

# KING SHA'UL THE ANTI-KING



- The Lord has rejected Saul as king of Israel
- Most disobedience by Believers is couched within the kernel of partial obedience
- King Saul and David will be compared and contrasted
- Several deep theological issues that cause division within Judaism and Christianity

# KING SAUL SOUNDS LIKE PHARAOH



- King Saul finally admits he has disobeyed
- Ex. 10:16 ***“Pharaoh....said, I have sinned against Adonai your God.....”***
- Pharaoh and King Saul both wanted their circumstances changed, but without obedience and trust in YHWH
- Is believing in Messiah/God the same thing as trusting and obeying Him?
- James 2:19 ***“You believe that God is One? Good....the demons believe it, too! But.... faith apart from actions is barren”***

# HOW COULD SAUL SEE YHWH AS “YOUR GOD”?

- Pharaoh and King Saul both saw YHWH as “your God”
- How could Satan who knows God, stood at His throne, and spoke with Messiah STILL rebel?
- The Anti-Christ will NOT be “Super Atheist”
- Evil spiritual irrationality is the result of great wickedness



# “.....Adonai has rejected you....”

- Samuel says God will not pardon his sin nor will he return with Saul
- At some point Sha'ul's sin turned to rebellion, which turned to idolatry, which crossed the Cosmic Line
- King Saul began as a reluctant, insecure man with no power aspirations
- Saul was a Believer in the God of Israel
- Something went wrong in his mind and his soul
- Matt. 13:3 – 9  
The Parable of the Seeds



# WHERE IS THE POINT OF NO RETURN?



- Matt. 7:21 ***“Not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord... ONLY those who DO what the Father in heaven wants.”***
- We don't know exactly where that line of sin is that disqualifies us from a continuing relationship with God
- Heb. 10:23 ***“For if we... continue to sin after receiving the knowledge of truth....no...sacrifice for sins....only...judgment”***
- The book of Hebrews' message is to Believers, not heathens
- The issue is about a spiritual attitude of rebellion

# KING SAUL TEARS SAMUEL'S HEM

- After Samuel “fired” Saul, Saul grabbed the hem of Samuel’s robe
- The hem was a symbol of authority
- Saul was trying to demonstrate a recommitment to God’s authority through Samuel
- It was too late, God’s decision was final



# THE ILLUSION OF KINGSHIP

- Saul's interest in forgiveness only mattered so far as the consequences
- King Sha'ul wanted Samuel to appear with him before the elders as a political show
- Samuel agreed to go out of mercy
- Vs. 30 ***"And Sha'ul worshipped Adonai"***
- Saul mechanically went through the rituals even though he no longer had a relationship with God

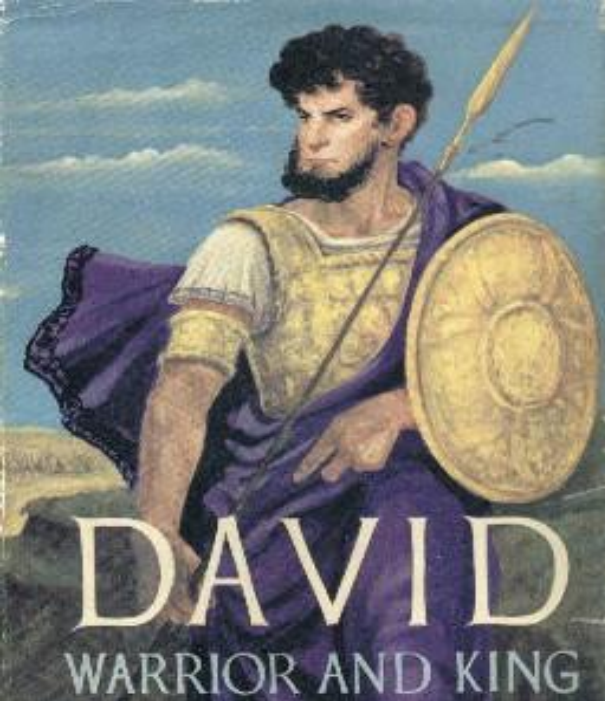


# SAMUEL KILLS AGAG



- Samuel orders Agag brought to him
- Two different Bible versions of what Agag was thinking
  - 1) He was about to die
  - 2) He was going to live
- Better translation is probably:  
***“Surely the bitterness of death is past”***
- “Before the Lord” means in front of the Ark or the Sanctuary
- Agag’s death was NOT sacrifice, it was completion of destroying the Ban (the spoils of war)





# 1<sup>st</sup> SAMUEL 16: A TALE OF 2 INCOMPATIBLE MEN

- Saul now permanently cut-off from God, living the life of a cursed man
- What happens to someone who knew God, was accepted by God, and no longer is?
- Vs. 1 – 13 Part One The selection of David By YHWH
- Vs. 14 – 23 Part Two The selection of David by Saul



# TIME TO ANOINT THE NEW KING

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*Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward.*

*1 Samuel 16:13*



- The last of chapter 15 and first of chapter 16 are contiguous
- God's new king has already been selected so it's time to reveal him
- **Keren** = horn, flask
- Samuel told to go to Bethlehem, and to the family of Yishai (Jesse)
- Grandson of Ruth and Boaz
- Tribe of Judah

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# GENESIS 49: JUDAH'S DESTINY

- Jacob's deathbed blessing over his 12 sons
- Prophetic, but would play out over a long time
- Gen. 49:8 – 12  
Judah's blessing
- Blessing says Judah's 11 brothers would submit to Judah
- In 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16, for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, a member of the tribe of Judah would rule over Israel

