

# Sermon Outline

## CIVIL WAR - PART 2 | Geoff Lin

### THE BIGGER AND BETTER STORY WE BELONG TO ...

| GENESIS                               | EXODUS                                     | LEV/NUM/DT                          | JOSHUA                                     | JUDGES                                          | 1 SAMUEL                                             |
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| ----->                                |                                            |                                     |                                            |                                                 |                                                      |
| God's foundational promise to Abraham | Moses leads Israel out of slavery in Egypt | 40 years of wandering in the desert | Joshua leads Israel into the Promised Land | After Joshua dies, Israel descends into anarchy | "A king to lead us so we are like the other nations" |

### "GIVE US A KING TO LEAD US" (1 Samuel)

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| 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 |

### 1. David learns that Saul is dead (1:1-15)

1 Samuel 30: David defeats the Amalekites

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."

1 Samuel 31: Saul is killed by the Philistines

2 Samuel 1: an Amalekite messenger brings news of Saul's death to David

David had spared Saul's life twice before: cutting a piece off Saul's robe (1 Sam 24) and taking his water jug from Saul's bedside table whilst he was asleep (1 Sam 26)

Q. Did the Amalekite deserve his punishment?

**What we're skipping over (1:17-27):** *David's anguished lament for Saul and Jonathan*

### 2. David is made king over Judah (2:1-11)

David shows favour to the men of Jabesh Gilead for honouring Saul in death

Abner (the commander of Saul's army) makes Saul's son Ish-bosheth King over Israel

**What we're skipping over (2:12-3:39):** *2 years of outright civil war ... a time of vicious backstabbing, double-crossing and treacherous betrayal as the Israelites stop fighting their dreaded enemies the Philistines, and start trying to kill each other*

### 3. Saul's son Ish-bosheth is murdered (4:1-12)

After Abner is murdered, 2 of Ish-bosheth's men (Baanah and Rekab) murder Ish-bosheth

David's judgment is swift and righteous and appropriate

### 4. David is made king over all Israel (5:1-5)

**For next week:** please read 2 Samuel 5:6-6:23

**So what, for us?** How to read the Old Testament today ...

#### i. be cautious about moralizing

#### ii. long for Jesus

Lk 23:33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. 35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One."

Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

#### iii. take heart in what GOD is doing (nothing can stop Him!)

*Our great and glorious God*

**Thank you** for all the amazing things you've done for us and blessed us with (eg ...)

**I'm sorry** for the times I've doubted you or disbelieved you or even defied you (eg ...)

**Please** do your work in me to make me more like my King Jesus (eg ...)

*I'm praying this today, tomorrow, and every day until He returns, and your kingdom comes, and your will is fully done, and your name is hallowed to the ends of the earth. Amen.*

### "YOUR THRONE WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOREVER" (2 Samuel)

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| 16/8 | Civil War - Part 2              | 2 Samuel 1:1-5:5  |
| 23/8 | The Great City of David         | 2 Samuel 5:6-6:23 |
| 30/8 | The Great House of David        | 2 Samuel 7-9      |
| 6/9  | What every King is like         | 2 Samuel 10-12    |
| 13/9 | What every Kingdom is like      | 2 Samuel 13-20    |
| 20/9 | Kingdoms rise and kingdoms fall | 2 Samuel 21-24    |