

Anticipating God's Choice of David over Saul

Judges

JUDGES	Saul	1—2 SAMUEL
God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the leaders of Shechem, and the leaders of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech (9:23)	<i>Villian opposed by evil spirit</i>	Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the LORD tormented him. (1 Sam. 16:14)
[Samson] did not know that the LORD had left him (16:20)	<i>Left by God</i>	Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the LORD tormented him. (1 Sam. 16:14)
Then [Abimelech] called quickly to the young man his armor-bearer and said to him, "Draw your sword and kill me" (9:54)	<i>Killed by armor bearer</i>	Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword, and thrust me through with it" (1 Sam. 31:4)
there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. ⁹ [Samson] scraped it out into his hands ... eating as he went. (14:8-9)	<i>Eats wild honey</i>	But Jonathan had not heard his father charge the people with the oath, so he put out ... dipped it in the honeycomb and put his hand to his mouth (1 Sam. 14:27)
Jephthah made a vow ... "If you will give the Ammonites into my hand, ³¹ then whatever comes out from ... my house ... I will offer it up for a burnt offering." (11:30-31)	<i>Rash vow condemning child to death</i>	Saul had laid an oath on the people, saying, "Cursed be the man who eats food until it is evening and I am avenged on my enemies." (1 Sam. 14:24)
he took a knife, and taking hold of his concubine he divided her, limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the territory of Israel. (19:29) Then all the people of Israel came out ... and ... assembled as one man (20:1)	<i>Dismembered messenger</i>	[Saul] took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel ... and they came out as one man. (1 Sam. 11:7)
And they gave [the Benjamites] the women whom they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead (21:14)	<i>Jabesh-gilead, possible home of Saul's grandmother</i>	¹ Then Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh-gilead ... ¹¹ And the next day Saul ... struck down the Ammonites (1 Sam. 11:1, 11)

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the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon [Samson], and ... he tore the lion in pieces (14:6)	<i>Kills a lion</i>	“The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion ... will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” (1 Sam. 17:37)
“[Samson] shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines” (13:5)	<i>Philistines finally defeated by David</i>	After this David defeated the Philistines and subdued them (2 Sam. 8:1)
Judah fought against Jerusalem and captured it ... and set the city on fire ... ²¹ But ... Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who lived in Jerusalem (1:8, 21)	<i>Jerusalem finally subdued by David</i>	the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites ... David took the stronghold of Zion ... and called it the city of David. (2 Sam. 5:6-7, 9)
And Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron (now the name of Hebron was formerly Kiriath-arba), and they defeated Sheshai and Ahiman and Talmai. (1:10)	<i>David began his reign in Hebron</i>	At Hebron [David] reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. (2 Sam. 5:5)
Then Jephthah fled from his brothers and lived in the land of Tob, and worthless fellows collected around Jephthah and went out with him. (11:3)	<i>Allied with band of mercenaries in the wilderness</i>	And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul, gathered to [David]. And he became commander over them. (1 Sam. 22:2)
there was a young man of Bethlehem in Judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite (17:7) his concubine ... went away ... to her father's house at Bethlehem ... And the girl's father said to the man, “Be pleased to spend the night, and let your heart be merry.” (19:2, 6)	<i>Bethlehem presented positively</i>	The LORD said to Samuel ... “I have rejected [Saul] from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” (1 Sam. 16:1)
“We will not turn aside into the city of foreigners ... but we will pass on to Gibeah” ... the men of the city ... said ... “Bring out the man ... that we may know him.” (19:12, 22)	<i>Gibeah, a city of villains</i>	Saul also went to his home at Gibeah, and with him went men of valor (1 Sam. 10:26)

Who will treat you well?

Someone from Bethlehem

Who will treat you poorly?

Someone from Gibeah