and Samuel until Samuel died,

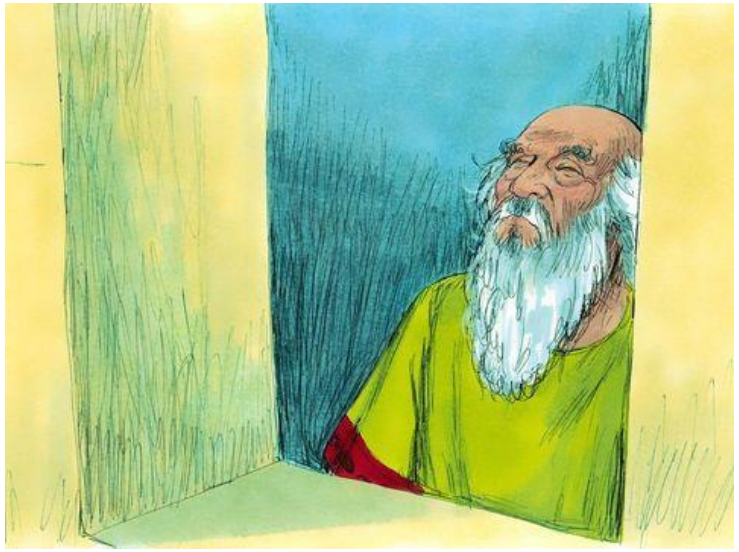
- I Sam 15: 35 *And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death: **nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul**: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.*

- I Sam 16:1 *And the LORD said unto Samuel, **How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel**? fill thine horn with oil, and **go,** I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: **for I have provided me a king among his sons**.*

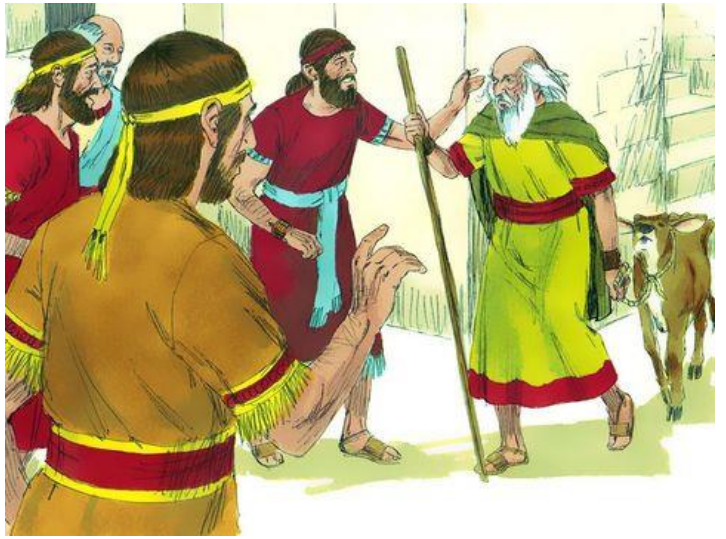


God Instructs Samuel to Anoint one of Jesse' s sons as King (I Samuel 16)

- **Samuel:** ***How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me.***
- **The Lord** *:,* ***Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD.***
- ***3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.***

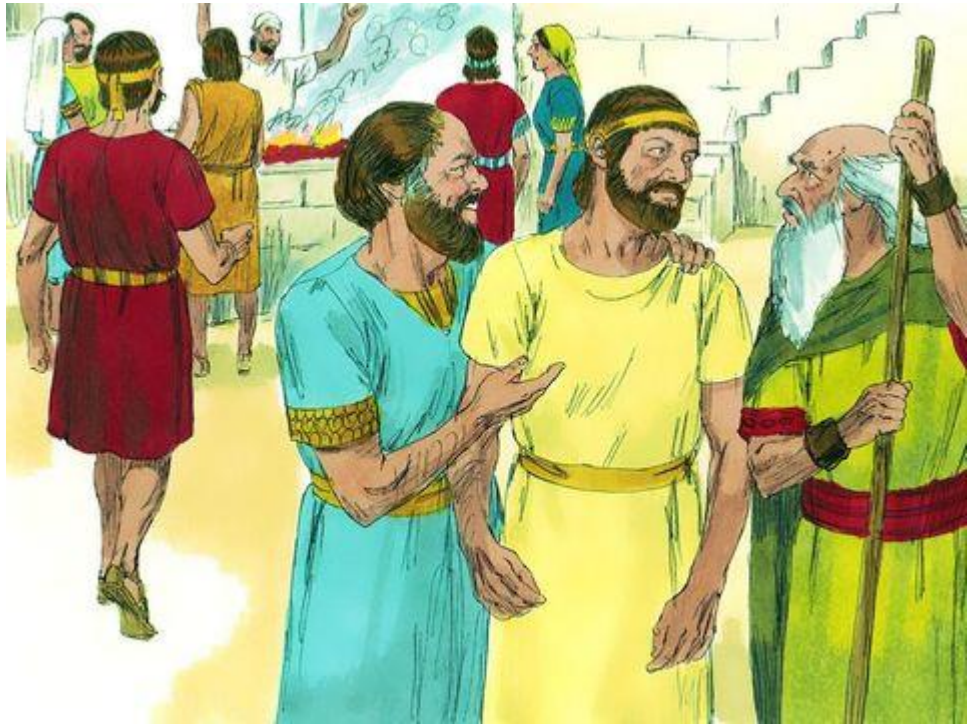


- *4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to* ***Bethlehem****. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said,* ***Comest thou peaceably?***



- ***5 Samuel :, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice****.*

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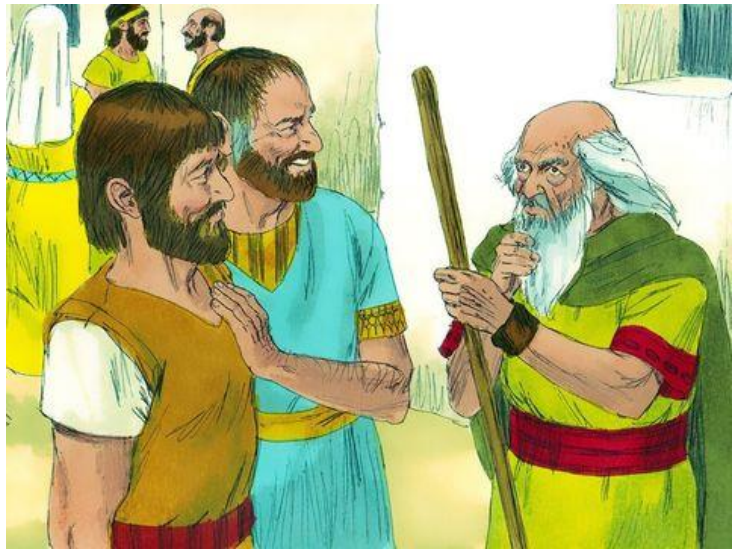


Is it ELIAB, the eldest?

- **6 Samuel**: ***Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.***

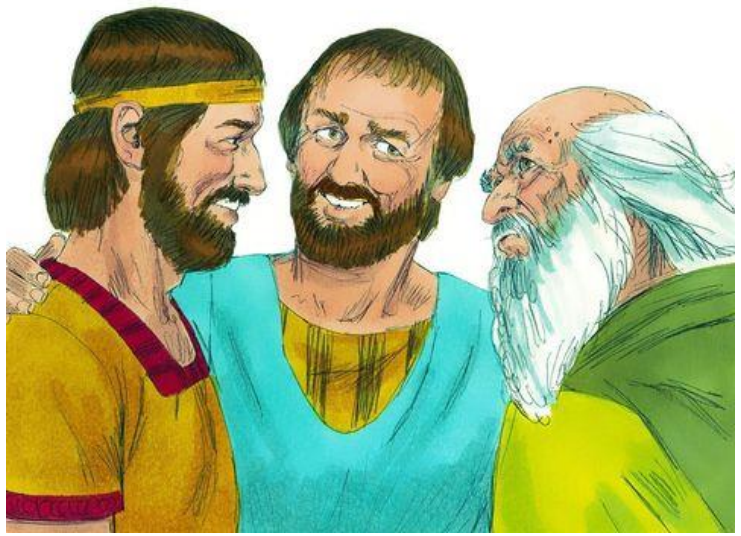
- **7 The LORD** ***: Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.***

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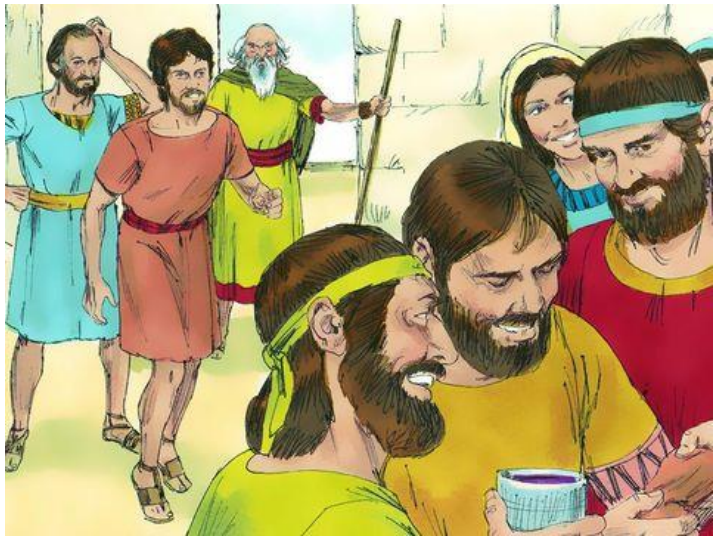
Is it AHINADAB?

Samuel: ***Neither hath the LORD chosen this.***



SHAMMAH?

Samuel: ***Neither hath the LORD chosen this.***

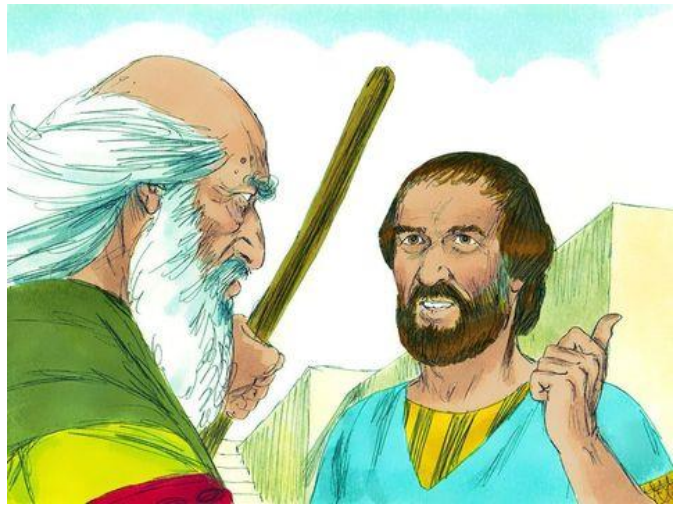


Any of my seven sons ?

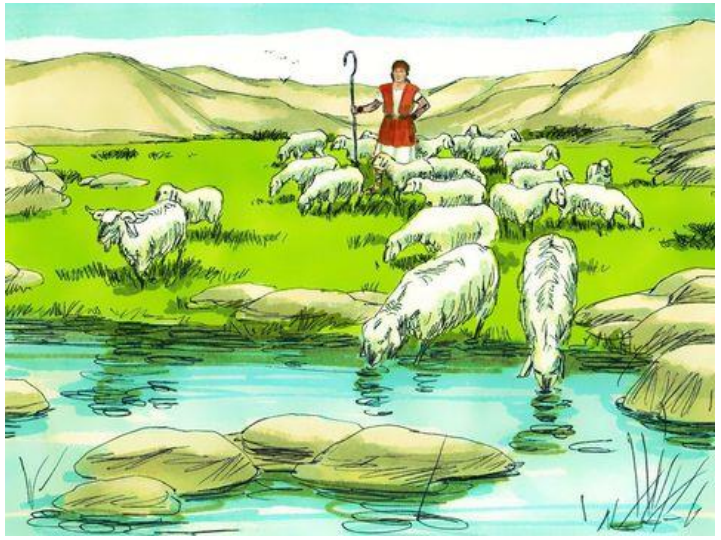
Samuel : ***The LORD hath not chosen these.***

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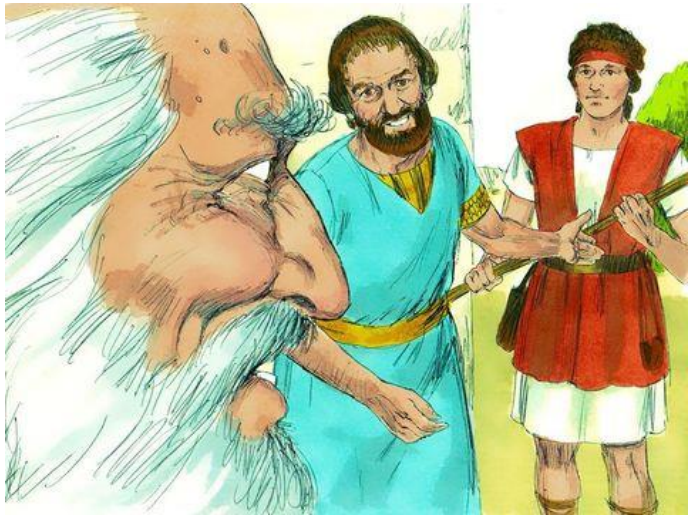
- **Samuel:** ***Are here all thy children?***
- **Jesse:** ***There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep.***

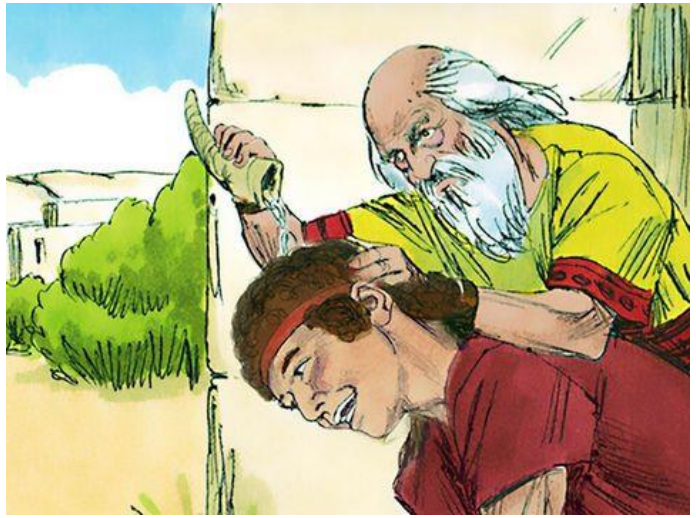


- **Samuel**: ***Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.***



God Instructs Samuel to Anoint one of Jesse' s sons as King (I Samuel 16)





12 And he sent, and brought him in. ***Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to.***

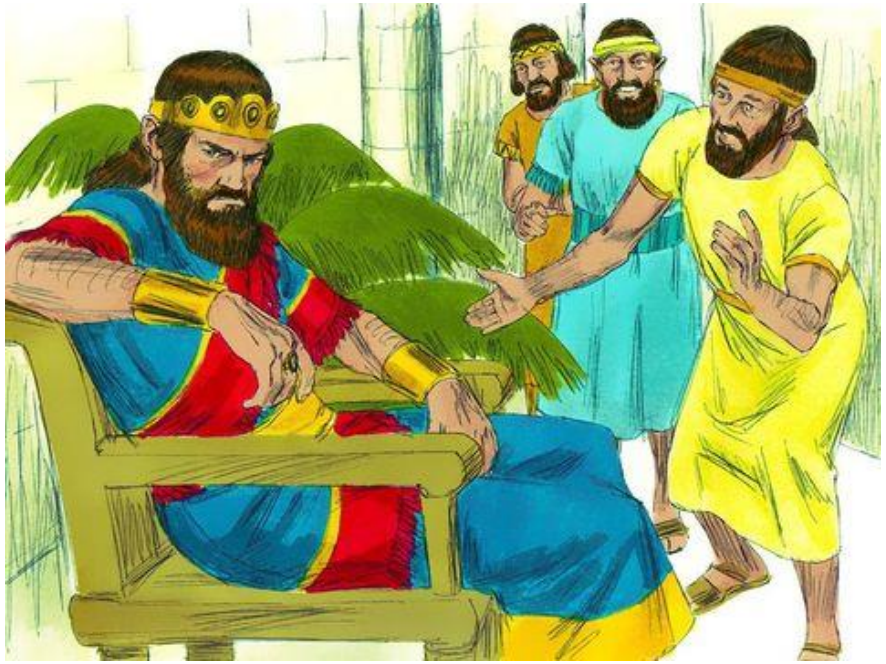
The LORD : ***Arise, anoint him: for this is he.***

Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward.

First Anointing of DAVID : Privately by Samuel at Bethlehem

- Back to King Saul at the Palace

DAVID will be introduced to King Saul : (I Samuel 16: 14-23)

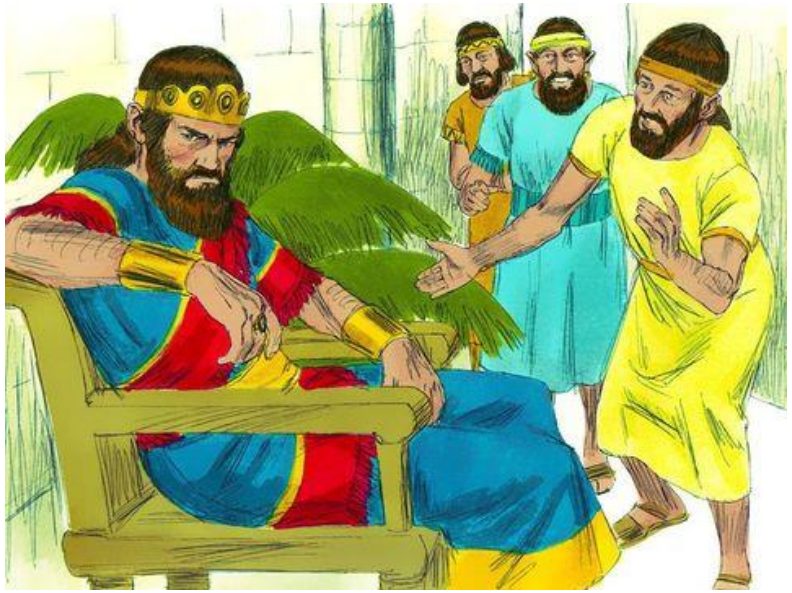


- **14** *But **the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul,** and **an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.***

- **Recommended Solution:**
- *15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.*
- ***16 Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.***

- ***17 Saul: Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me.***

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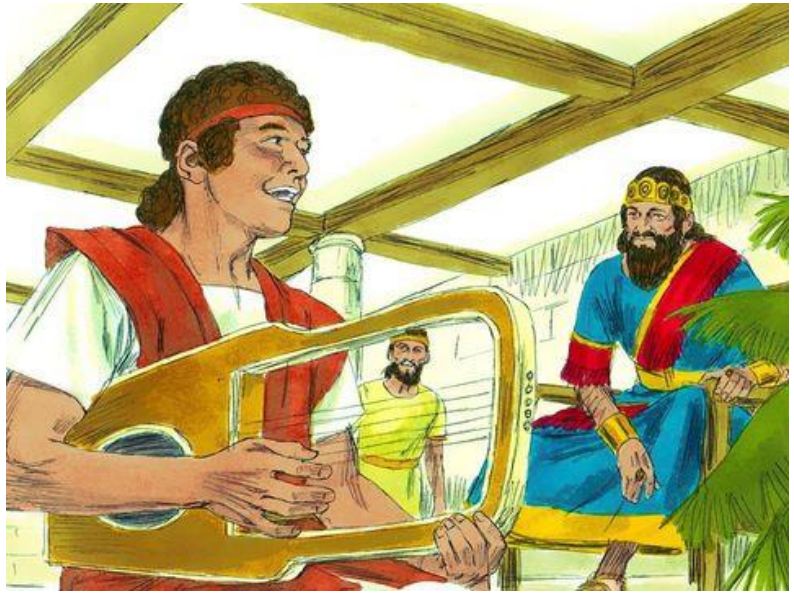


- **18** *Then answered one of the servants, and said,*
- ***Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is :***
- ***cunning in playing,***
- ***and a mighty valiant man,***
- ***and a man of war,***
- ***and prudent in matters,***
- ***and a comely person,***
- ***and the LORD is with him.***

- ***19*** *Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said,* ***Send me David thy son, which is with the sheep.***

DAVID will be introduced to King Saul : (I Samuel 16: 14-23)

- And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and ***he loved him greatly***; and ***he became his armourbearer.***

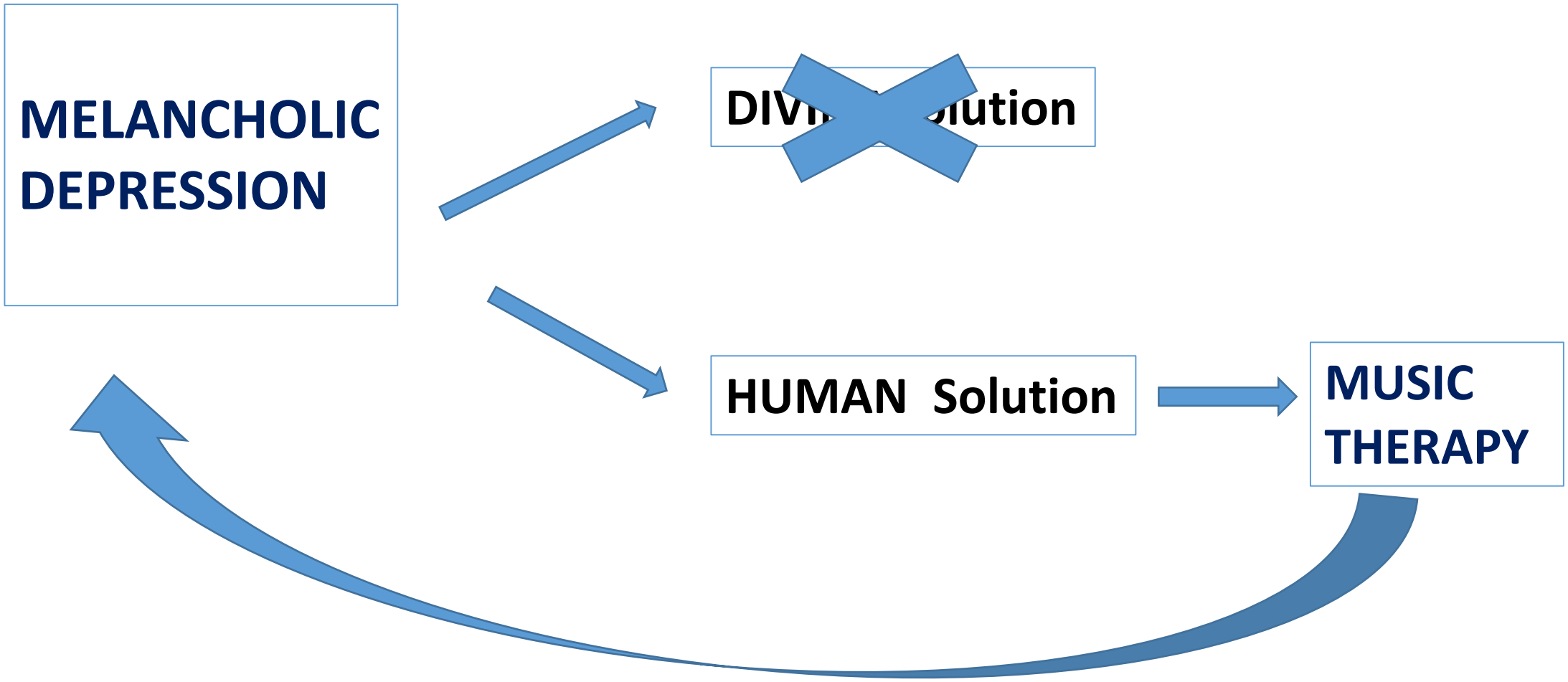


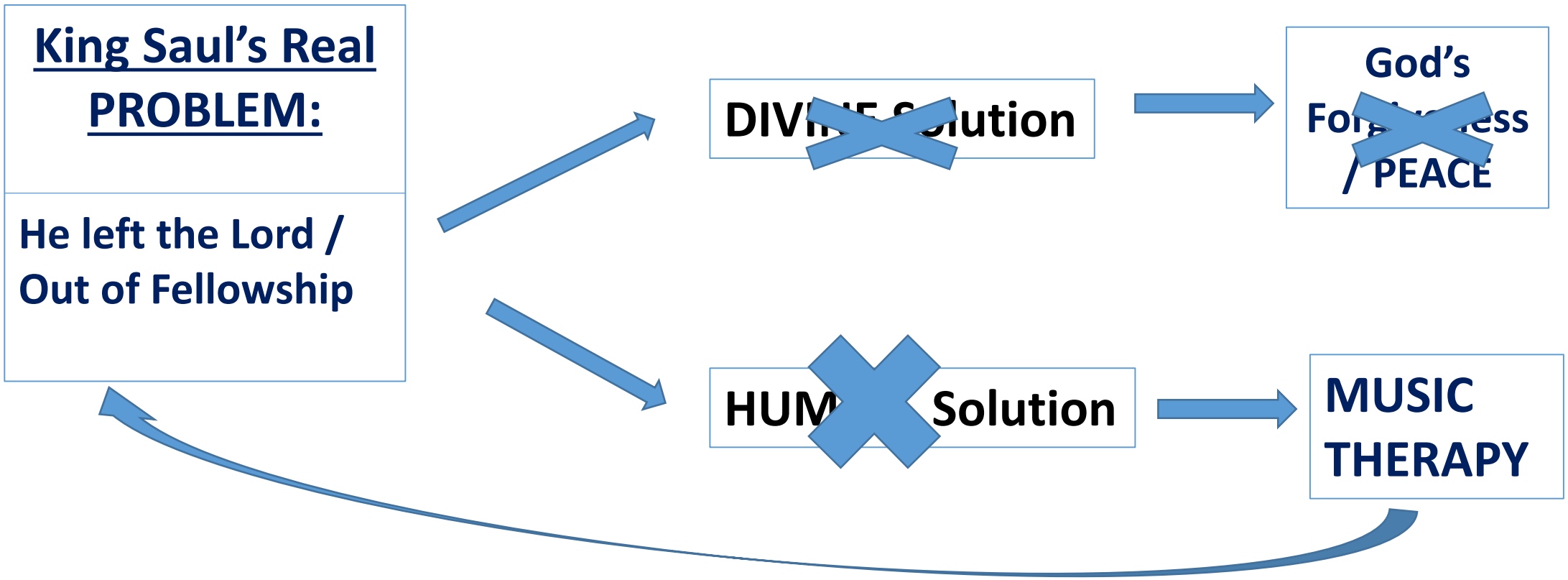
- **David promoted : From a musician to armourbearer**

- [22] **Saul to Jesse**, ***Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favour in my sight.***

- [23] *And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so* ***Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.***

King SAUL's PROBLEM
(in the king's eyes and in his servants' eyes)




King Saul's Real PROBLEM:
He left the Lord / Out of Fellowship
DIVINE Solution
God's Forgiveness / PEACE
HUMAN Solution
MUSIC THERAPY

DAVID : The Musician

- **I Samuel 17 :2** *Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Bethlehemjudah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man went among men for an old man in the days of Saul.*

- *14 And* ***David was the youngest****: and the three eldest followed Saul.*

- *15 But* ***David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem.***



David - the SHEPHERD (I Samuel 17)

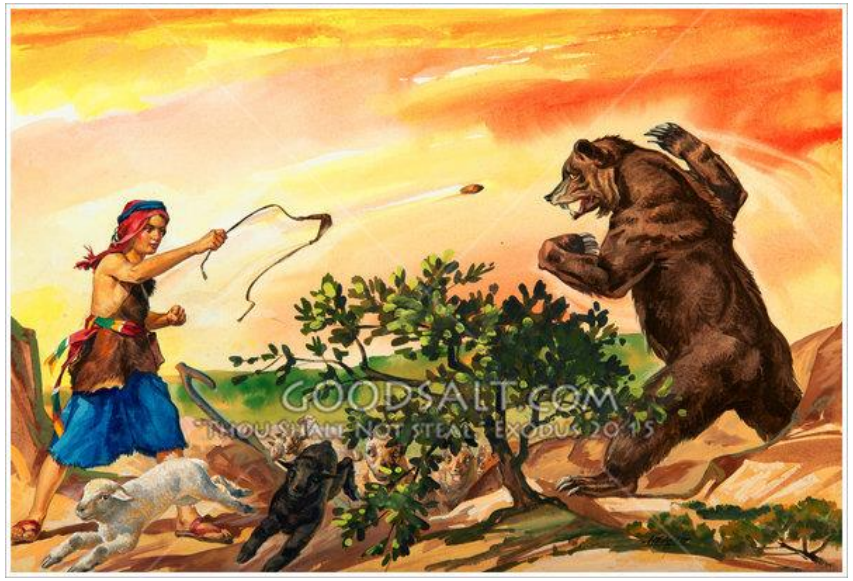
- As a shepherd, showed great courage in protecting the flocks from a lion and a bear.



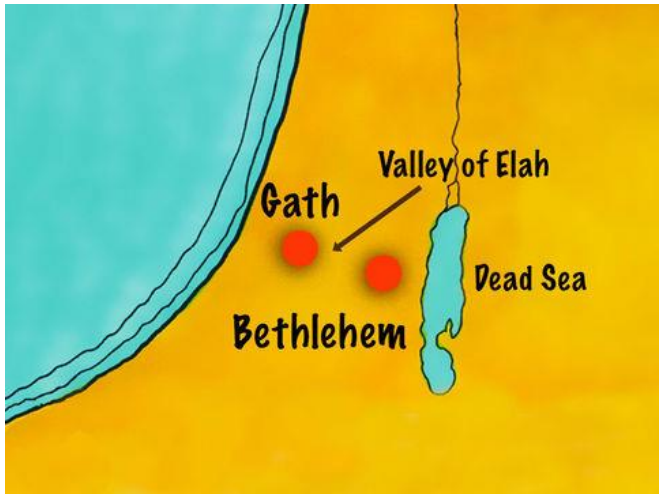
34 David said unto Saul,
Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:

35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.

36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear:

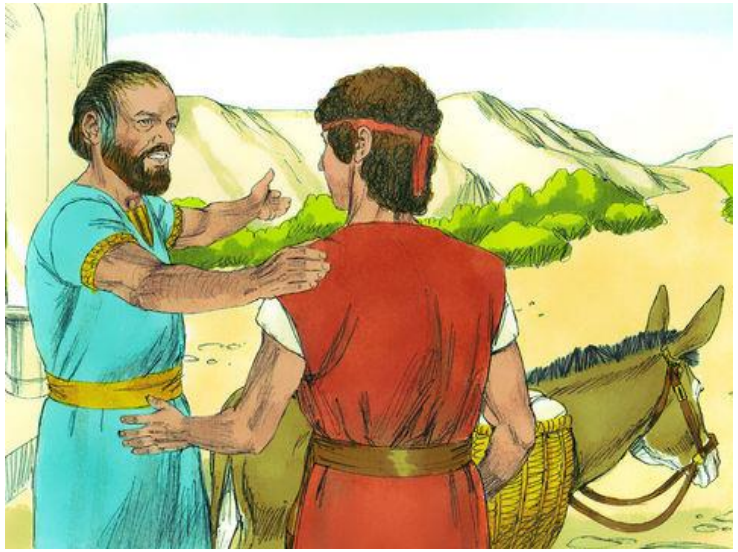


C. David – the SOLDIER (I Sam 17) David meets Goliath



- Israel at this time was engaged in battle with the Philistines in the valley of Elah.

- *13 And the **three eldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle:** and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were **Eliab** the firstborn, and next unto him **Abinadab**, and the third **Shammah.***



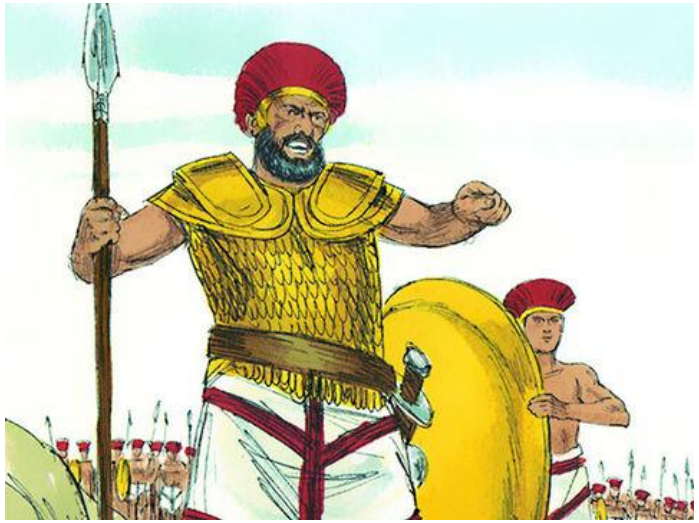
- Jesse sends David with some food for his brothers who are soldiers in Saul's army.

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- Upon arriving, David views **a giant Philistine warrior** who had for forty days (17:16) brazenly **insulted the armies of Israel and their God**, taunting them to send forth a soldier to do battle with him and thus determine the war.



- The giant's name was **Goliath;** he was approximately **ten feet high.**

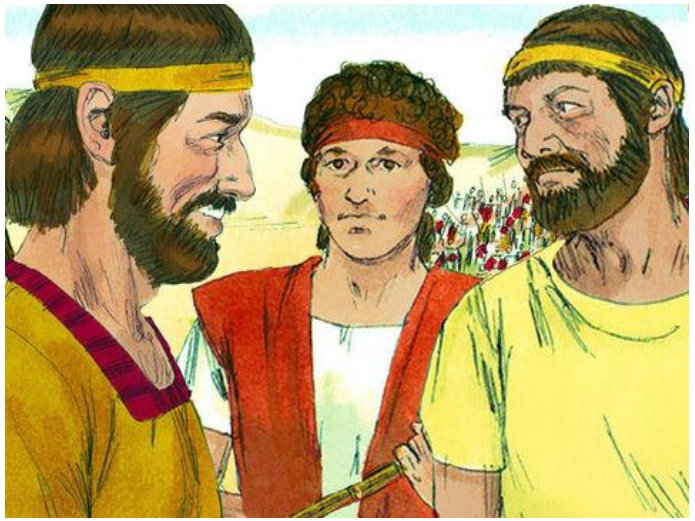


- He wore a bronze helmet, a 200-pound coat of mail, bronze leggings, and carried a bronze javelin several inches thick, tipped with a 25 -pound iron spearhead.

C. David – the SOLDIER (I Sam 17)

- **Men in the army**: *Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel.*



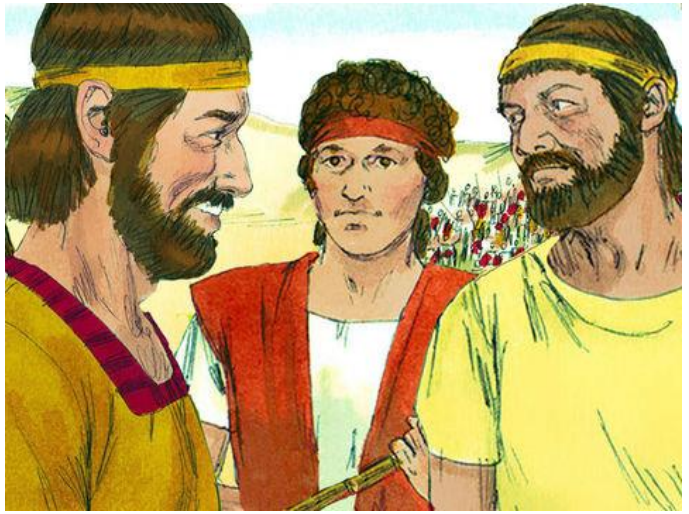


C. David – the SOLDIER (I Sam 17)

- **David:** *26 …. What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel?*
- *for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?*

- **Eliab**: *28 …Why camest thou down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle.*

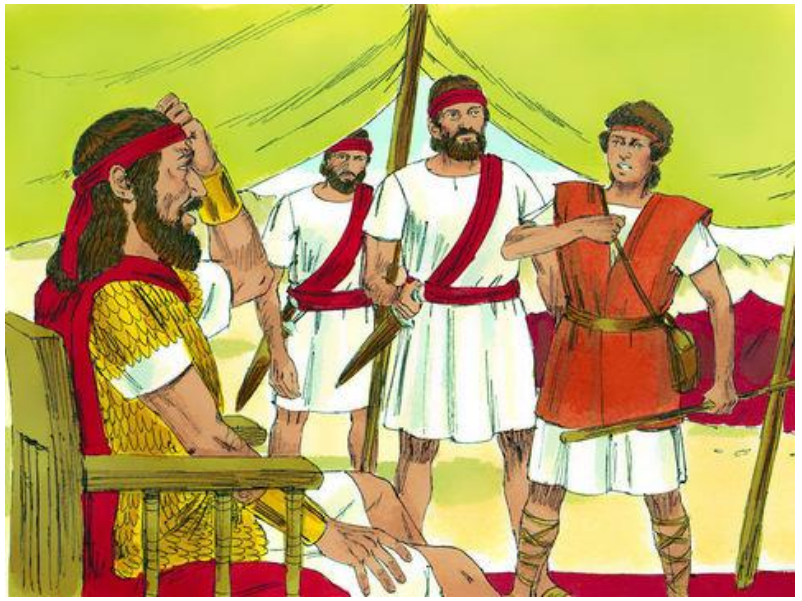
- **David**: *What have I now done? Is there not a cause?*



C. David – the SOLDIER (I Sam 17) Conversations with Saul

- **David:** ***Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine.***

- **Saul:** ***Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he*** **(Goliath)** ***a man of war from his youth.***



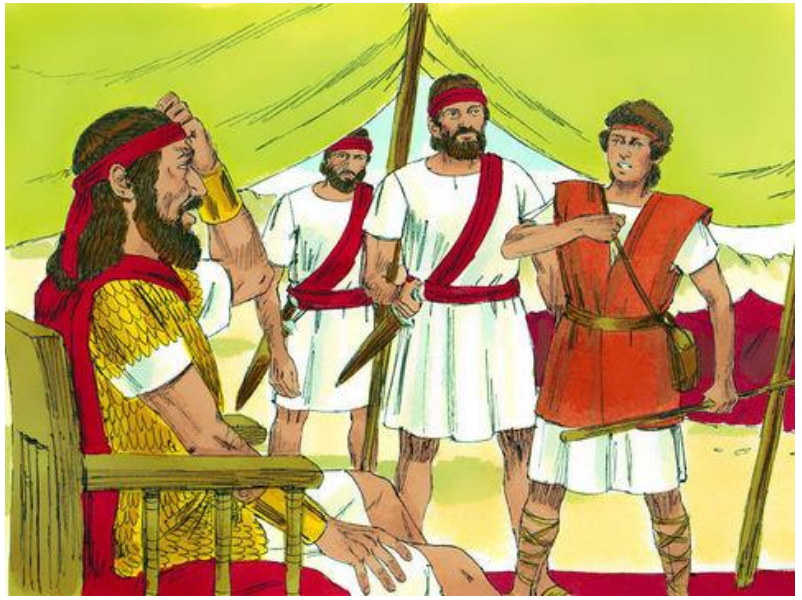
- **David:** ***Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock:***
- ***35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him.***

C. David – the SOLDIER (I Sam 17) Conversations with Saul

- **David** : *thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God.*

- *The LORD that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine.*

- **SAUL :** *Go, and the LORD be with thee.*

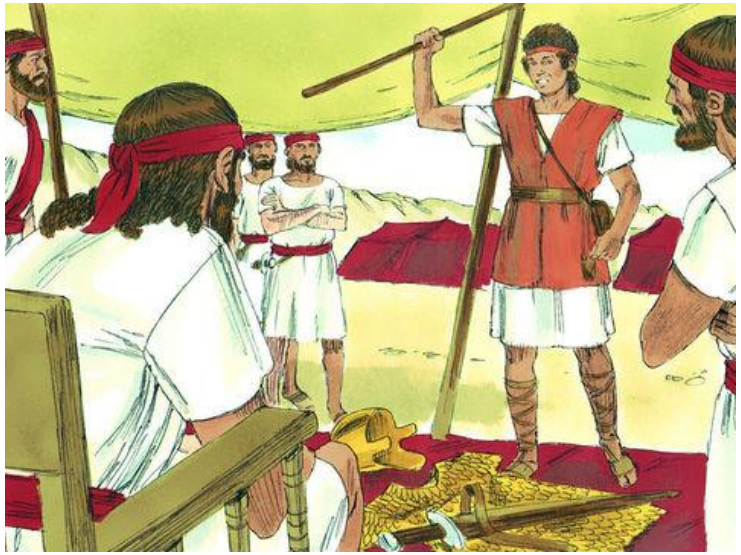


C. David – the SOLDIER (I Sam 17) Conversations with Saul

- 38 *And **Saul armed David with his armour**, and he put an **helmet of brass** upon his head; also he armed him with **a coat of mail**.*

- 39 …. *And David said unto Saul, **I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them**.*

- 40 *And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him **five smooth stones out of the brook**, and put them **in a shepherd's bag** which he had, even in a scrip; and **his sling** was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine.*



- Why 5 smooth stones?
- II Sam 21: 16-22 . **Four (4) were born to the giant in Gath:** *Ishbibenob, Saph, brother of Goliath, a man of great stature*, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number

C. David – the SOLDIER (I Sam 17) versus Goliath

- **Goliath : Disdained David**: ***…Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves?***
- ***…Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field.***



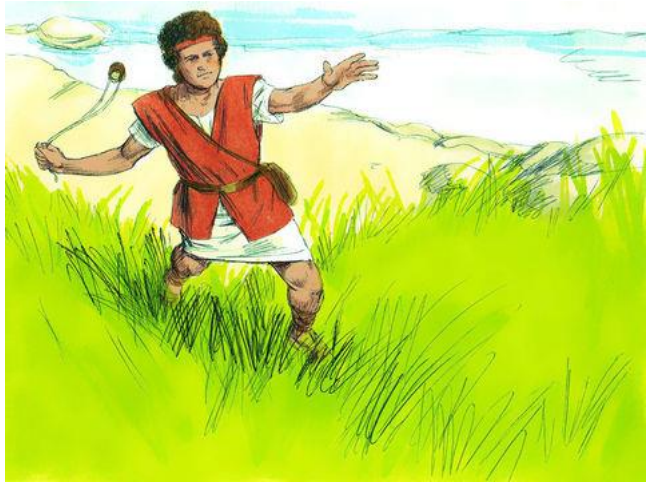
- **David** : ***Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied.***

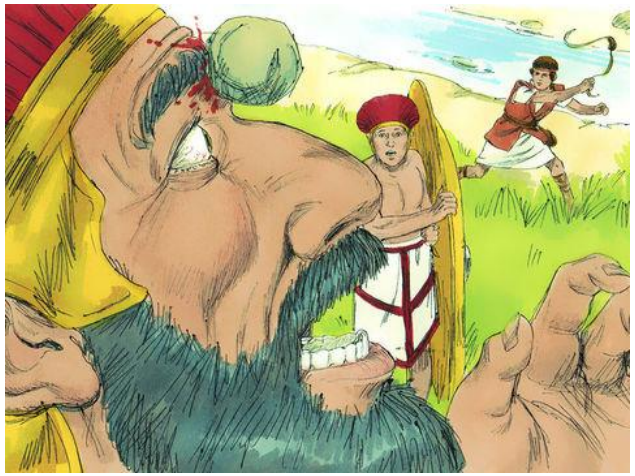
▪ 46 ***This day will*** the LORD deliver thee into mine hand***; …. that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.***

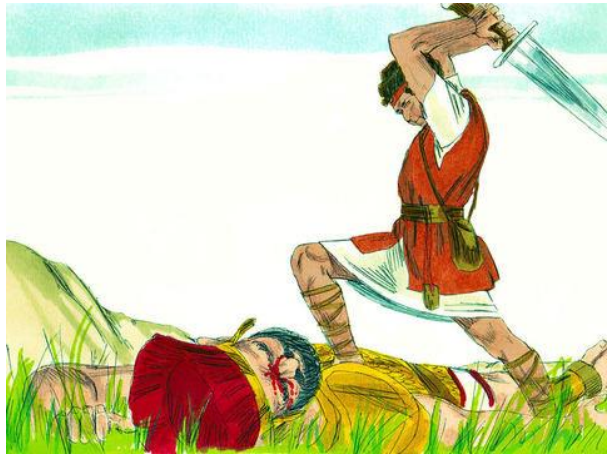
▪ 47 ***And all this assembly shall know that the LORD saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give you into our hands.***

- David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and **he fell upon his face to the earth**.

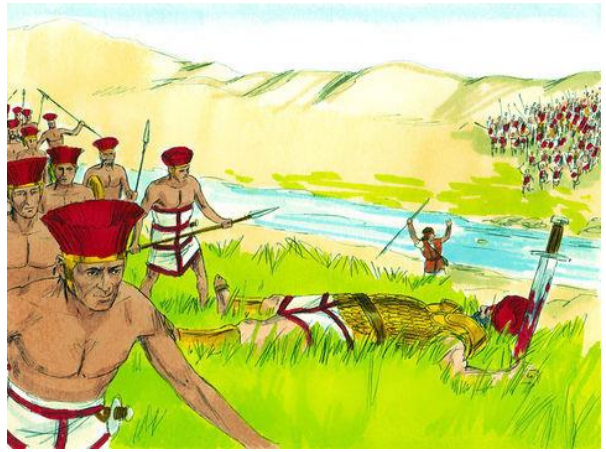
- Then he stood upon the Philistine, and **took his sword**, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and **slew him**, and **cut off his head therewith**.

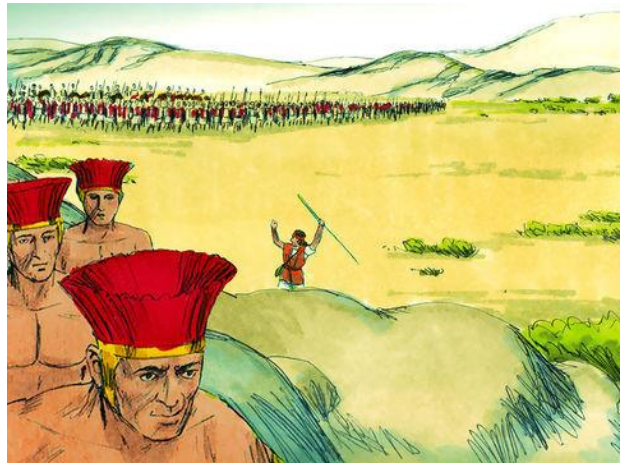


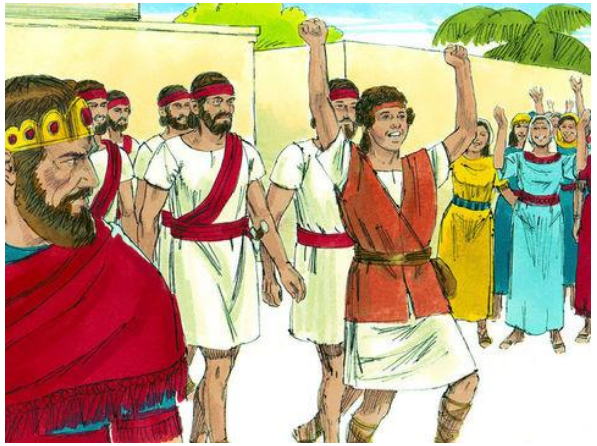




- And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.
- And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, **Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand.**
- And **Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house**. (I Sam 18:2)





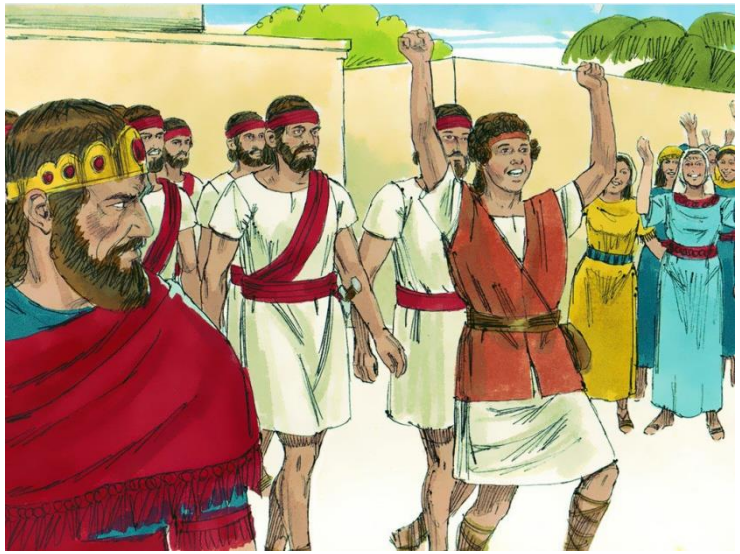


David – Returns as a hero and ENVIED by Saul (I Sam 18-

- 5 *And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and* ***behaved himself wisely****:*
- *and* ***Saul set him over the men of war,***
- *and he* ***was accepted in the sight of all the people,***
- *and* ***also in the sight of Saul's servants.***

- 6 *And it came to pass as they came, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, that the* ***women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of musick.***

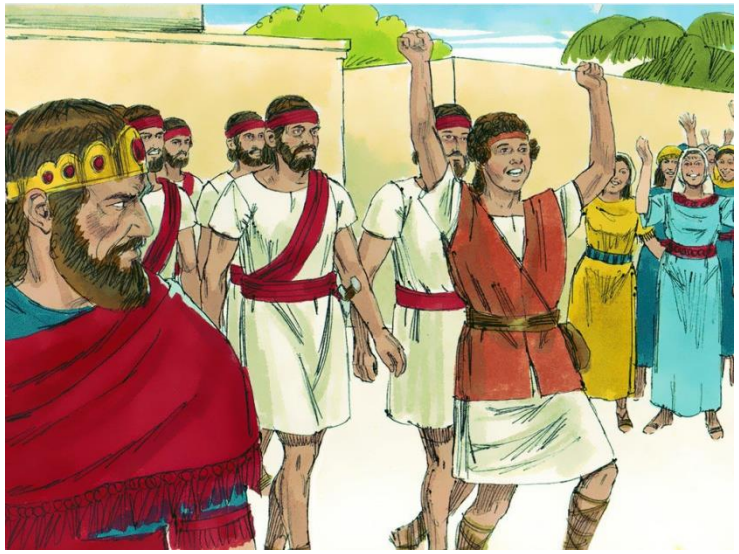
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David promoted to captain of Saul’s army

David – Returns as a hero and ENVIED by Saul (I Sam 18-

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- *7 And the women answered one another as they played, and said,* ***Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.***
- *8 And* ***Saul was very wroth****, and the saying displeased him; and he said, :*
- ***They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom?***
- *9* ***And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.***



David – the FUGITIVE (I Sam 18-19)

- Saul's character manifested: **Jealousy** and **hatred**
- **Saul's attempt to get rid of David:**

1. Twice, attempted to kill David **with a javelin** while he was playing the hard before him (I Sam 18:10-11; 19:10) ***"I will smite David even to the wall with it."***





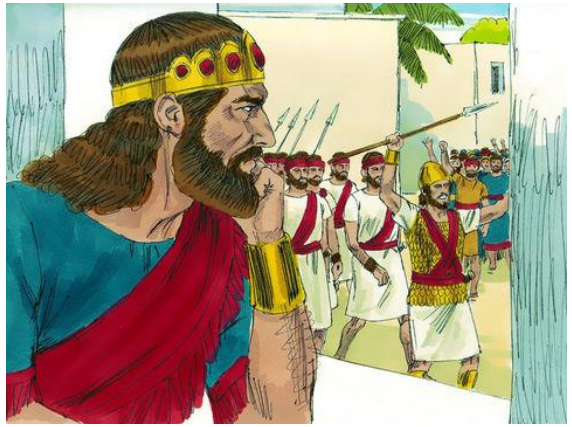
David – the FUGITIVE (I Sam 18-19)

- Saul's character manifested: **Jealousy** and **hatred**
- 2. Sent him on **dangerous military expeditions** (18:13-17)

  a. First, promising **Merab** if he will be "*valiant*"and "*fight the Lord's battle*"(vs17-19)

  (For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines be upon him).

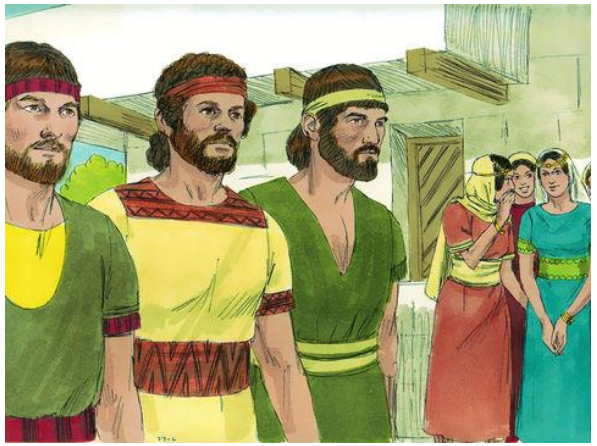
  (But Merab was given to another man).

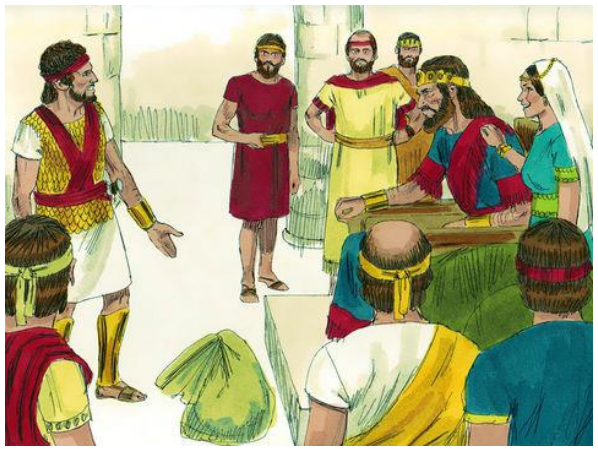


David – the FUGITIVE (I Sam 18-19)

b. When it was told Saul that "***Michal loved David***", he thought to make him a ***"snare"*** and asked for a dowry of 100 foreskins of the Philistines.

(But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines v. 25)





David – the FUGITIVE (I Sam 18-

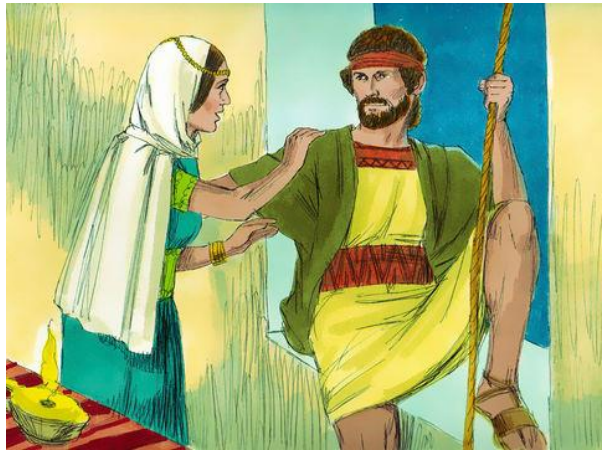
- Saul's attempt to get rid of David:

  3. Sent an ambush to slay David while at Michal's.

- 11 *Saul also sent messengers unto David's house, **to watch him, and to slay him in the morning**: and Michal David's wife told him, saying,*
  If thou save not thy life to night, to morrow thou shalt be slain.

- 12 *So **Michal let David down through a window**: and he went, and fled, and escaped.*

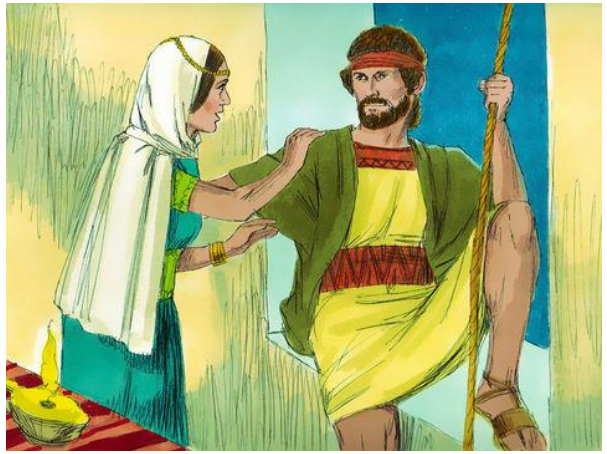






David – the FUGITIVE (I Sam 18-







I Samuel 19:

Saul : ***Why hast thou deceived me so, and sent away mine enemy, that he is escaped***?

Michal : ***He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?***

David – the FUGITIVE (I Sam 18-

- Saul's attempt to get rid of David:

4. Sent soldiers to take out David from Ramah – three (3) times and he, himself went to Ramah

David's Integrity :

- I Sam 18: 12 *And* ***Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him, and was departed from Saul.***

- *14 And* ***David behaved himself wisely*** *in all his ways; and* ***the LORD was with him****.*
- *15 Wherefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him.*

- *16 But* ***all Israel and Judah loved David****, because he went out and came in before them*.
- 29 *And* ***Saul was yet the more afraid of David****; and* ***Saul became David's enemy continually***.

David – The FUGITIVE

- In his pursuit of David, Saul committed series of sins:

1. **Almost killed his son Jonathan for trying to intercede in behalf of his friend David** (I Sam 20:33).

- I Sam 20: 30 *Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of the perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that* ***thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own confusion****, and unto the confusion of thy mother's nakedness?*

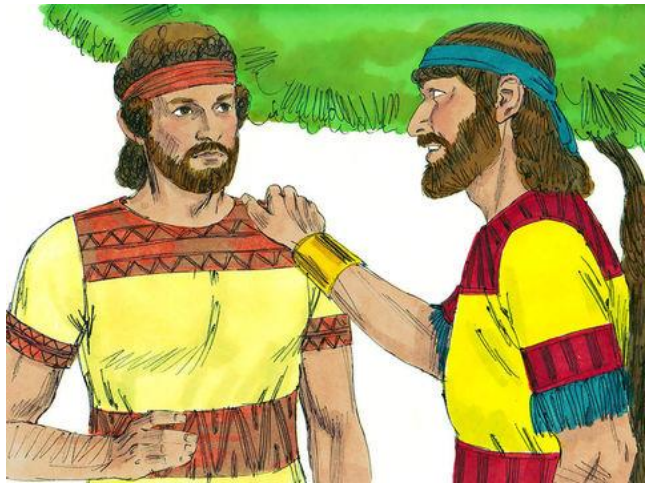
- 31 ***For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom****. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he shall surely die*.

David Best Friends with Jonathan : (I Sam)

- ….***the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David*** *(v.1)*

- Then Jonathan and David ***made a covenant***, because ***he loved him as his own soul. (v.2)***

- [4] And ***Jonathan stripped himself of the robe*** *that was upon him,* ***and gave it to David,*** *and* ***his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle***.



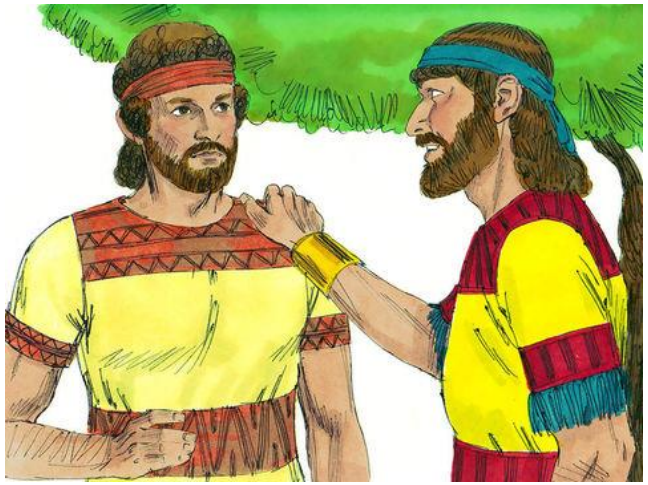
[18] *And* ***they two made a covenant before the LORD:….***

David Best Friends with Jonathan : (I Sam 19)

- ***And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father*** … (I Sam 19:4)

- I Sam 20: 17 … ***because he (*Jonathan) *loved him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.***

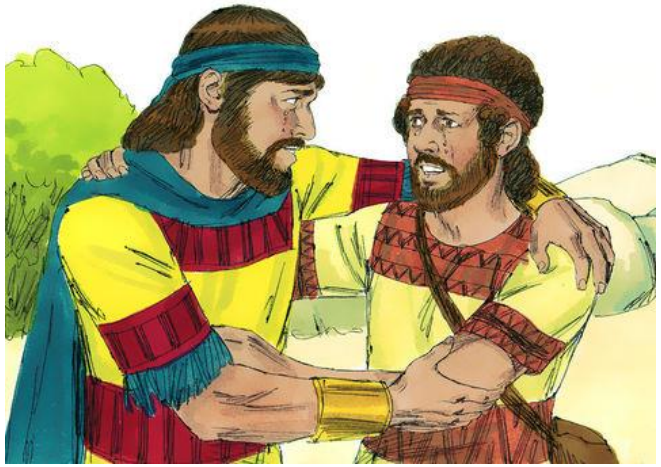
- I Sam 22: 17 *And he said unto him,* ***Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee;*** *and* ***thou shalt be king over Israel****, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth.*



DAVID and JONATHAN : soul partners in their lifetime

- **I Samuel 20: 4** Then said Jonathan unto David, ***Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee.***
- **9** And Jonathan said, ***Far be it from thee: for if I knew certainly that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee?***
- .. ***for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.***





DAVID and JONATHAN : soul partners in their lifetime

- **I Samuel 20: 42** Jonathan said to David,: ***Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed for ever.***
- And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.

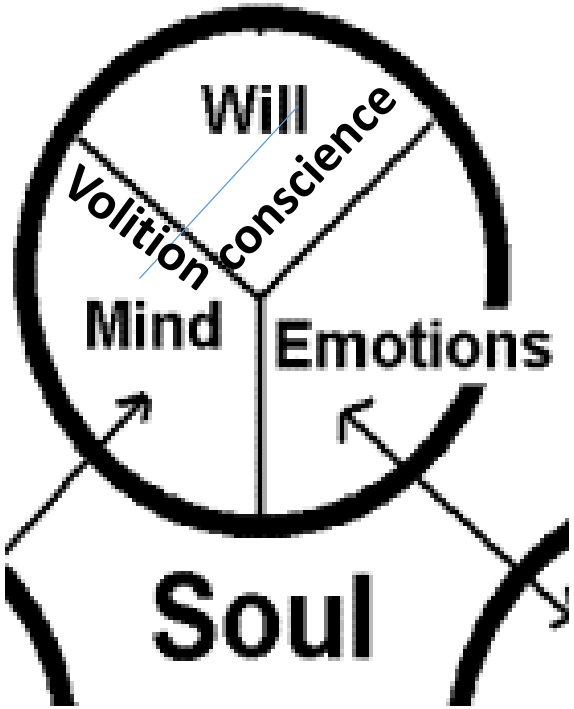


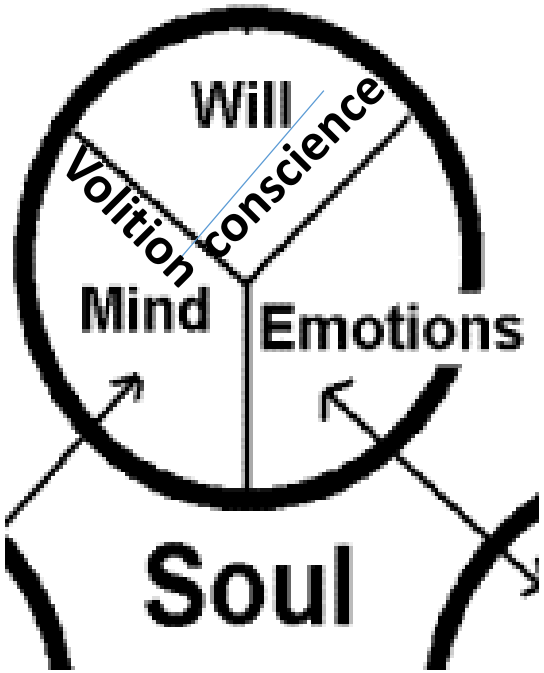


Upon learning the death of Jonathan

- **II Samuel 1: 26** *I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan: very pleasant hast thou been unto me:* ***thy love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women****.*

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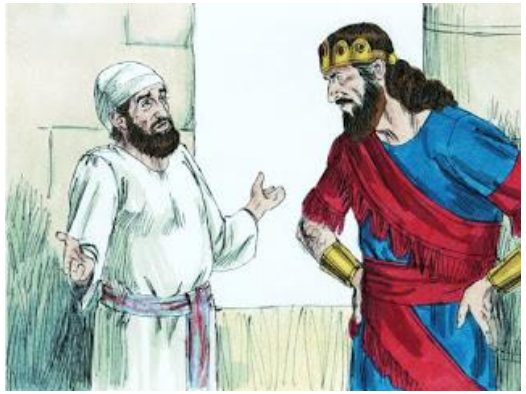
David – The FUGITIVE (I Samuel 21 – with Ahimelech)

- In his pursuit of David, Saul committed series of sins:

2. Commanded the slaying of Ahimelech and a total of 85 priests, also men and women, and children, suckling, oxen, asses, sheep.

I Sam 22: [13] And Saul said unto him, ***Why have ye conspired against me***, *thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast enquired of God for him,* ***that he should rise against me,*** *to lie in wait, as at this day*?

DAVID: ***I have occasioned the death of all the persons of thy father's house.***



Saul's Self-Pity
The soul of the backsliden believer:

- I Sam 22: 8 *That **all of you have conspired against me**, and there is none that sheweth me that my son hath made a league with the son of Jesse, and **there is none of you that is sorry for me**, or sheweth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, as at this day*?

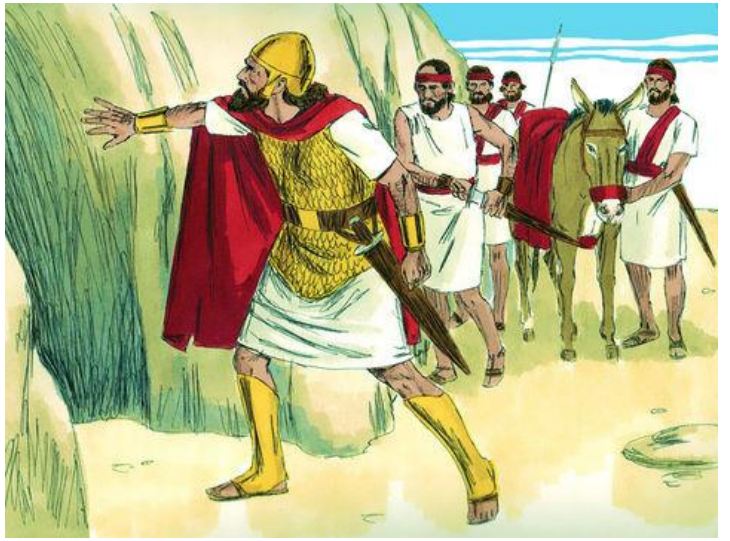
- In Chapter 23, when the Ziphites declared intention to deliver David, … ***blessed be the Lord, for ye have compassion on me***.

- **I Sam 23: 26** *And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and* ***David made haste to get away for fear of Saul****; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them*.



Saul's Changed Attitude Towards David:

- **On two (2) occasions, David could have killed Saul, but didn't since he regarded him as the "Lord's Anointed".**

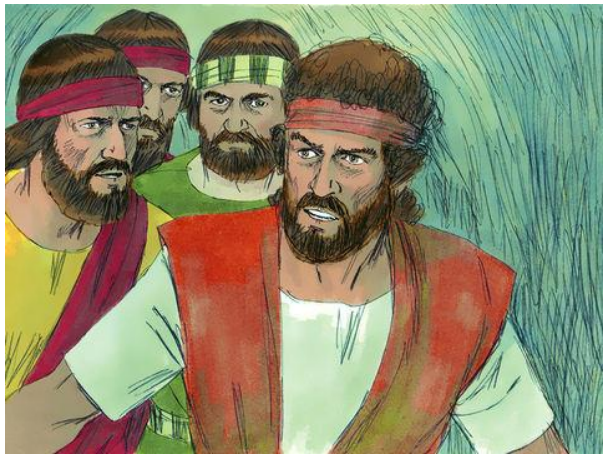


- **First occasion**: in **I Samuel 24 in the wilderness of Engedi**

- [2] *Then Saul took **three thousand chosen men out of all Israel**, and **went to seek David** and **his men upon the rocks of the wild goats.***
- [3] *And he came to the **sheepcotes by the way**, where was **a cave**; and **Saul went in to cover his feet**: and David and his men remained in the sides of the cave.*

Saul's Changed Attitude Towards David:

- David's men: ***Behold the day of which the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good unto thee.***



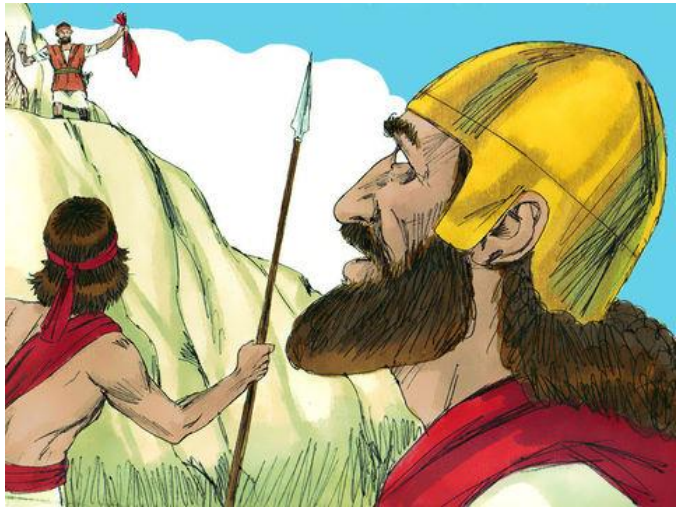
- ***Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily.***
- ***5 And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt.***



- ***6 And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch forth mine hand against him, seeing he is the anointed of the LORD.***

David Called Out King Saul:

- I Sam 24: 10 ***Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORD's anointed.***

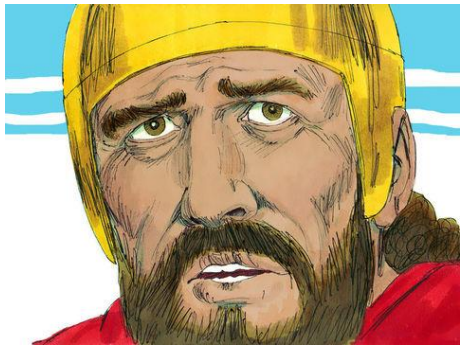


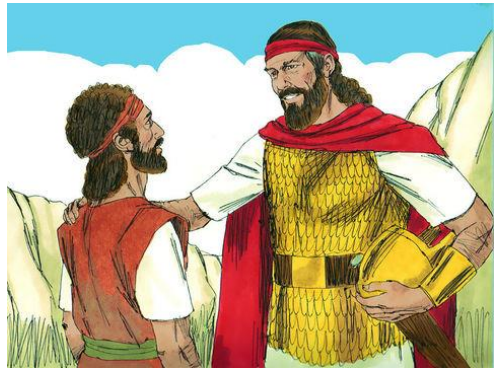
- ***11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee; yet thou huntest my soul to take it.***

- ***12 The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but mine hand shall not be upon thee.***

Saul's Changed Attitude Towards David:

- 16 And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, ***Is this thy voice, my son David?*** And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept.
- 17 … ***Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.***
- **18** ***And thou hast shewed this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had delivered me into thine hand, thou killedst me not.***
- ***19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the LORD reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this day.***
- ***20 And now, behold, I know well that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand.***





Saul's Changed Attitude Towards David:

- **2nd occasion**: in Samuel 26 at the hill of Hachilah.

1 *And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying,* ***Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah,*** *which is before Jeshimon?*



- [2] *Then* ***Saul arose****, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having* ***three thousand chosen men of Israel*** *with him,* ***to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph.***

- [5] *And* ***David arose,*** *and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place* ***where Saul lay,*** *and* ***Abner*** *the son of Ner, the* ***captain of his host:*** *and Saul lay in the trench, and the people pitched round about him*.

Saul's Changed Attitude Towards David:

- **2nd occasion**: in Samuel 26 at the hill of Hachilah.

- 8 **Abishai to David**, : ***God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not smite him the second time.***

- 9 **David said to Abishai,** ***Destroy him not: for who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed, and be guiltless?***
- 10 … ***As the LORD liveth, the LORD shall smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall descend into battle, and perish.***

- 11 ***The LORD forbid that I should stretch forth mine hand against the LORD's anointed: but, I pray thee, take thou now the spear that is at his bolster, and the cruse of water, and let us go***.

Saul's Changed Attitude Towards David:

12 So ***David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's bolster****; and they gat them away, and* ***no man saw it, nor knew it, neither awaked****: for they were all* ***asleep****;* *because* ***a deep sleep from the LORD was fallen upon them***



- *13 Then* ***David went over to the other side****, and* ***stood on the top of an hil****l afar off; a great space being between them:*
- *14 And* ***David cried to the people****, and to* ***Abne****r the son of Ner,*

Saul's Changed Attitude Towards David:

- **2nd occasion**: in Samuel 26 at the hill of Hachilah.

17 *And **Saul knew David's voice**, and said, **Is this thy voice, my son David**? And David said, **It is my voice, my lord, O king.***

21 **Saul to David :** ***I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I hav played the fool, and have erred exceedingly.***

25 …. ***Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do great things, and also shalt still prevail.***

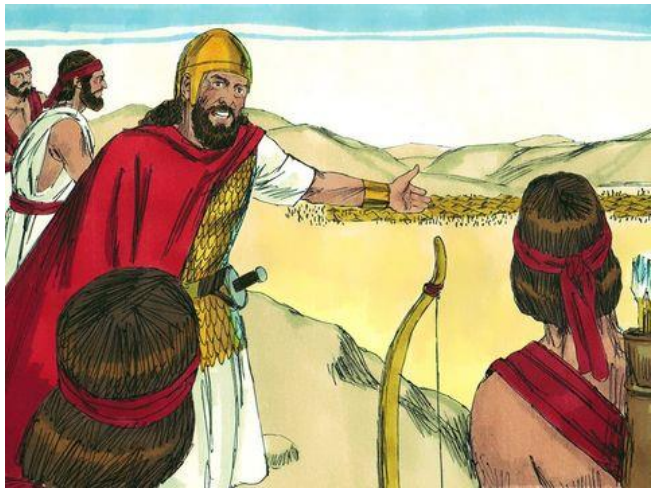
So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

SAUL : His Last Days

- Saul visits the witch of En-dor in a desperate attempt to call up Samuel from the dead in order to receive advice concerning a fearful Philistine military threat (28:1-11).

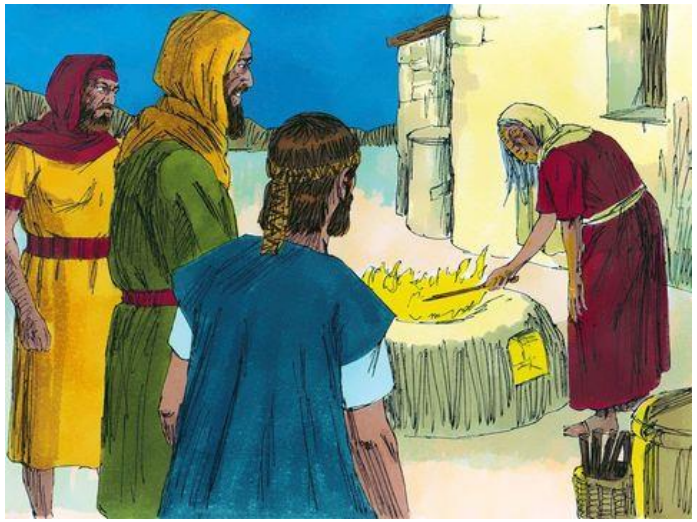


- [4] *And the **Philistines gathered themselves together,** and came and pitched in Shunem: and **Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.***
- [5] *And when **Saul saw the host of the Philistines,** he **was afraid**, and his heart greatly trembled.*



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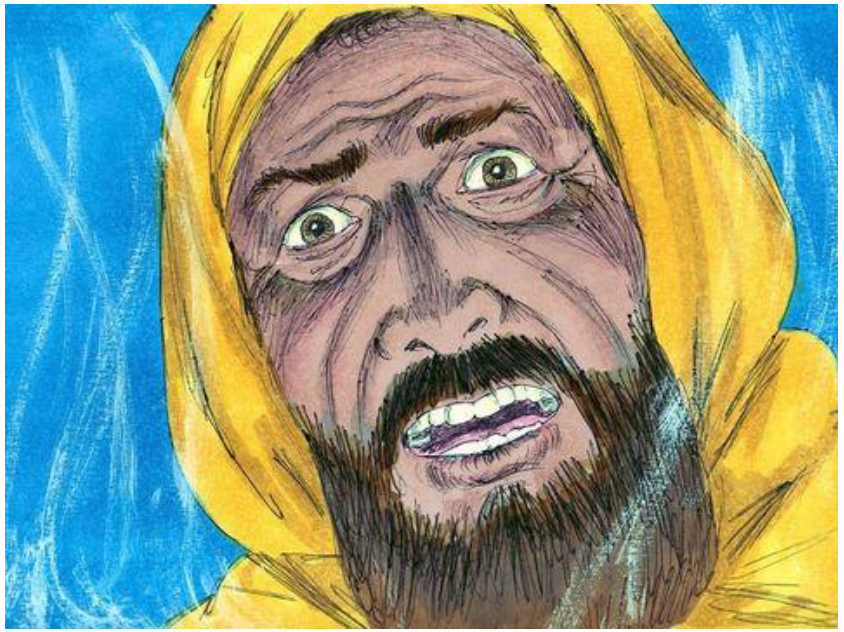
- *I Samuel 28: 6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.*
- *7 Then said Saul unto his servants,* ***Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit,*** *that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants*





SAUL : His Last Days - I Sam 28

- **Samuel to Saul** : ***Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up?***



- **Saul** : ***I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.***

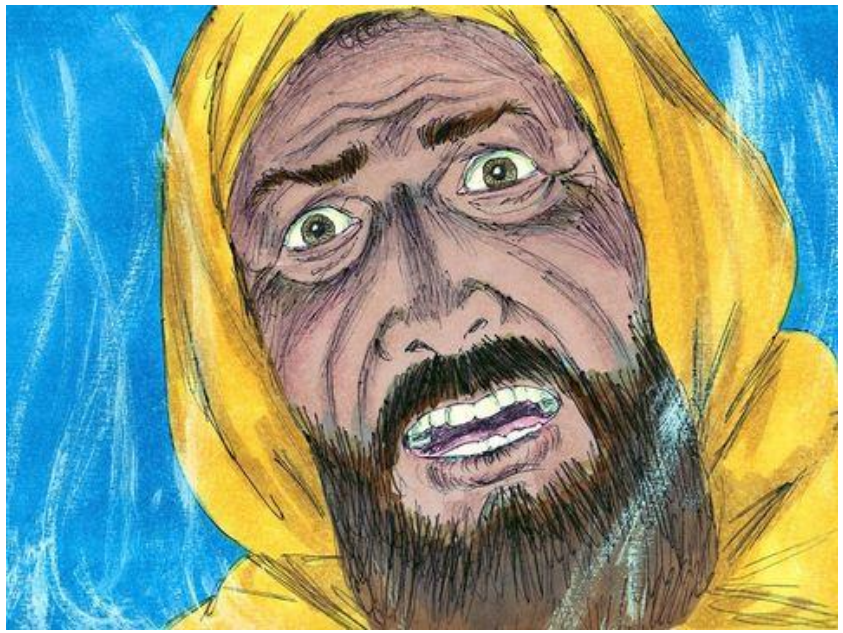
- **Samuel:** ***Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?***

- ***17 And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:***

SAUL : His Last Days - I Sam 28

- *18* ***Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek,*** *therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.*

- *19* ***Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines:*** *and* ***to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me:*** *the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.*

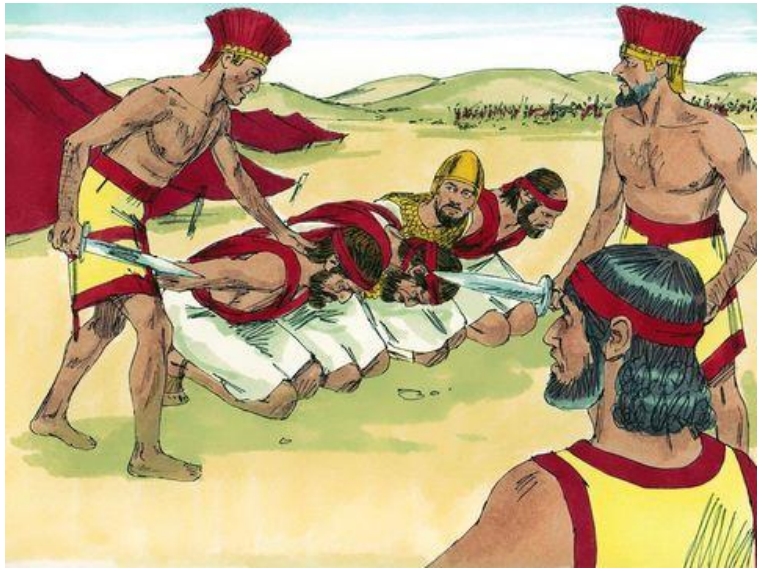


- ❑ What was the purpose of God in bringing Samuel back for this appearance?
- ❑ This unusual act on the part of God was certainly designed to emphasize the doom of Saul and God's displeasure for his coming to a necromancer.

SAUL : His Last Days - I Sam 31

- *Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the **men of Israel fled from before the Philistines**, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa.*

- *[2] And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the **Philistines slew Jonathan**, and **Abinadab**, and **Melchishua**, **Saul's sons.***



SAUL : His Last Days - I Sam 31

- *3 And the battle went sore against **Saul**, and the **archers hit him**; and he **was sore wounded of the archers**.*
- *4 Then said **Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and abuse me.***

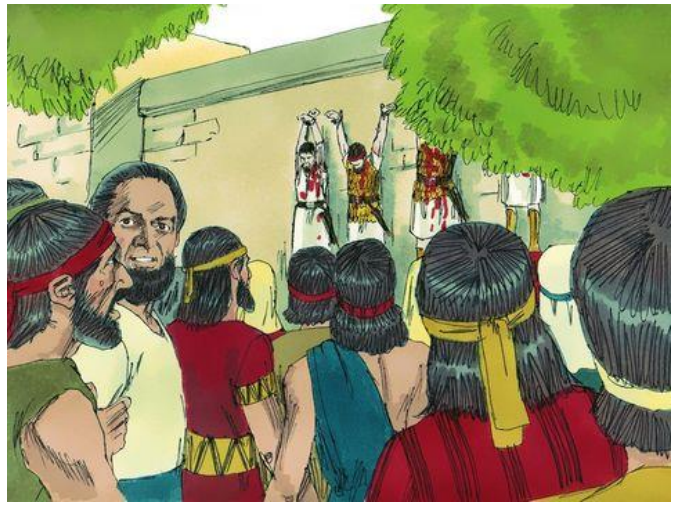


- *But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid.*
- *Therefore **Saul took a sword, and fell upon it**.*

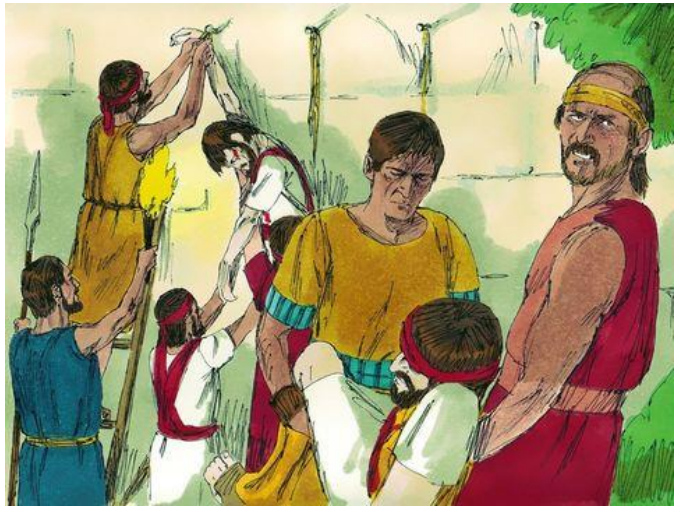
- *5 And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword, and died with him.*

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- The next day when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they **found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa**.



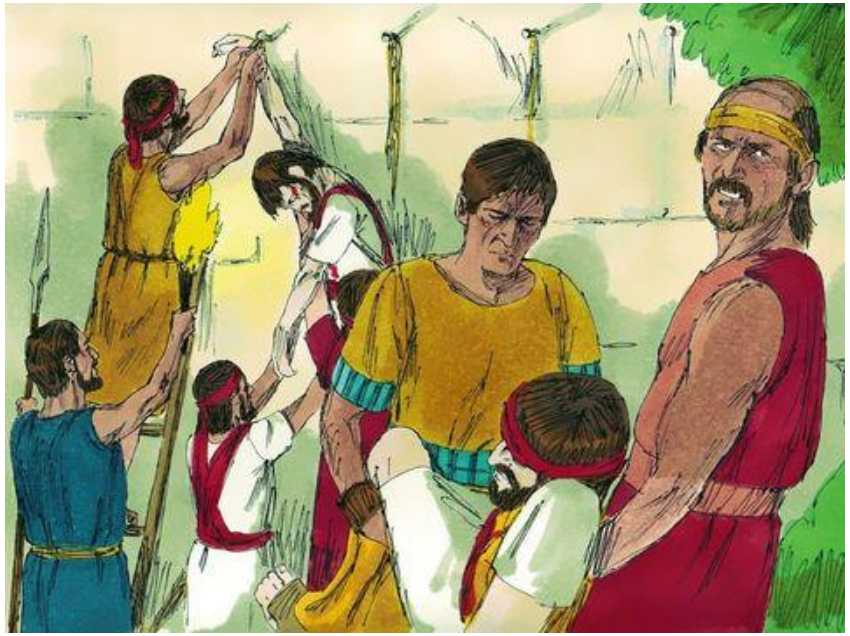
- They **cut off his head**, and **stripped off his armour**, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people.
- And they put his **armour in the house of Ashtaroth**: and they **fastened his body to the wall of Bethshan.**



SAUL : His Last Days - I Sam 31

- **Valiant men from Jabeshgilead** arose, and went all night, and **took the body of Saul** and the **bodies of his sons from the wall of Bethshan**, and came to Jabesh, and **burnt them there**.

- And they took their bones, and buried them under a tree at Jabesh, and fasted seven days.



Rise and Fall of Saul:

- **FALL**

Step One: He intrudes into the office of the priesthood (1 Sam. 13)

Step Two: He orders the death of his own son (1 Sam. 14).

Step Three: He spares Amalek, God's enemy (1 Sam. 15).

Step Four: He is afflicted by an evil spirit (16:14; 18:10; 19:9).

Step Five: He attempts to kill David (18:11, 21, 25; 19:1, 10, 15).

Step Six: He curses and attempts to kill his own son (20:30-33).

Step Seven: He slaughters eighty-five priests of God at the city of Nob (22:17-19).

Step Eight: He goes to the witch of Endor and is slain on a battlefield (1 Sam. 28, 31).