

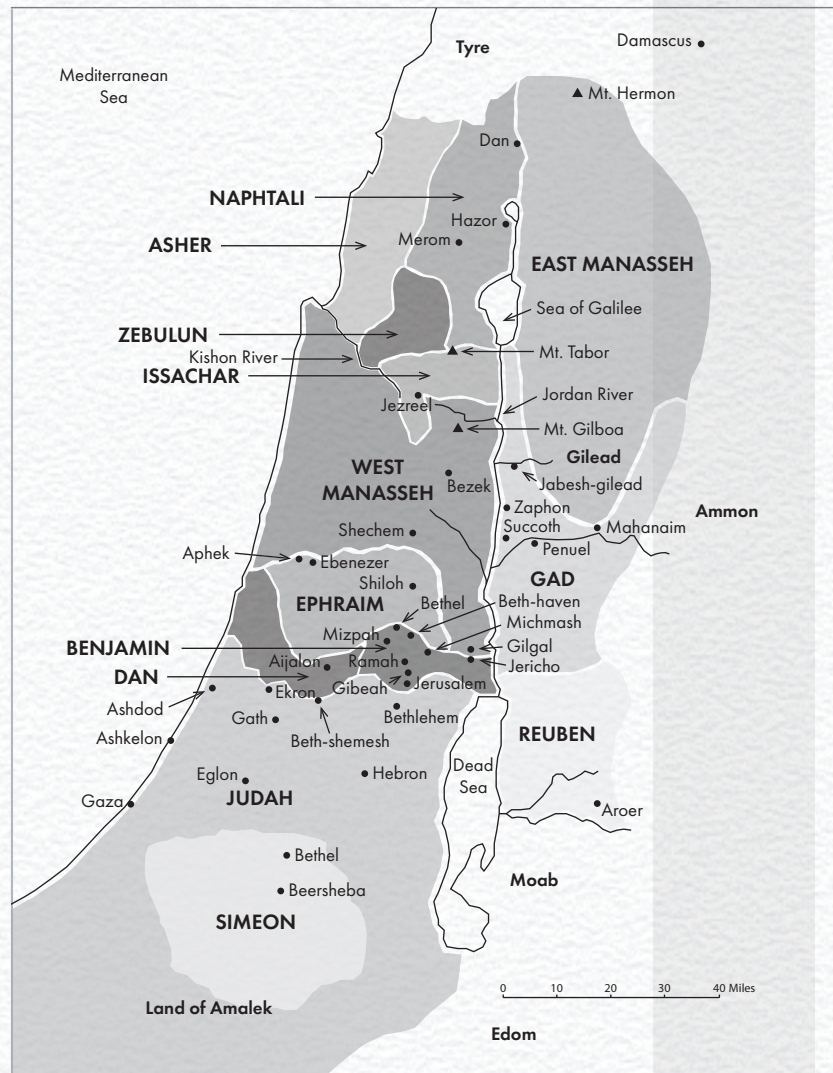
1 Samuel 16

WHEN

- Israel's first king, Saul, was appointed in approximately 1050 B.C.
- These events took place several years after Saul became king, probably around 1025 B.C.

WHERE

- Jesse and his sons lived in Bethlehem.



CHARACTERS

- **Samuel** – God's prophet. He was the last significant judge of Israel.
- **Jesse** – A man from Bethlehem who had 8 sons. His youngest son's name was David.
- **David** – He was selected by God to eventually become the second king of Israel.
- **Saul** – He was the first king of Israel. He was from the tribe of Benjamin.

OUTLINE

- DAVID IS ANOINTED THE NEXT KING OF ISRAEL (16:1-13):

- + In chapter 15, God rejected Saul as king due to his disobedience in the matter of the Amalekites.
- + In chapter 16, God spoke to Samuel and told him to go to the house of Jesse, a man from Bethlehem, and there he would find the next king of Israel.
- + Samuel took a sacrifice, went to Bethlehem, and invited Jesse and his sons to accompany him to the sacrifice.
- + Looking over Jesse's sons, Samuel assumed one named Eliab would be God's selection (presumably he looked like a king).
- + But God told Samuel His choice would be based on the man's heart, not his outward appearance.
- + Jesse put forward 7 of his sons as candidates, but the Lord rejected them all.
- + Jesse had one final son, the youngest, but he was off shepherding the sheep.
- + Samuel asked Jesse to summon his youngest son, whose name was David.
- + David was described as ruddy, handsome, and having beautiful eyes.
- + God informed Samuel that David was His selection to be the next king.
- + Samuel took his horn of oil and anointed David.
- + The Spirit of God "rushed upon David" from that day forward.

- SAUL'S HARMFUL SPIRIT AND DAVID'S LYRE (16:14-23):

- + God's Spirit left Saul and the Lord gave him a "harmful spirit" which tormented him.
- + Saul's servants saw their kings suffering and encouraged him to find a musician to play music when the harmful spirit afflicted him.
- + One of the servants recommended a young Bethlehemite who was talented at playing the lyre (it just so happened to be David).
- + Saul sent to Jesse and requested David be sent to him.
- + Whenever the harmful spirit afflicted Saul, David would play the lyre and Saul would get relief.

APPLICATION

- David may not have looked like a king, but he had the heart of a king.
- Sense we don't have the ability to see the quality of person's heart, we should reserve our judgement about their openness to the Gospel.
- We should never hold back from sharing the Gospel with someone because they "look" like they won't be interested.
- Sense we don't have the ability to see the quality of a person's heart, we should reserve our judgement about their value in the Kingdom of God.
- Some of the most faithful servants of the Lord don't bear the characteristic marks we often associate with success.