

The Mosaic Era

The Mosaic Era covered a vast period of time: from the introduction of the 10 Commandments to Christ Jesus' ministry.

When God was ready to transcribe His laws upon the tablets of stones, Moses was instructed to ascend the mount Sinai: Moses spent 40 days/nights on the mount in the state of fasting (no water/no food). When the Lord finally transcribed His Laws upon the tablet of stones, God told Moses to descend from the mount for the People of Israel had corrupted themselves.

Note: The people had completely forgotten or ignored the covenant they made with God that they will obey His laws. The people demanded that Aaron, Moses' elder brother, fashion an idol-god after the image of a golden calf. Indeed, this was a very grievous sin against God.

When Moses neared the base of the camp of Israel, he witnessed the gross sin being committed by the people of Israel by the holy mountain of the Lord God – mount Sinai. In Moses' hot-anger he threw the tablets of stones containing the God's laws to the ground, breaking them into pieces. Truly, the Israel People were not deserving of God's laws-covenant.

Due to this great sin committed by the Israel people, an entire wicked generation of Israel was not permitted to enter the Promised Land: they had to wander for 40 years in the desert. After the 40 years had expired, only Joshua and Caleb remained along with the new generations of Israel people that were permitted to claim the Promised Land. Note, Moses, though right with God, was given a force retirement. **Numbers 26:65; Deuteronomy 34:5-8**

The Laws of Ordinances and Performances ...

On Mount Sinai, the Lord God revealed the 10 Commandments – **Exodus 20:1-17**. However, the children of Israel in the days of Moses easily forget God's marvelous miracles they witnessed, and the majority of the people demonstrated a great deal of immaturity in living-complying with the covenants they made with God.

Commentary: It is quite reasonable for a parent with immature/unruly/forgetful children to spell-out/detail the *Thou-shall* and *Thou-shall-not* items in order to manage the children's activities, and help them learn things via repetitions.

In **Exodus chapters 21-22-23-24**, additional detail laws were spelled-out. Note, in **Exodus 24:3**, the people promised to comply with God's laws. Additionally, **Numbers chapters 18-19** contained more ordinances and performances.

God even allowed Moses along with a select number of men (Aaron, Nadab, Abihu, and 70 elders of Israel) to have a visit with God on Mount Sinai – they saw God. **Exodus 24:9-10**

The Portable Temple-Tabernacle ...

In relation to a **Portable Temple-Tabernacle**, the instructions were detailed in **Exodus chapters 25-26-27-28-29-30-31-35-36-37-38-39**.

Important Note: The **Urim and Thummim** (Light and Perfection) was introduced. **Exodus 28:30**

Important Note: Aaron and his sons were chosen as priests to manage the activities in the Portable Temple-Tabernacle. **Exodus 29:1-9,44; Numbers 17:all; Numbers 18:1-2**

Important Note: God shall dwell in the Portable Temple-Tabernacle, to meet with the Levite priests to give/disclose God's Will for the Israel people. **Exodus 29:42-46; Exodus 30:6 (the Mercy Seat); Exodus 30:30**

Note: The **Ark of the Covenant** eventually contained 3 items: a pot of manna, table of stones with written laws, and Aaron's rod. **Exodus 16:32-34; Hebrews 9:4; Numbers 17:all**

Israel's Rebellion ...

God instructed Moses to go up the mount Sinai to receive the tables of stones with God's laws written upon them. **Exodus 24:12-13-18**

Since Moses return was delayed for 40 days/nights, the people Israel sinned a very grievous sin: they demanded of Aaron to fashion a molten calf of gold as a god of idol – a direct violation of God's commandment. **Exodus 32:all**

God informed Moses that Israel people had corrupted themselves, a stiffnecked people. **Exodus 32:9**

Had it not been for Moses' intercession, God's wrath would have been unleashed upon the idol worshippers, killing all of them. **Exodus 32: 11-14**

Once Moses saw the molten calf, his anger waxed hot, and instructed the children of Levi to slay the rebellious: about 3000 men were slayed that day. **Exodus 32:28**

Moreover, others were also consumed by God's wrath due to rebellion. **Numbers 16:12,19,24,27,30,32;35,38,41,42,45,46,49**

Moses asked for People's Forgiveness ...

The next day, Moses returned to the top of the mount and petitioned God for forgiveness upon the people, otherwise he asked that his (Moses') name be blotted out of God's book. **Exodus 32:32**

And the Lord responded: *Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.* **Exodus 32:33**

Since Moses broke the first 2 tables of stones when his anger was kindled upon the Israel people, God instructed Moses to prepare a set of 2 tables of stones, and on the next day to go up the mount once again. And Moses was upon the mount for 40 days/nights fasting once again. **Exodus 34:1-8, 28**

Since Moses face glowed with brightness, the people were afraid to approach him; he had to cover his face with a veil to speak to the people. **Exodus 34:30-33-5**

The Portable Temple-Tabernacle and 40 Years of Desert Trek ...

The work to the Portable Temple-Tabernacle was completed, and Aaron and his sons were washed and anointed as priests. **Exodus chapters 35-36-37-38-39-40**

The Tabernacle was filled with God's glory: it was covered by a cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night. **Exodus 40:34-38**

God had sworn that they who murmured greatly and provoked Him will not be permitted to see the promised land – thus, they wandered in the desert for 40 years. **Numbers 14:11,22-23; Exodus 16:35; Deuteronomy 1:3; Numbers 26:65**

The dealings of God regarding the Exodus of the Israel people from Egypt to the border of the Promised Land, including the ordinances/performances in the Portable Temple-Tabernacle & the Ark of the Covenant, and the wars were recorded in the books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.

Note: Moses reestablished, among the wise men, the appointments of chief of tribes, judges, and captains among the Israel people. **Deuteronomy 1:12-17**

Commentary: Thus, the people of Israel was managed via the Levite Priests who tended the ordinances/performances associated with the Portable Temple-Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant; Chieftains for each Tribe (the Elders), Judges who handled disputes between people, and Captains who assisted in managing the many warfare. Since the people as a whole were unable to live the higher Gospel Law, the laws of ordinances/performances were given to instill discipline via repetitive actions – a school master was required (for the Israel people were stiffnecked and slow to remember God's goodness) to help them learn the principle of obedience, and point them to God's laws.

Important Note: So, it was... when the people rejected the simplicity of God's laws, even the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ, the people were given a 'school master' to learn obedience – the strict laws of ordinances and performances.

Important Note: Likewise, the LDS saints in the days of Joseph Smith Jr unable to (will not/could not/refuse to) live the simplicity of the Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ as recorded in the Book of Mormon and in the Bible. For they were entrenched in the traditions of their corrupted-form of Christianity, looking beyond the mark. They were given a 'school master' prescribed in the laws of ordinances and performances, in the form of a temple endowment: the endowment was conveyed in a symbolic presentation which was not understood by the LDS saints, and certainly not understood by their polygamous-blind-corrupt prophet-seer-revelator in Brigham Young, along with his polygamous cohorts. Indeed, Joseph Smith Jr, prior to being murdered, introduced the temple endowment for the fall-demise of the LDS saints... for they were wicked before the eyes of God – for they will not live the simple, Pure Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Blind-Ignorant-Foolish prophets-seers-revelators of the LDS continue to mislead the LDS saints, having the corrupted-temple endowment (with an entrance fee of tithing) to be the central focus (the pinnacle) for devout faithfulness in the LDS faith – truly based on falsehood. Indeed, the Blind Leaders lead the Blind Followers to the ditch – to damnation.

Joshua leads the Israel People to the Promised Land ...

God handed Moses a force retirement in his 120th year of mortal life (a graduation from mortality). [Deuteronomy 34:4-8](#)

Joshua, the son of Nun, was appointed as the new leader of the Israel people that will guide them to conquer the promised land. [Deuteronomy 34:9](#) (*note: they are to conquer the land from idol worshippers*)

After Moses' death, the Lord spake to Joshua, and God promised to be with him as God was with Moses. This personal covenant with God to Joshua required Joshua to be... [Joshua 1:1-11](#)

- Be faithful to the Laws of God: to meditate on the laws, day and night
- Be strong and of a good courage
- Take the journey and claim-conquer the promised land-inheritance that God promised to their forefathers, the patriarchs Abraham-Isaac-Jacob

Under Joshua's leadership, numerous wars were won and many lands conquered:

- On the way to conquering Jericho [Joshua chapters 2-3-4](#)
 - Note, Joshua instructed the people to sanctify themselves as God will do wonders for them.
 - The Lord spoke to Joshua: *This day I will begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.*
 - Joshua proclaimed that the living God is with them to drive out the Cannanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites
 - The Israel people crossed the Jordan River on dry ground, following the Levites Priests bearing the Ark of the Covenant.
 - As a memorial of the crossing of the River Jordan on dry ground, God commanded Joshua to have 12 men (one from each tribe) to pickup 1 stone for each tribe; these 12 stones were set upon Gilgal where Israel pitched their tent: a memorial to all Israel that God had dried the pathway crossing the Jordan River.

- Joshua had the males circumcised per God's instruction, since the previous older men (Israel armies) had already died during the past 40 years during Moses' era. **Joshua chapter 5**
 - The Passover Feast was observed.
 - The daily manna also ceased.
 - The Israel people ate the fruits/food in land of Canaan.
 - The captain of the Lord's host appeared to Joshua.
- Jericho was conquered. **Joshua chapter 6**
- A Temporary Setback due to a Transgression **Joshua chapters 7-8**
 - After conquering Jericho, for the next battle - Israel was driven away against the men of Ai.
 - Being perplexed why the Israel was driven away, Joshua and the elders of Israel rent their clothes and put dust upon their heads before the Ark of the Covenant, seeking God for an answer.
 - God revealed to Joshua that Israel transgressed His command to take no item(s) from Jericho.
 - Achor of the tribe of Judah transgressed by coveting certain items from the city of Jericho, hiding them beneath the earth in the middle of his family's tent.
 - The entire family of Achor was taken to a nearby valley and stoned to death, and then burned (aka. the Valley of Achor).
 - The curse due transgression was eliminated from Israel.
 - Israel conquered Ai.
 - Joshua built an altar of whole stones (unhewn natural-stones) in mount Ebal, and there he recited the laws of God before the Israel people: both blessings and cursings.

Commentary: Joshua reminded the entire Israel that obedience to God's laws will reap blessings; conversely, disobedience will bring God's curse upon the people.

- The Gibeonites made peace and offered to become servants to Israel: as hewers of wood and drawers of water. **Joshua chapter 9**
- Then, the 5 Amorite kings and their hosts and allies encamped to slay the Gibeonites for they were angry for the Gibeonites made peace with Israel people.
 - Gibeonites pleaded with Joshua for deliverance.
 - God assured Joshua that the Amorites and their allies will be defeated by the Israel armies. **Joshua 10:all**
 - God caused hailstones to rain upon the Amorites.
 - Israel slew Amorites armies all day long for the Sun and the Moon stood still.
 - Israel also defeated the armies of Libnah, Lachish, Gezer, Eglon, and Debir.
- Many more lands were conquered... so, it was... the Israel people headed by Joshua was able to conquer vast amount of land for Israel's inheritance.
- In the closing days of Joshua and Eleazar (the Levite High Priest), Joshua recited-enumerated the great deliverance they had been blessed with from the God of Abraham-Isaac-Jacob – the One True God:
 - **Joshua 24:14** – Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods of the lands; ... as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.
 - **Joshua 24:16** – The people responded: ... God forbid that we should forsake the Lord, to serve other gods.
 - **Joshua 24:20-25** – Joshua placed the Israel people to a covenant to serve the One True God only, and that they themselves accepted as witnesses thereof.
 - **Joshua 24:32** – Note, in the land of Shechem the bones of the Patriarch Joseph were finally buried.
 - **Joshua 24:29-30** – Joshua died and buried in Timnath-serah, in mount Ephraim; he was 110 years.

- Interesting tidbit: both Joseph and Joshua both lived for 110 years.
- **Joshua 24:32** – Eleazar, the High Priest, died. He was buried in mount Ephraim.

And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord, that He did for Israel. **Judges 2:7**

Select Judges to Guide and Lead the Israel People

After the death of Joshua, Judges were selected by God as mediators between God and the people of Israel. **Judges 2:16**

The conquering of lands for Israel's inheritance continued.

The new generation of the children of Israel, who knew not the God of Abraham-Isaac-Jacob, forsook God and served the god of the land – Baalim / Baal. The Lord God was provoked. **Judges 2:10-15**

Note: The new generation of Israel people was greatly vexed as a conquered people due to their evil works – whoring after the false gods of the land. However, when the Israel people cried unto the God of Israel, through the mercy of God, certain judges were raised up to deliver the Israel people. And when the judges died, the Israel people forgot the One True God once again. Indeed, the cycle of forgetting the One True God (and thus being conquered and vexed) and then being delivered via a chosen judge when they cried unto God, was too common in Israel's history.

Moreover, some of the Israel people intermarry with the children of heathen nations. By so doing, many of the Israel people further defiled themselves through the worship of false gods, and following false traditions.

God raised Judges to deliver the Israel people from oppressions: **Judges chapters 2 thru 21**

- The Spirit of God came upon Othniel, the son of Kenaz, which helped deliver Israel: Israel enjoyed 40 years of freedom. However, after he died, the Israel went back whoring after false gods. The Israel was conquered-vexed again.
- Then, God raised up a new judge in Ehud, a son of Gera, a Benjamite: he delivered the Israel people from the hand of Moab.
- Next judge was Shamgar, the son of Anath: he freed the Israel people from Philistines.
- Then a prophetess, Deborah, the wife of Lapidoth, judged Israel: help freed the Israel from the Canaanite bondage.
- Next, Gideon was selected by God to free the Israel people from the bondage of the Midianites and from the Amalekites.
- Next, Tola of the tribe of Issachar: he judged Israel for 23 years.
- Next, Jair, a Gileadite, judged Israel for 22 years.
- Jephthah, was next: he freed the Israel people from Ammon.
- Then came Ibzn, Elon, and Abdon became judges of Israel, respectively.
- Samson was born, whose mother was of the tribe of Dan: he judged Israel for 20 years; and he freed Israel from the Philistines.

Ruth and Boaz

Naomi, her husband Elimelech, and their 2 sons migrated to the country of Moab. **Ruth 1:1**
 Their sons married Moabites women, respectively: one was Orpah and the other was Ruth.

Naomi's husband died, then later her 2 sons both died. Being left with 2 daughters-in-law, after 10 years in Moab, Naomi decided to return unto the land of Judah:

- Naomi advised her 2 daughters to return to their native families.
- Ruth, however, decided to stay with Naomi: *thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God... Ruth 1:16*

And thus, Ruth following her mother-in-law, journeyed to Bethlehem, arriving in the season of harvest:

Ruth chapters 2 – 4

- Ruth volunteered to glean over a nearby corn fields (happened to belong to Boaz) so that they have something to eat.
- Boaz took notice of Ruth, and allowed her to glean on his corn fields, instructing his men/reapers to leave many corn-ears for Ruth to find and gather for herself. Boaz also checked out Ruth's background... she being a widow and a daughter-in-law of Naomi, a relative of Boaz.
- Naomi wanted Ruth to remarry: Boaz redeemed/purchased the rights to the family of Naomi, including Ruth.

Ruth 4: 5-11

- Boaz married Ruth: a son was born, Obed.

Note: Obed was the father of Jesse; Jesse was the father of David (aka. king David of Israel).

Mortal Kings of Israel

Before discussing the kings of Israel, a prophet of God by the name of Samuel should be introduced.

There was a certain Ephrathite by the name of Elkanah (from the tribe of Ephraim): yearly he traveled to Shiloh to worship and offer sacrifice unto the Lord God. One of his 2 wives was Hannah and she was barren. During one visit to Shiloh, she prayed unto God within her heart to grant her a man-child, and that she will dedicate the child unto the service of God in the house of the Lord. In the process of time, she bore a son: Samuel. Once the child Samuel had been weaned, during a yearly visit to Shiloh, Hannah and her husband Elkanah brought the young Samuel along: they presented Samuel before the High Priest Eli, and thus young Samuel was committed to the service of the Lord.

1 Samuel chapters 1-2

- The Lord God speaks to young Samuel: one evening when young Samuel lay in bed to sleep, he heard a voice calling him by name. Each of the 3 times he heard the voice, he ran to Eli and said '*Here am I*' thinking that Eli called for him; after the 3rd time, Eli instructed young Samuel to respond by saying... *Speak Lord for Thy servant heareth...* whenever he hears the voice once again... calling his name.

Once again, the Lord God calls Samuel in the dark of the night: *Samuel, Samuel*; he responded: *Speak, for Thy servant heareth.*

In a vision, God revealed to young Samuel certain future events:

- That the house of Eli is judged by God: since Eli failed to properly correct his sons' evil behaviors as priests, he and his sons shall be condemned.
- That the iniquities of Eli's house cannot be purged away through sacrifices and offerings.

The next day, Eli inquired of young Samuel what the Lord God had revealed to him the night before: the young Samuel disclosed everything to Eli. Eli knew that what was revealed to Samuel was of God.

Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him: Samuel was obedient to all of God's words. **1 Samuel chapter 3**

- The death of Eli at the age of 98 years with a broken neck as he fell from a chair was precipitated from a grievous news that the Ark of God was taken by the Philistines during a war with Israel; and that Eli's 2 sons, the priests that looked after the Ark of God were also slain along with 30,000 of Israel's armies. **1 Samuel chapter 4**

- The Ark of God (the Ark of the Covenant), while in the possession of the Philistines, brought plagues upon them for all the 7 months they had the Ark of God. **1 Samuel chapter 5**
- The Philistine released the Ark of God upon a cart pulled by 2 calves. Along with the Ark, the Philistines provided Trespass offerings to appease the God of Israel. The 2 calves pulled the cart with the Ark of God by their own accord, not a man guiding them, to Israel's land called Bethshemesh. The Levites in Bethshemesh took down the Ark of God from the cart, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrifices. However, because certain men looked into the Ark without God's permission, God slew about 50,070 men of Bethshemesh. **1 Samuel chapter 6**
- And Samuel judged Israel for the remainder of his mortal life and told the people of Israel to put away their strange-idol gods, and to serve the One True God so that God will deliver them from Philistines' oppressions. At his old age, he made his 2 sons to be judges of Israel. However, both of his sons were corrupt judges who accepted bribes. The people wanted a king to be their ruler-judge instead. Samuel, with the Lord's inspiration, advised the people of Israel against having a mortal king: for a mortal king can oppress his own people and can lead them astray, making their sons as soldiers, and placing their children to become the king's manservants and maidservants, and lay a heavy burden of taxation upon the people. Notwithstanding the words of Samuel, the people insisted on having a king as a ruler-judge over them, and that their mortal king will go out to lead them to battle. **1 Samuel chapters 7-8**

Commentary: The Israel people wanted a mortal king to be a ruler-judge over them instead of having the One True God to be their only King. The Lord God complied with the peoples' free will, and very displeased.

- **Saul**

From the smallest tribe of Israel and from the least of the families in the tribe of Benjamin, Saul was chosen of God to be the **Captain** of Israel. Samuel anointed Saul, and later was presented before the people of Israel. **1 Samuel 9:all; 10:1-2-18-19; 11:15**

Saul leads and defeats the Ammonites. **1 Samuel chapter 11**

Commentary: The Lord God chose Saul to be the **Captain** of all Israel. **1 Samuel 9:16; 10:1**

Whereas *the Israel people made Saul to be their king.* **1 Samuel 11:15**

Thus, it was by the voice of the people that a mortal king should rule over the people of Israel.

God, however, displayed His displeasure of the peoples' insisting of having a mortal king to rule over them. **1 Samuel 12:17-19**

Samuel enumerated the many great deliverances that God extended upon the Israel people, and advised the Israel people to serve the True God only, and to always remember His goodness upon them. But if they do wickedly, God will consume them and their king. **1 Samuel 12:25**

- **Saul's transgression against God**

After 2 years in the reign of Saul, the Philistines gathered themselves to fight against Israel: 30,000 chariots, 6,000 horsemen, along with a multitude of foot soldiers – all encamped in Michmash.

This news greatly distressed the entire Israel. Samuel advised Saul to wait for 7 days in Gilgah; however, soon after the 7 days expired, and since Samuel was not found, Saul without authorization from God, offered a burnt offering unto God. Samuel arrived soon after Saul made the burnt offering.

Samuel declared unto Saul that his unauthorized burnt offering greatly displeased God for he disobeyed to wait for Samuel – and that Saul foolishly offered the burnt offering. **1 Samuel 13:8-13**

Furthermore, Samuel declared that God had rejected Saul, and shall appoint another Captain in his stead. That the kingdom shall not continue with Saul. **1 Samuel 13:14**

However, God permitted Saul to have some level of success in the many warfare he had with the Philistines, Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zobahites, and Amalekites. **1 Samuel 14:23;43**

- **Saul committed another transgression against God... God rejected Saul**

Samuel conveyed to Saul the command of God to utterly destroy the Amalekites, to spare none – both the people and beasts.

But Saul spared Agag, the Amalekite king, including the best of livestock.

When Samuel met Saul after the battle, Samuel revealed to Saul the words of God: that Saul disobeyed God's command. And, that the Lord God hath rejected Saul from being king over Israel.

Saul reasoned that the livestock were preserved to be sacrifices unto God. Samuel declared, *Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.* **1 Samuel 15:22**

Moreover, Samuel said: *For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, He hath also rejected thee from being a king.* **1 Samuel 15:23**

Samuel executed the king of Amalekite, Agag. **1 Samuel 15:32-33**

Thus, Samuel came no more to see Saul.

- **David**

Samuel was commanded by the Lord to go to Bethlehem to offer a sacrifice, and there he sanctified in the presence of Jesse and his sons... for one of Jesse's sons shall replace Saul as king of Israel. **1 Samuel 16:1-6**

The Lord said to Samuel the following: *for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.* **1 Samuel 16:7**

Not one of the 7 sons of Jesse that was presented before Samuel was the chosen of the Lord. Samuel inquired if there were other children of Jesse that were not yet presented. Jesse spoke of yet 1 more son, the youngest, the keeper of sheep. Samuel commanded Jesse to send and fetch the youngest son as they will not seat down until he was brought over to him. And the young David was fetched from the pasture, and was presented before Samuel. Upon seeing David, the Lord instructed Samuel to anoint the young David, and from thenceforth the Spirit of God rested upon David. **1 Samuel 16:11-12**

One of the servants of Saul recommended that the young David be allowed to play his harp with soothing music whenever Saul felt discomfited and distressed. The young David was summoned to be of a special service unto king Saul. King Saul greatly appreciated David's service for playing the harp, and he also became Saul's armourbearer. **1 Samuel 16:16-21-23**

- **David vs Goliath**

Before the valley of Elah, the Philistine armies stood on one side while the Israel armies stood on the opposite side. And there came a champion from the Philistine's camp, a giant of a man by the name of Goliath.

Goliath defied the Israel armies, and challenged Israel to produce an Israelite champion that will battle with him in a mortal combat. And that the defeated champion and his people shall become slaves to the winning champion and his people. Goliath being so massive, brought fear upon the camp of Israel. For 40 days, Goliath defied the Israel armies.

Meanwhile, David had already returned to his father's house to tend the flock of sheep. After a few days, his father Jesse, sent David with certain food provisions to his 3 eldest brothers who were enlisted in Saul's armies. At the front, he was accused by his brothers that he came not so much to bring food but to see the battlefield.

1 Samuel 17:17-18

While conversing with his brothers and men nearby, David heard Goliath defied the Israel armies to produce a champion. David spake unto the men nearby: *What should be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?* David heard that whosoever killeth Goliath shall be rewarded by king Saul with riches, and his daughter to wife, and his father's house free in Israel.

By this time, king Saul had heard that David had come to the battlefield, and he sent for David. David withdrew himself to king Saul's tent. Before king Saul, David volunteered to be the champion of Israel to battle with Goliath. At first, Saul would not allow the youthful David to battle with Goliath. But then, David related to Saul that he had fought and defeated a lion and a bear while tending the flock of sheep of his father, and that God shall make Goliath fall as were the lion and the bear beforehand. Saul relented and allowed the fearless David to be the champion of Israel armies to face the Philistine's champion in Goliath. David refused to wear the armor of king Saul; David took his shepherd staff and his sling, and he chose 5 smooth stones from a brook, and then he went to confront Goliath. **1 Samuel 17:34-41**

Upon seeing the young David, Goliath disdained him and cursed David by his Philistines-heathen gods. David responded: *Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou has defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee.... that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.* **1 Samuel 17:46-47**

As Goliath approached David, David set a stone upon his sling, and swung the sling, releasing the stone... the stone struck Goliath upon his forehead, and it sunk deep inside: Goliath collapsed, David ran to Goliath and cut off his head using Goliath's sword. The Philistines armies fled as they witnessed in terror the death of Goliath. The Israel armies took courage and pursued the Philistines armies, defeating them with a great slaughter, taking spoils of battle from the Philistines. **1 Samuel 17:48-58**

Commentary: David, after God's own heart, eventually became the king of Israel years after Saul's death.

It should be noted that Samuel died and was buried in Ramah. **1 Samuel 25:1**

- David became king over the tribe of Judah while Ishbosheth (of the house of Saul) became the king of Israel. After Ishbosheth was killed, David united the kingdom of all Israel under his rule.

Note: David was 30 years old when he began to reign, and he reigned for 40 years. **2 Samuel 5:4**

When the Ark of God was brought over to the city of David, David danced before the Ark of God.

Then, David offered to build an edifice, a temple for the Ark of God. David spoke with Nathan the prophet: *See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the Ark of God dwelleth within curtains. 2 Samuel 7:2*

That same evening, the words of God came to Nathan: That in time, Israel will cease from moving from place to place. And, that sometime after David had fulfilled all his days, will the Lord allow an edifice-temple be built of David's posterity. And, that the kingdom of the house of David shall be established forever.

Commentary: David eventually became the king of Israel years after Saul's death. King David was a warrior king and fought many warfare for the preservation of the Israel people. Due to the many bloodsheds that David had been associated with, God would not allow David to build a permanent edifice as a Temple of God. However, David made a great preparation of materials for the building of a Temple of God to be built under the reign of his son Solomon. *1 Kings 7:51*

Since Christ is of the lineage of David, the royal scepter is established forever.

- **David sinned against God regarding Uriah**

David committed adultery with Uriah's wife, Bathsheba. *2 Samuel 11:4-5*

David compounded his sin by sending Uriah to the battlefield that he may die in battle. *2 Samuel 11:6-17,24*

And, when Bathsheba heard that her husband had died in battle, she mourned for him; after the period of mourning had ended, David sent for Bathsheba to become one of his wives. *2 Samuel 11:26-27*

The Lord sent Nathan unto David, and he related the parable of the ewe lamb: it related that a certain rich man coveted an ewe from a poor man. *2 Samuel 12:1-6*

The meaning of the parable was disclosed to David that he was the guilty man that coveted another man's wife, and had her husband sent to the battlefield to be killed – verified in the case of Uriah. *2 Samuel 12:7-9*

The great displeasure of the Lord pronounced a grievous judgment upon the house of David: that the sword shall not depart from David's house, and that evil will overtake his house, not in secret, but publicly under the sun. *2 Samuel 12:10-12*

The first child of David and Bathsheba died shortly after birth. *2 Samuel 12:15-19*

The second child of David and Bathsheba, the Lord God allowed to live: his name was Solomon. *2 Samuel 12:24*

Through the many wives and children of David, conflict was ever present amongst the half-sisters/-brothers, including infighting-killing for the succession of the throne of David.

- **Solomon**

With Nathan's advice, Bathsheba inquired of king David who should succeed his reign. David counseled with Nathan that Solomon shall be the next king after David. And, that Adonijah falsely claimed the kingship being supported by a faction of priests. David countered this action by proclaiming Solomon to be the new king of Israel while David was yet still alive: thus, Solomon was anointed king. *1 Kings 1:11-22-34-38-45-46*

King David, knowing that he will die soon, counseled Solomon to keep the commandments of God, and walk uprightly before Him. *1 Kings 2:1-4*

As for Adonijah along with his supporters, both Joab and Shimei, they were put to death.

- The Lord God reveals Himself to Solomon via a dream: Ask what shall I give thee. And, *Solomon* said: ... and I am but a little child... Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and bad... And *God* said: Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment... I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee... And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches, and honour... And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.
1 Kings 3:5-14

The Biblical history recorded the fame of Solomon's wisdom and understanding... And all Israel (and other people/from all kings of the earth)... saw that the wisdom of God was with him, to do judgment. **1 Kings 3:28; 1 Kings 4:34**

God blessed Solomon with peace and prosperity, and the time to undertake the building of the House of the Lord (aka. The Temple of Solomon): it took 7 years of construction to complete the Temple. **1 Kings chapters 5-6**

A baptismal font was built resting upon 12 oxen. **1 Kings 7:23-26**

Important FYI: The use of the baptismal font was solely for the washing of the priests before administering duties in the Holy of Holies: for no unclean person was permitted to enter the Holy of Holies.

Very Important FYI: Indeed, the baptismal font (in the Temple of Solomon) was used for the rebaptizing of the priests prior to conducting duties in the Holy of Holies, before entering the presence of God. The baptismal font was NOT used for the baptism of the dead-people (who had left mortality). The baptism of the dead-people (who have left mortality) was never part of the True Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The ordinance of baptism is for the living on the earth, and not for the dead in the spirit world. The Lord, Jesus Christ, taught... Let the dead bury their dead: but go thou and preach the kingdom of God... therefore, concentrate on preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Luke 9:59-60**

Paul's letter to Timothy confirmed Paul's understanding regarding the falsity of the efforts of gathering endless genealogies. **1 Timothy 1:2-4**

And Paul addressed the 'dead' among the living in **Ephesians 5:14:** ... Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

The scripture in **1 Corinthians 15:29** was totally taken out of context or misconstrued. By the Spirit of God, one can know the True Context aligned with what Paul was actually referring to: there were many so called 'dead' among the living that had repented and received Christ, and entered into a Covenant with Christ via the ordinance of baptism... and thus, Paul, addressing the *blind-ignorant-dead audience* (especially the Sadducees) reasoned why the dead needed baptism to rise in Christ' resurrection – Paul was NOT teaching the ordinance of baptism for the Dead-People (those who had died and left mortality), but was teaching the IMPORTANCE of baptism of the Dead amongst the living who had not yet repented of their sins due to their blind-ignorant understanding of the truth regarding resurrection.

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