

Sermon Outline

David - Israel's Second King | Geoff Lin

"Give us a king to lead us!" (1 Samuel)		
10/5	Hannah - the faithful woman in Israel	1 Samuel 1-2
17/5	Samuel - the last Judge in Israel	1 Samuel 3-7
24/5	THE King of Israel	1 Samuel 8
7/6	Saul - Israel's First King	1 Samuel 9-15
14/6	David - Israel's Second King	1 Samuel 16-17
21/6	Civil War in Israel - Part 1	1 Samuel 18-31

The bigger and better story we belong to ...				
Genesis	Exodus	Lev/Num/Dt	Joshua	Judges (Ruth)
God's promise to Abraham	Moses leads Israel out of slavery in Egypt	40 years wandering in the desert	Joshua leads Israel into the Promised Land	After Joshua dies, Israel descends into anarchy

"Shalom, my name is David, and this is my story ..."

1. The backstory ...

"Give us a king so we can be like all other nations" (1 Samuel 8)

God rejects Saul as king over Israel and promises the kingdom to someone better than him (1 Sam 15)

Why doesn't God get rid of Saul immediately?

No-one knew who was going to be the second king of Israel

My father Jesse and his 8 sons ...

"The Spirit of the LORD came on me powerfully" (1 Sam 16:13)

2. War with the Philistines

Goliath (the super-soldier)

- his height is 6 cubits and a span = 3m (9 foot 9)
- his bronze armor weighs 5000 shekels = 58 kg
- the iron point of his spear weighs 600 shekels = 7 kg

"A king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles" (1 Sam 8:20)

The promised reward ...

I was "only a young man", whereas Goliath "has been a warrior from his youth"

1 Sam 17:36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. 37 The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

What weapons would I need to defeat Goliath?

Goliath's reaction to my challenge

A battle for cosmic supremacy between the gods

- Goliath cursed me "by his gods" (v43)

- "the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel" (v46)

"The battle is the LORD'S" (v47)

3. My reflections ...

i. A personal perspective

"it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves" (v47)

2. A geopolitical perspective

For next week: please read 1 Samuel 18-31

3. A salvation-historical perspective

Psalm 16:9 Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, 10 because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. 11 You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

The death of death itself ...

*"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.
But thanks be to God!
He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ
(1 Corinthians 15:55-57)*