



Way Point Chronicles

Traveling through the Old Testament by Chronological Stories

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Way Point 67

A King in Waiting

Story of the Anointing of David

Travel Log

Personal Notes

Saul was first rejected as king according to *The Reese's Chronological Bible* with the intrusion into the priesthood in 1063 BC. This was eight years before the next king David was even born. Reese dates the birth of David as 1055 BC. When David was five years old what when Saul disobeyed and let Agag king of the Amalekites live and keep some of the herd when he was told to destroy all.

I- Saul's Kingdom Given to Another:

Remember the words from God through Samuel to Saul. First is *1 Samuel 13:14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.* Remember this was years before David was even born.

The second event occurred when David was 5 years old. Reese dates David's birth at 1055 BC and the events of the Amalekites in 1050. Saul again was told, *1 Samuel 15:26-28 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. 27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. 28 And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.*

We are told that Samuel never again went to Saul the rest of his days. However, he mourned for Saul.

If we were not familiar with the Bible we might ask who this one was that was spoken of as a man after God's own heart before he was born. Or, perhaps we would wonder who this neighbor of Saul's was that would be king. However, because we have passed by this path before we know that this is none other than King David.

II- Stop Mourning for Saul:

If the dates of Reese are accurate, and there is no reason to doubt them, then a period of some 20 years pass from the second rejection of the kingdom and the anointing of David as king (1050-1030 BC). This would make David 25 years old when this anointing took place. This seems old in our mind but remember Christ did not begin His ministry until He was 30.

Series of horizontal lines for taking personal notes.



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I have developed this timeline using Reese but I conceded that there are a lot of uncertainty in it. There are a lot of men who use a different one and that is entirely possible correct. Most do not even attempt to date nor age him.

We find the choosing and anointing of David as king recorded in *1 Sam 16*.

1 Samuel 16:1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

God tells Samuel after a long period of mourning to go to Bethlehem to anoint Saul's successor. God tells him to go to anoint a man whom he has provided to be King of Israel. As I have previously stated I think that it was God's perfect will for David to be the first King of Israel.

Samuel was told to get up and quit mourning, there was work to do.

II- Fear of Saul:

Samuel was afraid of Saul and asked God how to do it in such a way that Saul would not find out and kill him.

1 Samuel 16:2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the LORD. 3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I name unto thee.

He was to go to offer a sacrifice to God and call Jesse.

Why was Samuel afraid of Saul? Saul had become just what Samuel had told the nation he would as king. A man to be feared.

Samuel was also a man who had a lot of respect and was a man of reverence because of his godly status. The people were afraid when Samuel came. Was he bearing bad news? Was he here because God was displeased with them?

1 Samuel 16:4 And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming, and said, Comest thou peaceably? 5 And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice... He has come to sacrifice to the Lord.

IV- Jesse's Sons:

Samuel knew that he was going to anoint a son of Jesse but he did not know which one. God was going to show him as they passed by.



Coordinates:

1 Samuel 16:1-13

Sights to See:

- 1- God knew David before he was born and called him a man after His own heart.
- 2- There is nothing in the past or future that escapes the eyes, heart and mind of God. He knows all and sees all.
- 3- The words of Samuel warning about what the king would become had come true.
- 4- God knows the heart of men and sees the secret places.
- 5- Remember what the New Testament said in *1 Corinthians 1:27-28 But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; 28 And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:*
- 6- God's chosen King would not rule for many years after being anointed but was the king in waiting.
- 7- The amount of oil that David is anointed with far exceeded the amount for Saul. This is seen speaking concerning the length of rule that the Davidic line would have opposed to Saul.



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1 Samuel 16:5b ...And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

The boy of Jesse began to pass by one at a time. They were impressive warriors.

1 Samuel 16:6 And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD'S anointed is before him.

Samuel, as we are also prone to do, looked at this fine strong young man and thought this surely was God's anointed. Notice what God tells him in **1 Samuel 16:7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.**

This is certainly a very intimidating verse is it not? God surely sees the outside but He also sees all the hidden parts that are inside of us. Notice a couple of verses in Jeremiah that reinforces this as well. **Jeremiah 17:10 I the LORD search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings.** And then **Jeremiah 23:24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.**

Over the next few minutes all of the sons of Jesse pass by Samuel. God kept telling him not that one.

1 Sam 16:8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. 9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath the LORD chosen this. 10 Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, The LORD hath not chosen these.

IV- The Anointing of David:

All that were present passed by but God had not chosen them. Then Samuel asks him if this is all of his sons.

1 Sam 16:11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.

It was almost as if the thought was there is no way that this youngest could be the one. He had not called to the sacrifice because he was busy keep the flock of sheep.

He is called the youngest here in the KJV. Gill in his commentary said concerning this, "or, "the little one"; not of a little diminutive stature, for he was a mighty man, a man of strength, courage, and valour, **1Sa 16:18** or of a puerile age, for the Jews say he was now twenty nine years of age; but that is not likely, he hardly exceeded more than twenty, or was so much; thereabout he might be; but he is so called because he was the youngest son, as we render it."

David is summoned to the meeting. **1 Sam 16:12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.** God speaks to Samuel and tells him this is the one.

In obedience to the Lord Samuel anoints David with a horn of oil. **1 Sam 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.** Israel has its next king, a king in waiting.