

The Israelites: From Slavery to Royalty

The Bible contains many types of writing or literary forms. Each helps us to encounter and understand God better. The historical books, like Judges give us an account of periods in history.

Samuel was a leader, but the Israelites wanted a king. They wanted a monarchy. God was not pleased, but He told Samuel to anoint Saul as King.

Samuel anointed Saul and made him King. Saul fought many battles against the Philistines and won. The Israelites were happy to have Saul as King.

Then Saul rebelled; he took to his own interests and forgot God's people. He became interested in his own pleasure and lost a battle with the Philistines. He displeased god, (*1 Samuel*15:11), and God chose another king.

God asked Jesse to invite his family to a feast. Jesse and his seven sons arrived. None of the sons was acceptable to God. Jesse said that he had one more son, his youngest: David.

David was in the fields with the sheep and was called before Samuel. Samuel anointed him. DAVID WOULD BE KING!!!!

The Philistines tried to overrun the Israelites. The Israelites were afraid because of a giant named Goliath; he was bigger and stronger than three men.

David was sent with supplies for his brothers, but Goliath bullied him, calling him names and threatening him.

DAVID said, "What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine?"

David was prepared. He had been delivered from the claws of the lion and the bear.

DAVID AND GOLIATH (*1 Samuel 17*) God had saved Israel again.

Ca. 1,000 B,C. or B.C.E. David became king.

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