

I Samuel 5

Chapter 16 : God tells Samuel to stop mourning for Saul. Gives him another mission. People had selected Saul to be king. God tells Samuel that He has provided Himself a king. Take a horn of oil- a sign of plenty and power. Jesse in Bethlehem.

Samuel is afraid that Saul will kill him if he finds out. Saul turning toward evil and madness.

God tells him take a heifer to sacrifice and invite Jesse then he will tell him what to do.

Elders of Bethlehem were worried. Samuel had been a judge. Also he never travelled far from his home so he must be there to convict them of some wrongdoing.

He tells them prepare themselves for the sacrifice.

Samuel impressed by the first son. God says He refuses him.

16:7 *For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.*

7 sons are not chosen. Jesse and Samuel think in terms of seniority and appearance.

David-youngest- caring for the sheep. Call him in.

Handsome, ruddy. This is the one. Anointed with the oil. Holy Spirit comes on him from that day on.

God took David from among the ewes to feed Jacob...Psalm 78:71. Prepared the same way Moses was.

Samuel left and is not mentioned again until he dies.

Scepter is brought to Judah.

Spirit of the LORD leaves Saul. Troubling spirit is sent to him. Saul becomes irritable, depressed, troubled. Advisors recognize this. They feel music will help.

Call for David. Saul finds him acceptable. David becomes Saul's armor bearer. David is prepared for future role- learns to interact with king and people at the court. Gets him used to new surroundings.

Distressing spirit would depart from Saul.

Chapter 17 : Philistines invade again and are in territory of Judah. May have been encouraged by the situation with Saul and Samuel. David was not there- had gone back to Bethlehem to care for the sheep. Humility even though he had been at the court. Honor comes later. Has quiet time-prayer and meditation.

3 of Jesse's sons were in the army with Saul.

Goliath- champion- 6 cubits and a span. Huge armor. Intimidation.

Cries out to the Israelites- have 1 man fight and whoever wins, the other side will serve.

Saul and the Israelites are scared. Spirit has left Saul. Repeats the challenge twice a day for 40 days.

Jesse sends David to take bread and cheese to his brothers. Simple errand. Any servant could have done it. *Runs* there. His father still sees him as the youngest son. David is very obedient.

Hears Goliath.

Whoever kills this man will get riches, king's daughter, no taxes.

"For who *is* this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

Concerned that these people were not in covenant with God and that the army of Israel was His army. Concerned about God's honor.

Saul sends for David. David tells him not to worry, he will take care of this. Saul says but David is a youth and Goliath is a man of war. David tells Saul that he killed a lion and a bear if they came for the sheep.

Saul says go ahead.

Armor doesn't really work. Takes it off and picks up 5 smooth stones. Expert with a slingshot. Shepherd's weapon.

Goliath has disdain for David. " Am I a dog?" Curses David by his gods.

"You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle *is* the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands."

1 stone. Goliath hit in the forehead- falls forward. David kills and beheads him with his own sword.

Philistines retreat; Israelites plunder their tents.

Chapter 18 : David and Jonathan become very close friends. Jonathan should have been next king.

Saul keeps David with him and commands soldiers. David obeys and does his duty. People are impressed.

Women sang as they returned home. Saul gets angry. Next David will want the kingdom.

Saul knew that the LORD was with David and had departed from him.

Saul offers his oldest daughter. Hopes the Philistines will kill David in battle. David is very humble about being the king's son-in-law. David wants to be humble and serve and Saul wants to kill him. Saul gives her to someone else.

Michal loves David. Dowry will be the foreskins of 100 Philistines. Philistines hated circumcision . King hopes the Philistines will kill him.

David kills 200 and brings the foreskins to Saul.

Saul knows that God is with David. More afraid of him. Becomes his enemy from then on.

David gets more popular with the people because of his wisdom and conduct.

