

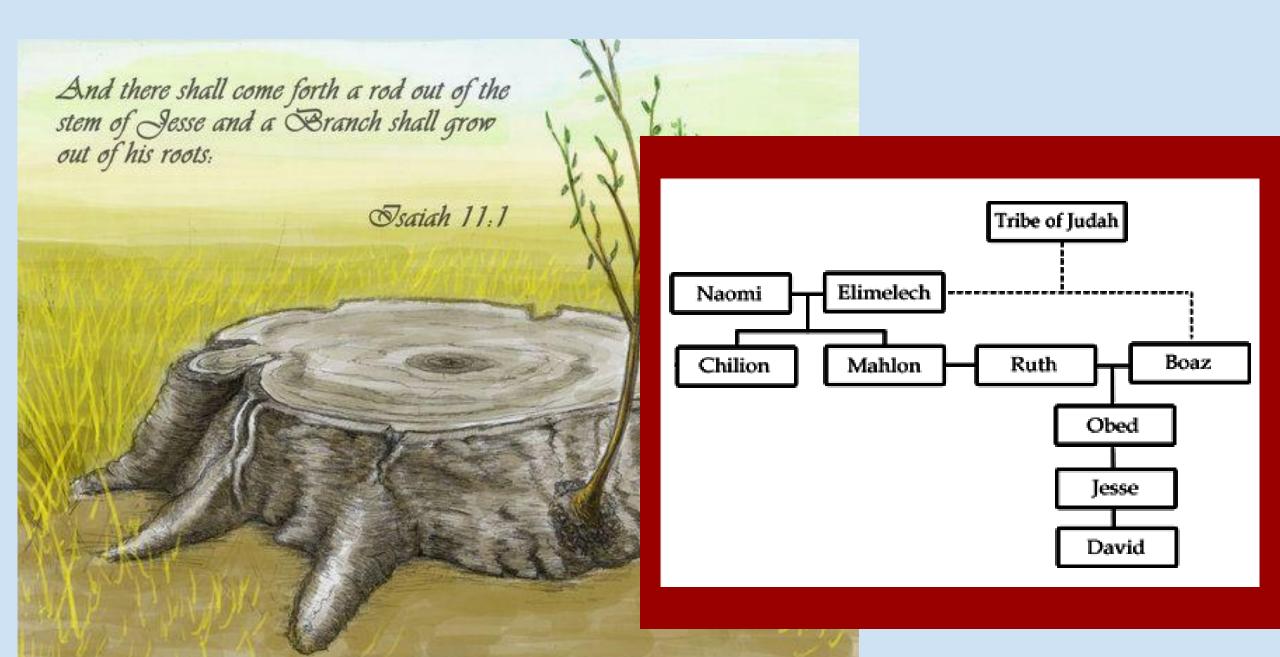
As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him wholeheartedly and with a willing mind; for the Lord searches all hearts, and understands every intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will let you find Him 1 Chronicles 28:9



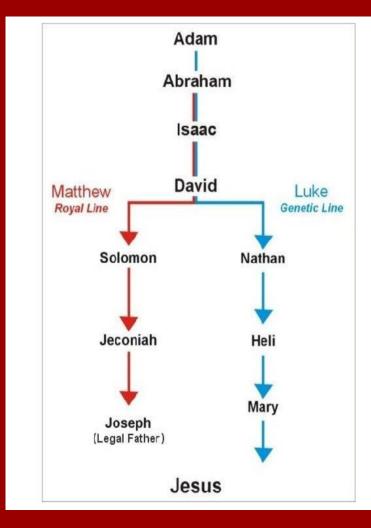
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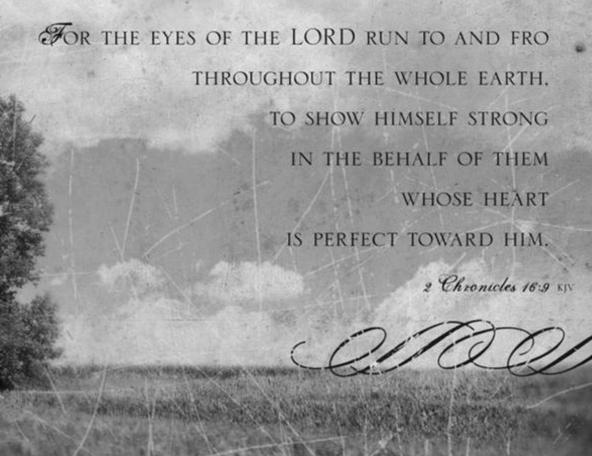
But Samuel said to Saul, "You have acted foolishly! You have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which He commanded you, for the Lord would now have established your kingdom over Israel forever. But now your kingdom shall not endure. The Lord has sought for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has appointed him ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you." 1 Samuel 13:13-14







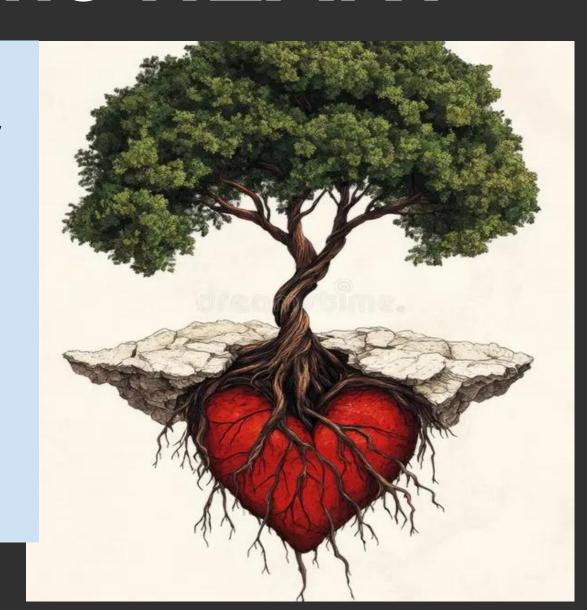




MATTER of the HEART

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Don't be impressed by his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. God does not view things the way people do. People look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7



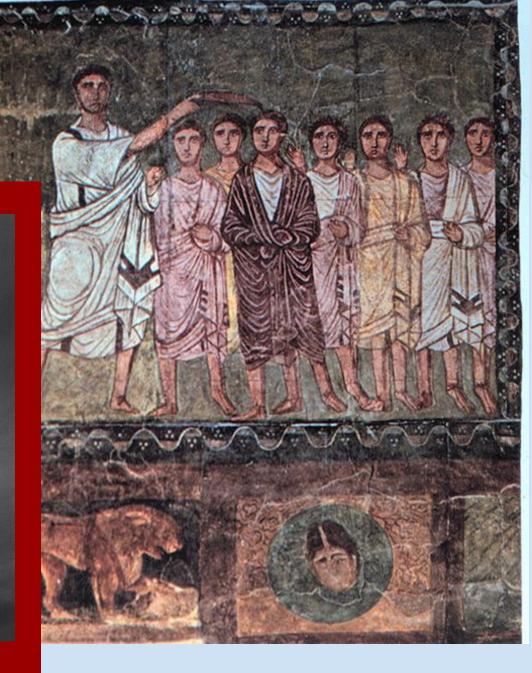
THUS JESSE MADE SEVEN OF HIS

SONS PASS BEFORE SAMUEL, BUT

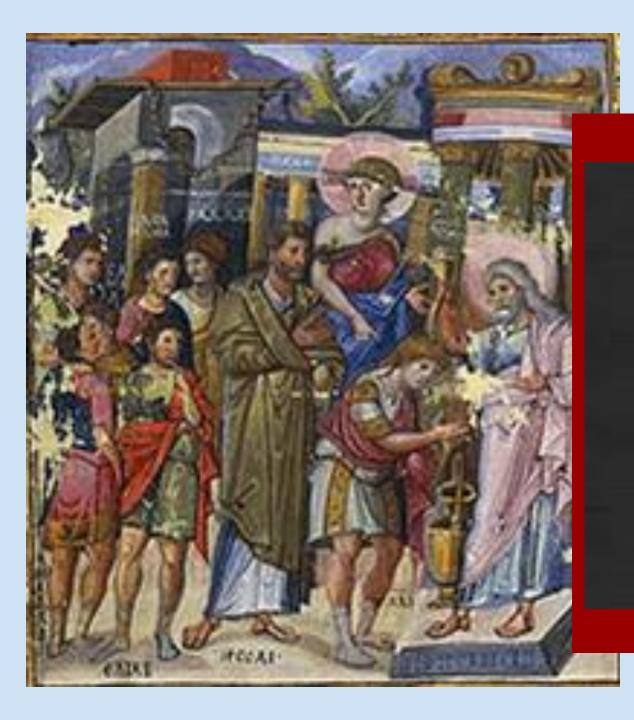
SAMUEL TOLD HIM, "THE LORD HAS

NOT CHOSEN ANY OF THESE."

- 1 SAMUEL 16:10



SO JESSE SENT FOR HIS YOUNGEST SON AND BROUGHT HIM IN. HE WAS RUDDY. WITH BEAUTIFUL EYES AND A HANDSOME APPEARANCE. AND THE LORD SAID,



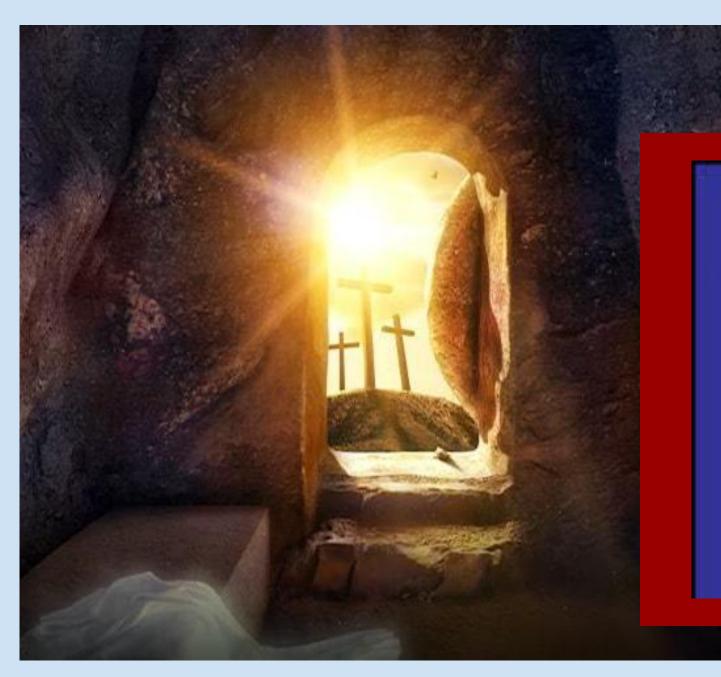
"Then the Lord said, 'Rise and anoint him; this is the one.' So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David."

HEART of the MATTER



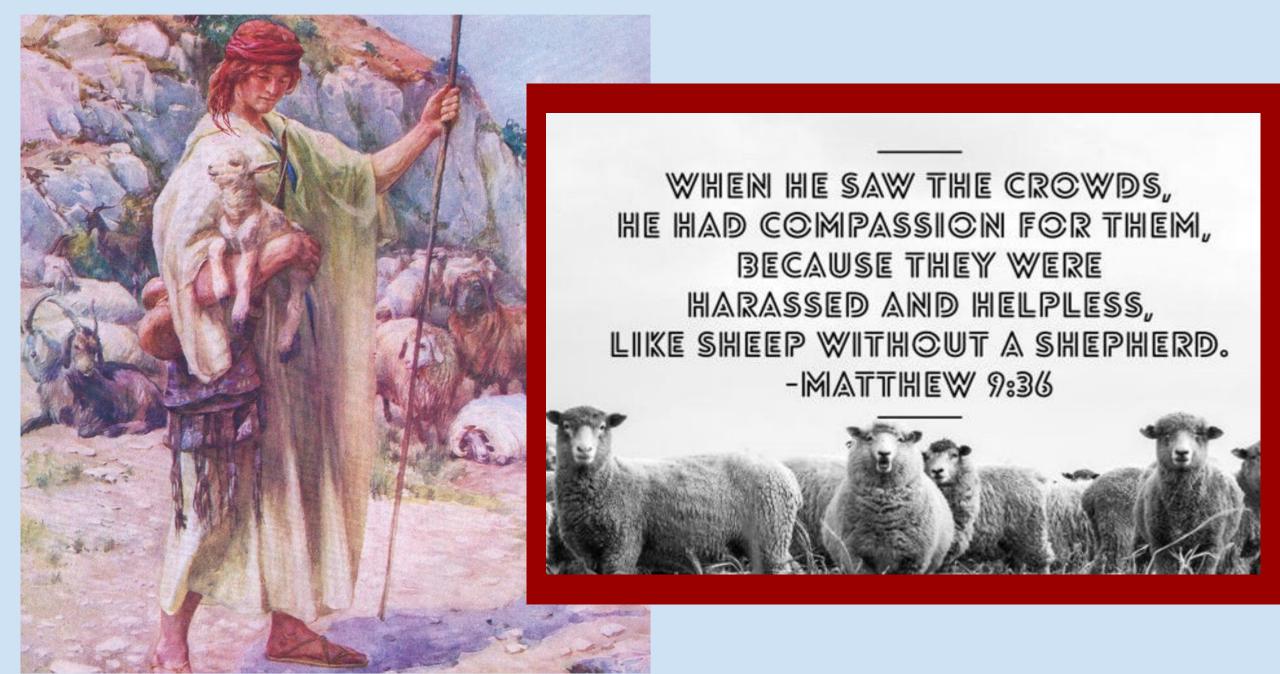
After removing him, God raised up David their king. He testified about him: 'I have found David the son of Jesse to be a man after my heart, who will accomplish everything I want him to do.'

Acts 13:22



The Lord Was Grieved
That He Had Made Man
On The Earth, And His
Heart Was Filled With
Pain.

Genesis 6-6









At the beginning, David kills the giant enemy of his people. At the end, David orders the killing of an old man—a man whom he had supposedly forgiven and sworn would not be harmed . . .

David's final recorded word is "Sheol." Not a good way to go.

Yet here's the unsettling surprise: David is frequently held up as the paragon of kingship. Most every king after him pales in comparison.

There are many lessons that we can learn from this, but the one that sticks out for me is this: even the best of men have feet of clay, their souls full of the catacombs of death, and their past is never as golden as it might seem.

Was David a hero? Yes.
Was he a model king? Yes.
Was he also a mess of twisted humanity? Yes.