



The Life of David

1 Samuel 16 – David is Anointed King



...his righteousness un-
a people that shall be born, th
he hath done *this*.

PSALM 23
A Psalm of David.

THE LORD is my shepherd;
1 I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures: he leadeth
me beside the still waters.
3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth
me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.



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 - *A spiritual low point - everyone did what was right in his own eyes*

Judges 17:6 ⁶In those days there was no king in Israel; every man did what was right in his own eyes.

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 - *Saul was picked by God to reflect the sinful values and hearts of the people*

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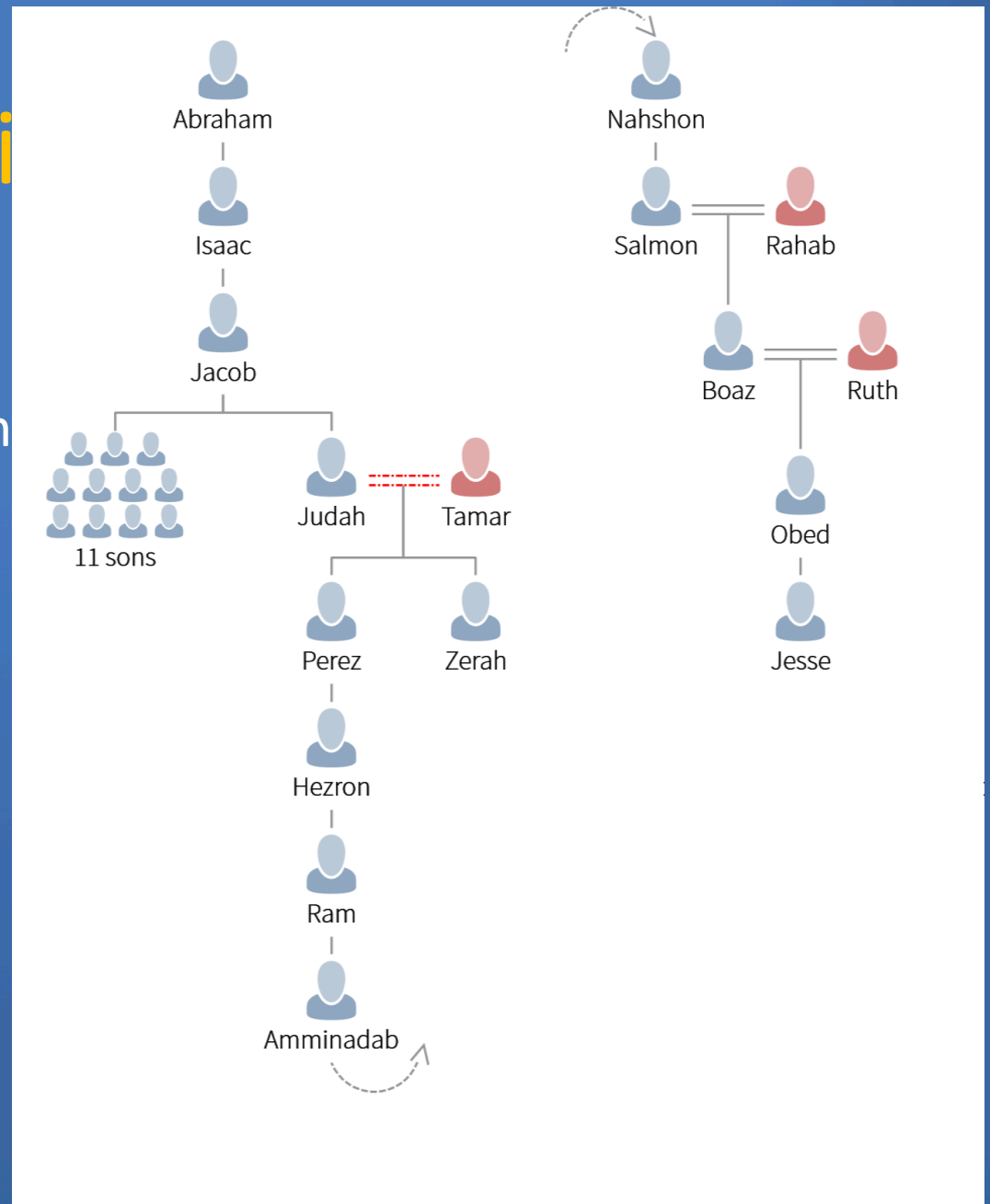
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- Saul is eventually rejected by God as king
 - *He disobeys God*
 - *He presents a false exterior in pretending to be spiritual*
 - *The Lord rejects Saul as king because Saul rejected the word of the Lord*

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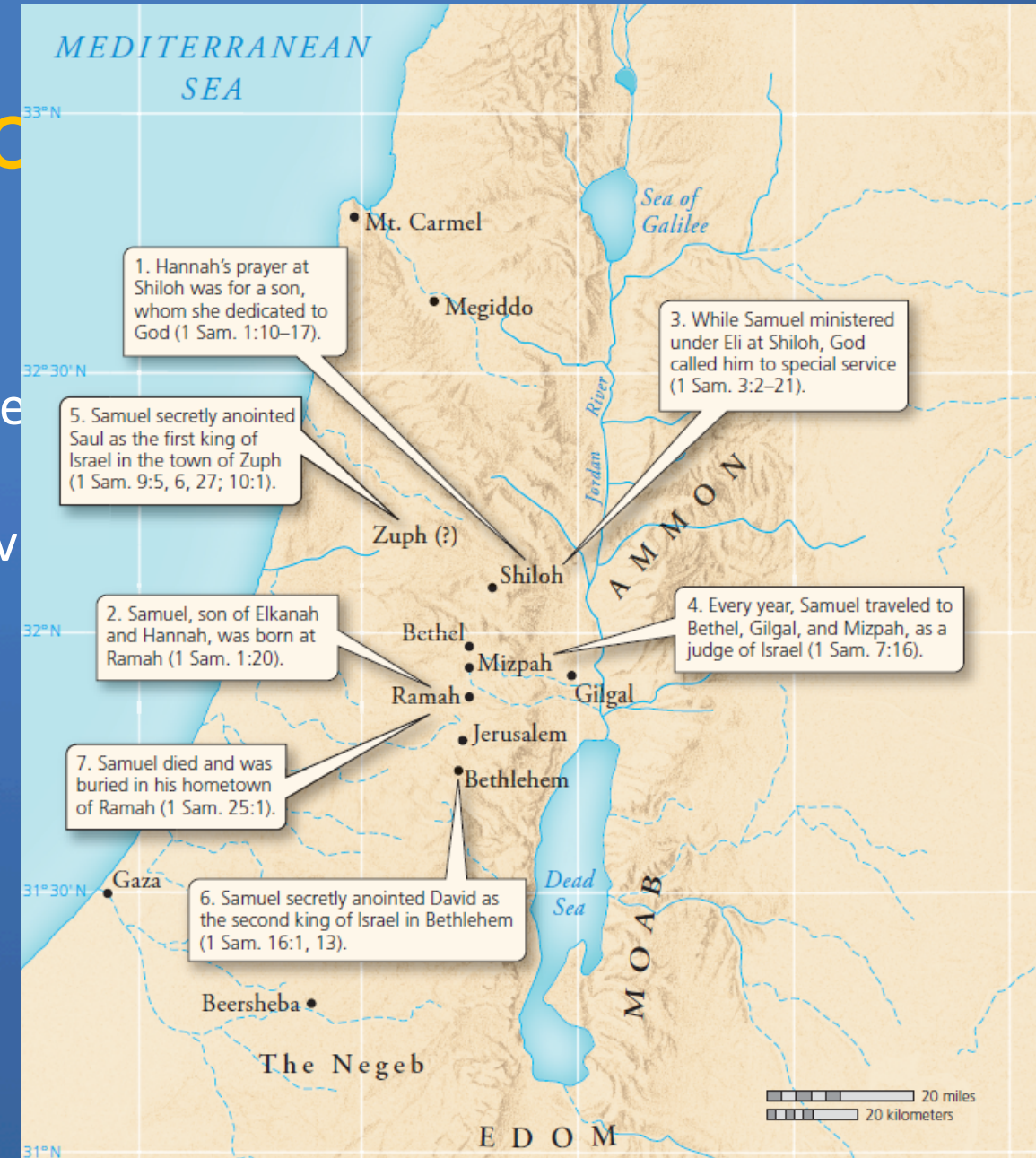


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 - God tells Samuel to plan a sacrifice to avoid suspicion by Saul (vv2b-3)

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 - The elders in Bethlehem initially tremble at the arrival of Samuel (vv4-5a)
 - Jesse and his sons are also invited to the sacrifice (v5b)
 - Samuel thought surely Eliab, the oldest son, would be the Lord's anointed new king (v6)
 - The Lord tells Samuel that while man looks at the outward appearance, He looks at the heart (v7)
 - After the other brothers present are not chosen, David, the youngest, is summoned (vv8-12a)

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- Samuel anoints David as king
 - The Lord instructs Samuel to anoint David as king (vv12b-13a)
 - The Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward (v13b)

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Psalms 51:11 ¹¹Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.

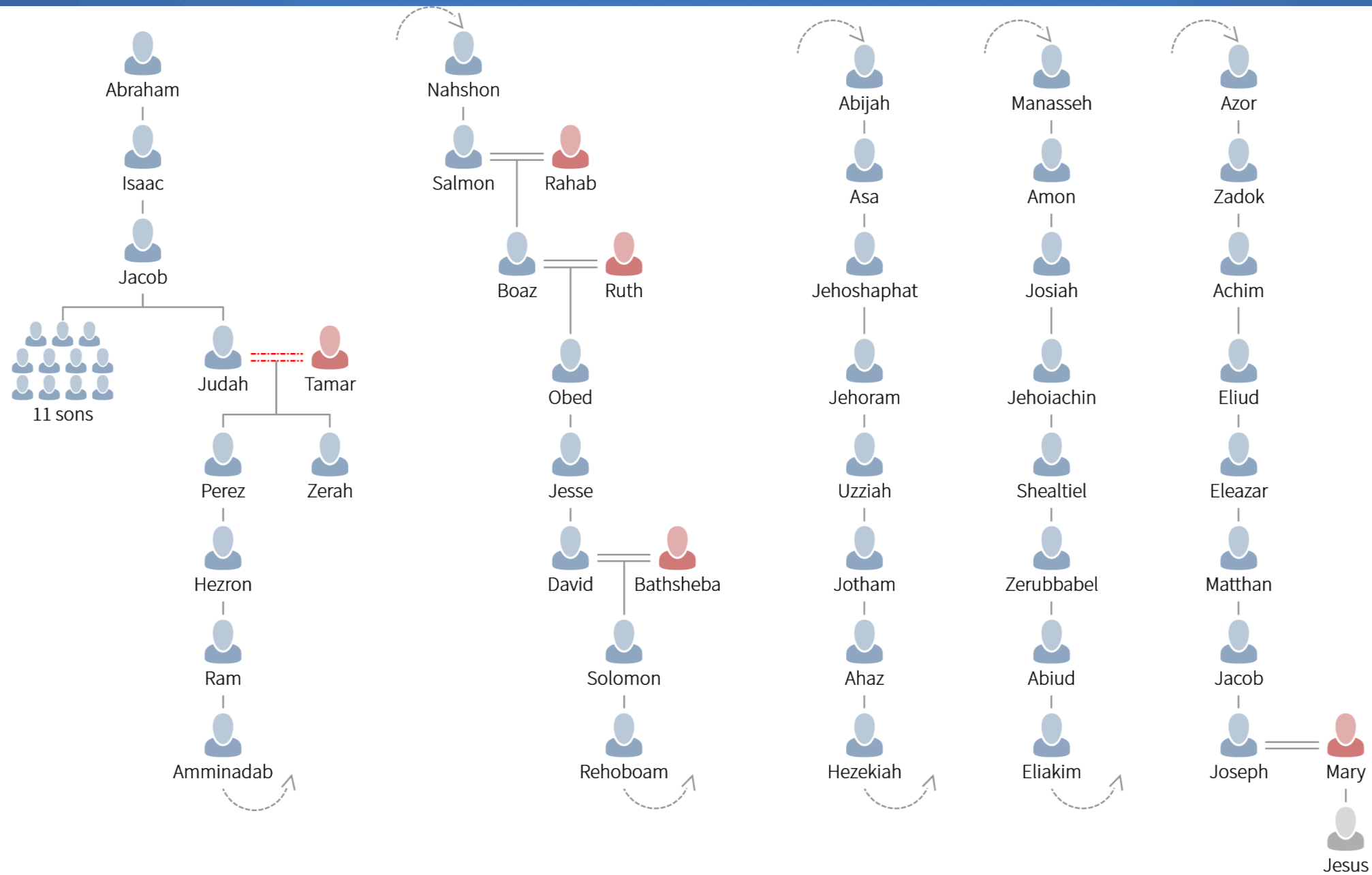
Romans 8:9 ⁹However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

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 - Likely a demon God allows to torment, not possess, Saul

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- Saul's servants suggest harp music for temporary relief from the evil spirit (vv15-17)
- David is recommended and chosen to enter the royal court and play for Saul (vv18-23)
 - David is exceptionally gifted
 - David greatly ministered to Saul
 - Saul loved David greatly



Reflections

- Man looks at outward appearance, but God looks at the heart
 - *David had a heart that was pleasing to the Lord*
- Obedience and submission from the heart really matters
- God is sovereign – man is not

Discussion Questions

1. What qualities did David possess that prepared him to become king? How were these qualities different from Saul's?
2. After David was anointed, how did God sovereignly help prepare him to become king?
3. When have outward appearances led you to a wrong conclusion?
4. What are common ways today that people demonstrate they do not truly have a heart of obedience and submission to the Lord?
5. What is a key personal takeaway from this lesson for you?