

# The Jewish Kingdom - Lesson 16

## The Anointing of David

With the kingship of Saul rejected by God, another must be anointed to be the next ruler. God is not caught by surprise and has the man selected already.

### 40. The Anointing of David - I Samuel 16:1-13

- vs. 2 - note that the man who once hid from being king now is ruthless in holding that position
- vs. 4 - even the townspeople were aware of the tension and were afraid at Samuel's arrival.
- Under the guise of offering a sacrifice, as part of a feast, Samuel chooses out Jesse's family to have a special part in the event. Probably that was to help in administering it.
- vs. 7 - This is another of the great verses in the book. While the people saw the tall and strong Saul as a great king through his physical attributes, God knew that the heart of man was the most important. Saul was a great man physically, not so spiritually. David was a greater man spiritually than he was physically, though his description there is flattering.
- Jesse's sons that we know of are Eliab, Abinadab, Shammah, Nethaneel, Raddai, Ozem, and David (see I Chronicles 2:13-15). There is a son missing from the seven + David in vs. 10. Some speculate that this son had died before reaching adulthood or that he was from a second wife of Jesse.
- vs. 11 - David may have been about 20 at this time.
- vs. 13 - there are three results: David is anointed king, the Spirit empowers David, and Samuel simply goes home with his work done.

### 41. Saul's Troubled Spirit - I Samuel 16:14-23

- vs. 14 - It is interesting to note that as the Spirit now has empowered David it has also abandoned Saul. The Saul we see from here forward is a very different man that we have seen. He is weak and suspicious. I think God is allowing Saul's own weaknesses to be magnified.
- "an evil spirit from the LORD" - this phrase means that God has removed his protective and empowering Spirit from Saul (that does not mean he lost his salvation, by the way). It means that God allowed something evil to come into Saul's life, similar to the way He allowed Satan to attack Job.
- vs. 16 - an early form of psychotherapy?
- vs. 19-20 - Do you think Jesse and David were worried that Saul knew about David's anointing?
- vs. 23 - Music is a very powerful tool. Its influence should not be underestimated.