

Sermon Outline

Civil War in Israel - Part 1 | Geoff Lin

The story so far ...

The bigger and better story we belong to ...				
Genesis	Exodus	Lev/Num/Dt	Joshua	Judges (Ruth)
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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

"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	<i>Civil War in Israel - Part 1</i>	1 Samuel 18-31

The problem: how can there be TWO kings in Israel?	
1. Saul grows jealous of David's success and attempts to kill him	18:1-16
2. David and the children of Saul (daughter Michal and son Jonathan)	18:17-20:42
3. David is forced to flee from Saul, taking refuge in Nob	21:1-22:5
4. Saul massacres the priests of Nob for aiding and abetting David	22:6-23
5. David rescues the town of Keilah from the Philistines	23:1-6
6. David escapes from Saul (who has enlisted the help of the Ziphites)	23:7-23:29
7. David spares Saul's life	24:1-22
8. David marries Abigail (the widow of Saul's wealthy supporter Nabal)	25:1-44
9. David escapes from Saul (aided by the Ziphites) and spares his life	26:1-25
10. David is forced to take refuge amongst the Philistines	27:1-28:2
11. When the Philistines mass for war, Saul consults the medium of Endor	28:3-25
12. David is stood down by the Philistines (he won't be forced to fight Saul)	29:1-11
13. David defeats the Amalekites after consulting the LORD	30:1-31
14. Saul is defeated by the Philistines	31:1-13

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w1-4

- Jonathan loved David as himself (v3)

w5-15

1 Sam 8:19 But the people refused to listen to Samuel. "No!" they said. "We want a king over us. 20 Then we will be like all the other nations, with a king to lead us and to go out before us and fight our battles."

- Saul was afraid of David (v12, v15)

- All Israel and Judah loved David (v16)

7. Dave spares Saul's life (1 Samuel 24:1-22)

w1-7

1 Sam 23:4 Once again David inquired of the LORD, and the LORD answered him, "Go down to Keilah, for I am going to give the Philistines into your hand."

- a leader who is NOT given to popularity contests or opinion polls

w8-15

w16-22

14. Saul is defeated by the Philistines (1 Samuel 31:1-13)

- Saul's rescue of Jabesh Gilead (1 Samuel 15)

So what, for us?

i. What we learn from Saul (what NOT to do)

ii. What we learn from David (what TO do)

iii. What we learn about GOD (what HE is like)

Deep Dive (730-9pm, Thu 25 June): "Does God change His mind?"