



God Looks at the Heart

1 Samuel 16 – David is Anointed King



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

PSALM 23
A Psalm of David.

THE LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
2 He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures: he lea
me beside the still wa
3 He restoreth



Key Lesson Verse

1 Samuel 16:17b "...God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Review

- After the 400+ year period of the judges, Israel wanted a king like the surrounding nations
- Saul became Israel's first king in 1050 BC
 - *He was handsome and head and shoulders above the rest*

1 Samuel 9:2 ²He had a son whose name was **Saul, a choice and handsome man,** and there was not a more handsome person than he among the sons of Israel; **from his shoulders and up he was taller than any of the people.**

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

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1 Samuel 15:23b ²³“...Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from *being* king.”

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 - *He presented a false exterior in pretending to be spiritual*

David's Selection and Anointing as King

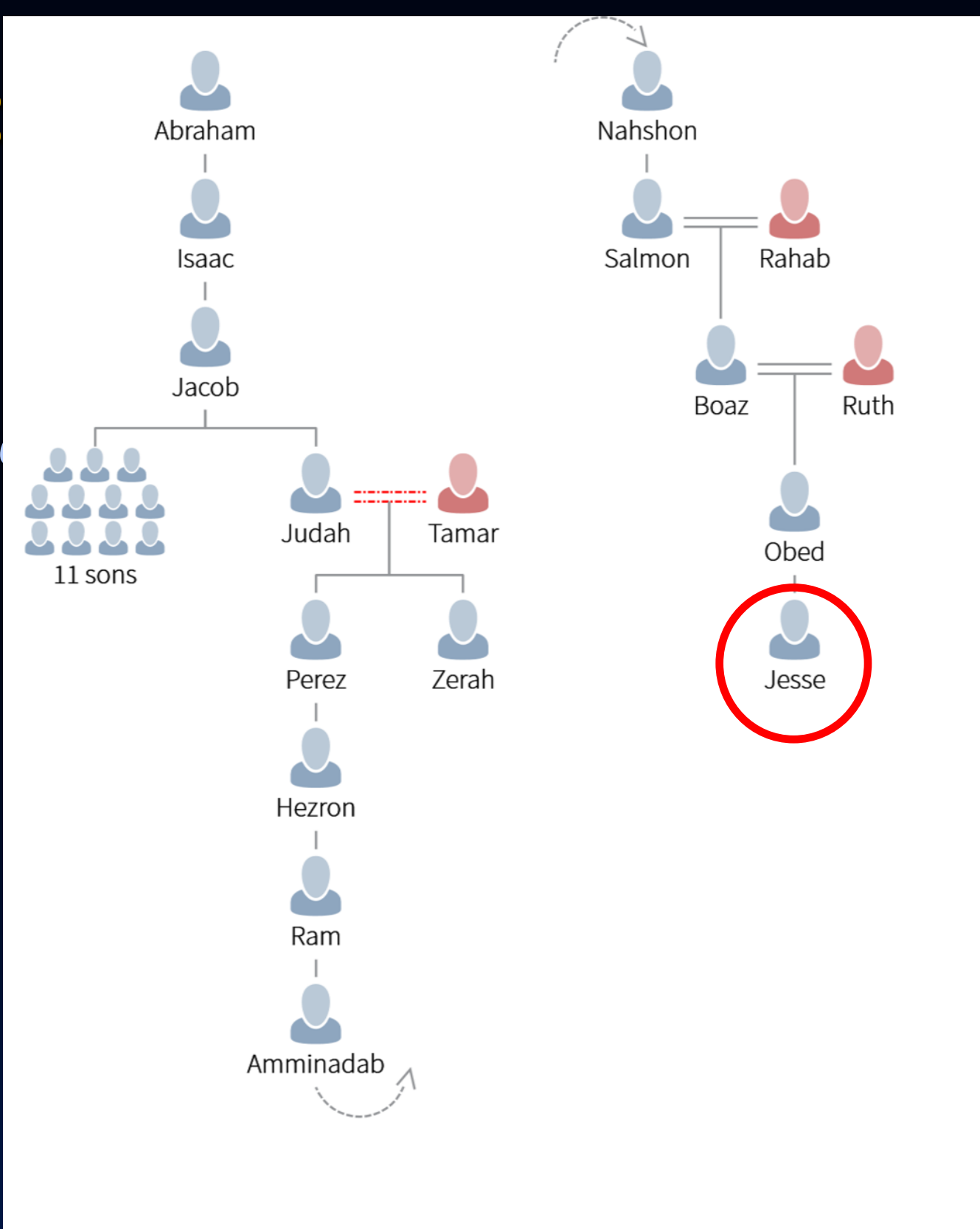
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- *God tells Samuel to go to Jesse in Bethlehem, as one of his sons has been chosen to be king (v1)*
- *Samuel now fears being killed by Saul (v2a)*
- *God tells Samuel to plan a sacrifice to avoid suspicion by Saul (vv2b-3)*

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- Samuel searches for the new king (vv4-12a)
 - *The elders 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 chosen (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 searches for the new king (vv4-12a)
- Samuel anoints David as king (vv12b-13)
 - *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)*

David's Royal Service to Saul

1 Samuel 16:14-23

- The Spirit of the Lord departs from Saul, while an evil spirit terrorizes him (v14)

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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1 Samuel 10:6 ⁶“Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you mightily, and you shall prophesy with them and be **changed into another man**.

1 Samuel 10:9 ⁹Then it happened when he turned his back to leave Samuel, **God changed his heart**; and all those signs came about on that day.

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- The Spirit of the Lord departs from Saul, while an evil spirit terrorizes him (v14)
- 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 (v18)*
 - *David greatly ministered to Saul (vv19-23)*
 - *Saul loved David greatly (v21b)*

Reflections

- Man looks at outward appearance, but God looks at the heart
 - *Is God pleased when He looks at your heart?*
 - *Make sure you assess others based on their character and values rather than just how they appear on the outside*
- One whose heart seeks to be obedient to the Lord and shows fruits of the Spirit is a tremendous blessing to other people
- God is sovereign – man is not

