

**The Kings of Judah**  
**David: The Man**  
**Lesson I**  
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INTRODUCTION

Our theme: The Kings of Judah.

Introducing David we plan to (1). Present facts about David. (2) Look at David as a type. (3). Look at David as a man.

1 A SHEPHERD.

When introduced to Saul, he was looking for donkeys. When introduced to David he was looking after sheep. The dictionary: Donkey an ass, animal like a horse with long ears, a fool. Sheep common wool-bearing animal, a weak silly person. In Isaiah 1:3 the prophet likens Israel to animals not known for their intelligence. And God's people are like sheep! (1 Samuel. 16:11). (1 Chronicles 21:16-18) 2. Abel looked after sheep.(Genesis 4:2). Abraham had sheep. (Genesis 12:16) Jacob had sheep.(Genesis 37:2). When called, Moses was looking after sheep. (Exodus 3:1). To Peter the Lord said: "Feed my sheep." (John 21:15-17).

And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all *thy* children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

1 Samuel. 16:11

And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders *of Israel, who were* clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. And David said unto God, *Is it* not I *that* commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but *as for* these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued. Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.

1 Chronicles 21:16-18

And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Genesis 4:2

And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he asses, and menservants, and maidservants, and she asses, and camels.

Genesis 12:16

These *are* the generations of Jacob. Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and the lad *was* with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought unto his father their evil report.

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Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, *even* to Horeb.

Exodus 3:1

So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again the second time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep

John 21:15-17

Another Bible lesson. In all the Bible God's people are always likened to sheep. Psalm 23:1. 2 Peter 2:22 Dogs are not sheep. We are not called to feed dogs or goats! It was while looking after sheep David learned to trust God.(1 Samuel 17:32-37). He did not know he was being trained to be a Leader of God's people.

The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

Psalm 23:1

But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire.

2 Peter 2:22

And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. And 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: 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. 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. David said moreover, 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. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the LORD be with thee.

1 Samuel 17:32-37

## 11. A SINGER.

1 Samuel 16:18,23 The Psalms were "songs". David learned to play his harp cunningly. He learned to use his sling cunningly. Out with the sheep, he learned to write songs. Out with the sheep, he learned how to sing! The time of preparation was not lost time.

**Verse 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.

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**Verse 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.

1 Samuel 16:18,23

#### 111. A SAINT.

He is the only King listed in Hebrews 11:32. Matthew 1:6-9 David alone is named King. We have strange ideas about "saints" and how one becomes a saint In the Vancouver Sun, Oct 24,1985, "Canadas R.C. bishops are considering asking Pope John Paul to make the late Governor General Georges Vanier a saint." Interesting! But why was David a saint? And why are we believers called saints? David was a saint simply because he was a man with genuine faith. Any person, every person with saving faith in Jesus Christ is a saint. That is the teaching of ALL Scripture. In Hebrews 11: David is listed as a man of faith, long after his history on earth had concluded. In Romans 4:5-8, Pau; uses David as an example of a justified man, therefore a saint

And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets:

Hebrews 11:32

And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her *that had been the wife* of Urias; And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa; And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias; And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias;

Matthew 1:6-9

But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works, *Saying*, Blessed *are* they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed *is* the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Romans 4:5-8

#### 1V. A SINNER

He was only a sinner saved by grace. See 2 Samuel 11:1-5. What was sin then is sin now. What was wrong then is wrong now. One woman-one man, that is God's ideal. 2 Samuel 12:9 "thou hast killed." A saint? 2 Samuel 12:13-14 Romans 2:24. What David did was wrong, but he did not cease to be a saint.

And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth *to battle*, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem. And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman *was* very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and enquired after the woman. And *one* said, *Is* not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.

And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, *I am* with child.

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Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife *to be* thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon.

2 Samuel 12:9

And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also *that is* born unto thee shall surely die.

2 Samuel 12:13-14

For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

Romans 2:24

## V. HE HAD A SAVIOUR.

Psalms 32:1-5, Romans 4:4-5 There are many more like scriptures telling of David's Saviour.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile. When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah. I acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

Psalms 32:1-5

Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Romans 4:4-5

## V1 HE WAS A SEER.

1. A Prophet-King. see Acts 2:19,30

2. He had a great heart; 1 Kings 14:8; 1 Kings 15:3,11.

**Verse 19** And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: **Verse 30** Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;

Acts 2:19,30

And rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and *yet* thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do *that only which was* right in mine eyes;

1 Kings 14:8

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**Verse 3** And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father. **Verse 11** And Asa did *that which was* right in the eyes of the LORD, as *did* David his father.

1 Kings 15:3,11

#### V11. A GREAT SCRIPTURE ABOUT DAVID.

2 Samuel 23:1-2 David was raised up by God. Psalm 40:2 1 Samuel.2:6-8; Luke 1:46-52

Now these *be* the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man *who was* raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, The Spirit of the LORD spake by me, and his word *was* in my tongue.

2 Samuel 23:1-2

He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, *and* established my goings.

Psalm 40:2

The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set *them* among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory: for the pillars of the earth *are* the LORD'S, and he hath set the world upon them.

1 Samuel.2:6-8

And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all enerations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him from generation to generation. He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seats, and exalted them of low degree.

Luke 1:46-52

#### V111 CONCLUDE.

History is the story of men raised up of God. In the O.T, we have such names as Noah, Abraham, Moses, Joshua and all the Prophets. In the N.T. we have and know the names of John the Baptist, Peter, James, John, Paul, Timothy to name a few. In later history: who in Christian circles has not heard the names of Luther, Wesley (John and Charles) Whitefield, Spurgeon, Moody and Finney. And in our circle of fellowship: We have such names as Franklin Small, A.W. Smith, E.W. Storie, R.E.S.Toms, M.V. Brown and others, raised up of God to serve their generation. And as long as there are people on this earth, God will continue to raise up people to serve Him. Look at what he is doing in our midst: M. Ossman , Stan Powers, Ken Jacobson, Roth Hall, . etc. And in these pews, on Sunday mornings, sit boys and girls, yet to be raised up of God to serve their generation.