

David 1 - Two Anointed Kings

Putting David in Context – going back in time

1. Q Think of famous biblical leaders – what properties did they have?
 1. Moses
 2. Noah
 3. Jonah
2. This is an old Testament story
3. Around 1080's BC - Britain was in the Iron age – Round houses (Dun Carolway Broach Lewis) China was in the Shang Dynasty Writing, Astronomy – knew Mars existed. Ramses XI ruler in Egypt
4. The Israelites were in the promised land
5. The high priest had a major influence in ruling the country
6. Eli was the high priest
7. His sons were wicked and tried to run the temple to please them
8. They were killed 1 Samuel 4 v11
9. Eli aged 98 1 Samuel 4 v12- 18 dies
10. Samuel replaces Eli and with Gods help fights against the Philistines covered in 1 Samuel 7 but that is home work and we don't have time to look at it
11. Samuel gets old 1 Samuel 8 v1-3
12. 1 Sam 8 v 4-5 Q 3 reasons given for a king?
 1. Samuel old
 2. Sons corrupt
 3. Want to be like other Nations
13. 1 Sam 8 v 6-9 – Samuels response
14. 1 Sam 8 v 10-18 – Samuels warning
15. 1 Sam 8 v 19-22 – The peoples response
16. What does God look for in a leader 1 Corinthians 1v26-29
17. We now jump a bit Saul is appointed leader 3 times
 1. 1 Sam 10 v 1-2 Here Samuel has gone and found Saul at his family's house
 2. 1 Sam 10 v17
 3. 1 Sam 10 v19-24
 4. There is then a battle against the Ammonites 1 Sam 11 v11 has the result
 5. 1 Sam 11 v12-15 The doubters were threatened to be put to death and Saul confirmed as King. He was a tall dramatic person and looked like a king.
18. Saul was born 1079 BC 1 Sam 13 v1
19. Next battle against the Philistines 1 Sam 13 v2, v5-7 v 10-12

1. Q Is Samuel being hard on Saul – Hasn't he just used his initiative?
20. 1 Sam 13 v 13-15 – the key verse is v14 - “a man of the Lords heart”
 1. Q Did God not choose Saul – why is he now looking for someone else?
 2. Q Do the ends ever justify the means?
21. Jump a number of years – David was born 10 years into Saul's reign so this a few years after that. 1 Sam 16 v1-3, v4-7
 1. Q What was God looking at?
 2. Q What was Samuel not to look at?
 3. Mentioning of the height refers back to Saul
22. 1 Sam 16 v8- 13
23. Psalm 78 v70-72
24. Psalm 89 v19-29
 1. These two Psalms show what sort of person God is looking for to lead.
 2. What an earth must David have felt once Samuel had anointed him as King and then gone back to being a Shepard
25. 1 Sam 17 v34-35 (shows what sort of person David is)
26. Q So thinking about these last few passages can we come up with some characteristics that God is using as part of his training plan
 1. Solitude – Alone on the mountains having to fend for himself
 2. Boredom & monotony – Life would not have been one bed of roses on the mountains looking after the sheep
 3. Unknown – He was not treated as a king in waiting, but just had to get on with life. David was son number 8 and had to be fetched down from the hills to attend the anointing ceremony.
 4. Down to earth – get real – Not got his head in the clouds, practical
27. So to sum up
 1. God has his own timing & perspective
 2. Human power traits are not always the same as Gods
 3. We now have to wait a few weeks till David actually becomes King