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1 Samuel 16:7b^{NIV}



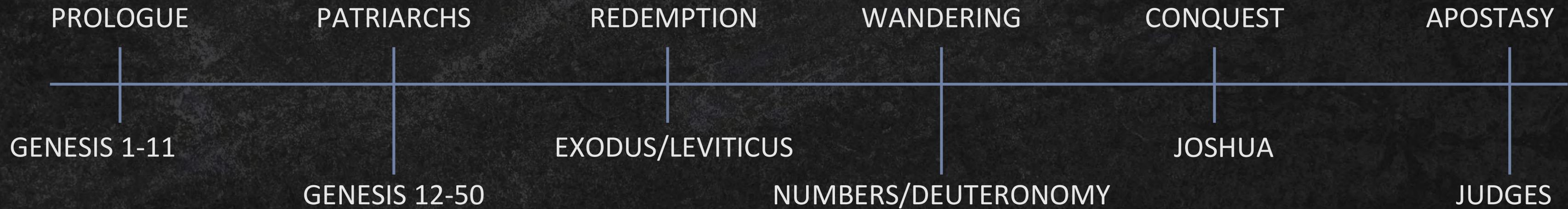
THE RISE AND FALL OF
DAVID

OLD TESTAMENT NARRATIVE

- Descriptive Or Prescriptive?
- Illustration Of Doctrine/Theology
- God-inspired Authorial Editing

THEMES

- Glory Of God
- Covenant Faithfulness (Abraham, Moses, David)
- The Ark Of The Covenant (Worship/Presence)
- Consequences Of Sin (Personal & National)
- Kingship



JUDGES 21:25 ^{ESV}

In those days there was no king in Israel. Everyone did what was right in his own eyes.

1 SAMUEL 8:6-9 NIV

But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD. ⁷ And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. ⁸ As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. ⁹ Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights."

I Samuel 8:19-22 ^{NIV}

But the people refused to listen to Samuel. “No!” they said. “We want a king over us. ²⁰ Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles.” ²¹ When Samuel heard all that the people said, he repeated it before the LORD. ²² The LORD answered, “Listen to them and give them a king.” Then Samuel said to the Israelites, “Everyone go back to your own town.”

DEUTERONOMY 17:14-17 ^{NIV}

When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, “Let us set a king over us like all the nations around us,” ¹⁵ be sure to appoint over you a king **the LORD your God chooses**. He must be from among your **fellow Israelites**. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not an Israelite. ¹⁶ The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of **horses** for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the LORD has told you, “You are not to go back that way again.” ¹⁷ He must not take many **wives**, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of **silver and gold**.

DEUTERONOMY 17:18-20 ^{NIV}

When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a **copy of this law**, taken from that of the Levitical priests. ¹⁹ It is to be with him, and he is **to read it** all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and **follow carefully all the words** of this law and these decrees ²⁰ and not consider himself better than his fellow Israelites and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel.

1 SAMUEL 9:2 ^{ESV}

And he had a son whose name was Saul, a handsome young man. There was not a man among the people of Israel more handsome than he. From his shoulders upward he was taller than any of the people.

I SAMUEL 13:13-14 ^{NIV}

And Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly. **You have not kept the command of the LORD your God**, with which he commanded you. For then the LORD would have established your kingdom over Israel forever. ¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not continue. **The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart**, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

THE REJECTION
THE CHOOSING
THE ANOINTING

David's Calling

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1 SAMUEL 16:1-2 ^{NIV}

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.” ² But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.” The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”

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I SAMUEL 16:3-6 ^{NIV}

Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”⁵ Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

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1 SAMUEL 16:7-11 ^{NIV}

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. **The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.**” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” “There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.” Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

**“PEOPLE LOOK AT THE
OUTWARD APPEARANCE”**

-A human who “looks” the part? **APPEARANCE**

-The strength of an army? **POWER**

-The alliance of a treaty? **IDOLATRY**

-The storehouse of gold/silver? **WEALTH**

-The pragmatism of one’s intellect? **REASON**

-An “outside” adviser? **COMPROMISE**

**“BUT THE LORD LOOKS
AT THE HEART”**

- A Concern For God's Glory
- A Humble Posture
- A Grief Over Sin
- A Dependent Skill
- A Trust In God's Promise

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I SAMUEL 16:12-13 ^{NIV}

So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the LORD said, "Rise and **anoint him**; this is the one." ¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and **anointed him** in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the **Spirit of the LORD** came **powerfully upon David**. Samuel then went to Ramah.

“ANOINTED”

-The Lord's Purpose

-The Lord's Presence

-The Lord's Power

God desires leaders of character (heart) to
shepherd His people.

Matthew 1:1^{NIV}

This is the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Matthew 2:1^{NIV}

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem...