

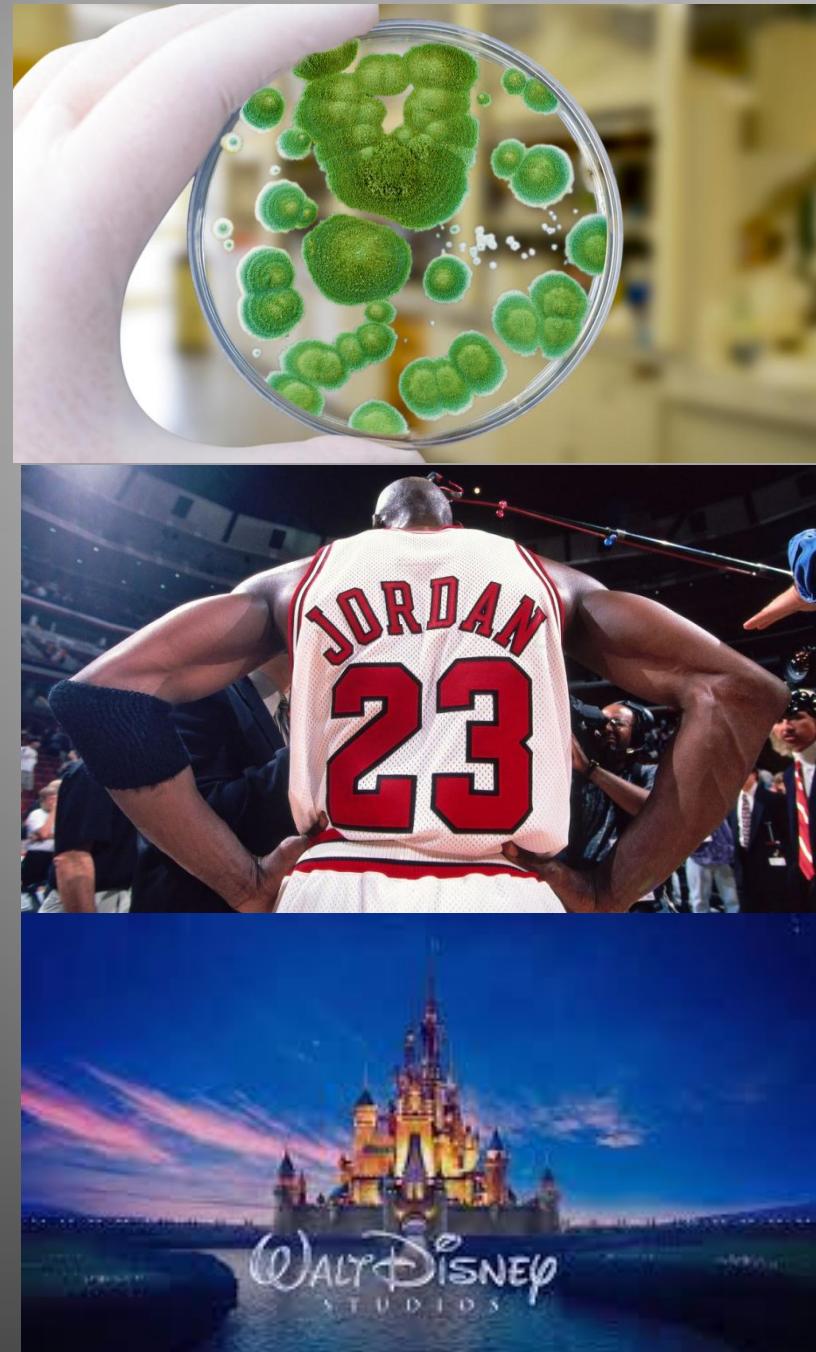
# Lesson 13: Make way for the king



**Icebreaker: Can you think of  
a time that something good  
came out of something bad,  
either in your life or  
somewhere else?**

# Silver linings

- A few examples:
- In 1928, a scientist discovered penicillin, a miracle antibiotic, by looking at mold
- As a sophomore, Michael Jordan was cut from the varsity basketball team, but he went on to be the best player ever
- Walt Disney dropped out of high school and was bankrupt before his company became a huge success



# Silver linings (continued)

- ▶ There's an old saying that goes "every cloud has a silver lining," because even when everything is gray, the sunlight is not far away
- ▶ Even in the worst situations, we can learn something or good can result
- ▶ God does this for us all the time, because even though we sin, He still loves us and He has a plan to help us
- ▶ Tonight, we'll learn how God helps His people, even though they wanted the wrong thing
- ▶ Read 1 Samuel 1:1–8. Why was Hannah so sad?



# Hannah

- ▶ Hannah was sad, because she couldn't have any children
- ▶ Her husband had another wife who teased and irritated her about it, so she prayed year after year for God to give her a child
- ▶ She promised that if God gave her a son, he would serve in the temple his whole life
- ▶ God finally gave her a son and she called him Samuel
- ▶ Read 1 Samuel 2:1–10. What does Hannah's joyful prayer tell us about God?



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# Hannah (continued)

- ▶ Hannah's prayer shows us how God uses unexpected people to accomplish His purposes
- ▶ Though they may be humble or weak, God is strong and shows His power through them
- ▶ Last time, we learned that God gave His people Judges to lead them in battle and advise them
- ▶ Some judges were good, but others did some pretty sketchy things
- ▶ Nevertheless, God worked through them all
- ▶ Read 1 Samuel 3:19–22. How did God work through Samuel as he grew?



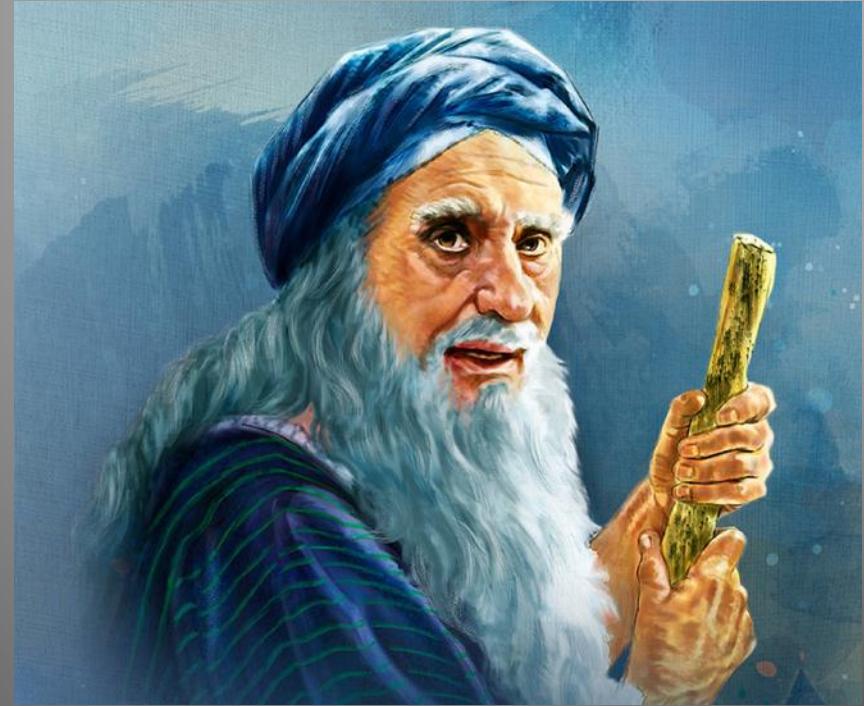
# The Last Judge

- ▶ As he grew up, Samuel became a prophet, a priest, and a military leader
- ▶ He served God his whole life as Israel's last judge and he was known as the best judge of them all
- ▶ Read 1 Samuel 7:3–11. What amazing thing did God do through Samuel here?



# The Last Judge (continued)

- ▶ After the people rededicated themselves to God, Samuel began to make sacrifices on their behalf
- ▶ As the Philistines tried to attack Israel, God threw them into confusion with a thunderous sound, so they retreated
- ▶ God gave them many other victories, but over time, Samuel grew old and his sons were not good leaders
- ▶ Read 1 Samuel 8:10–22. What did the people want?



# King me

- ▶ The people wanted a king, because they saw that every other nation had one
- ▶ They thought things would be better, but really, they would be worse
- ▶ By asking for an earthly king, they were giving up many of their freedoms and were rejecting God as their king
- ▶ Samuel warned them that bad things would happen, but they didn't listen, and they got what they wanted
- ▶ How are we sometimes like the Israelites in this situation?



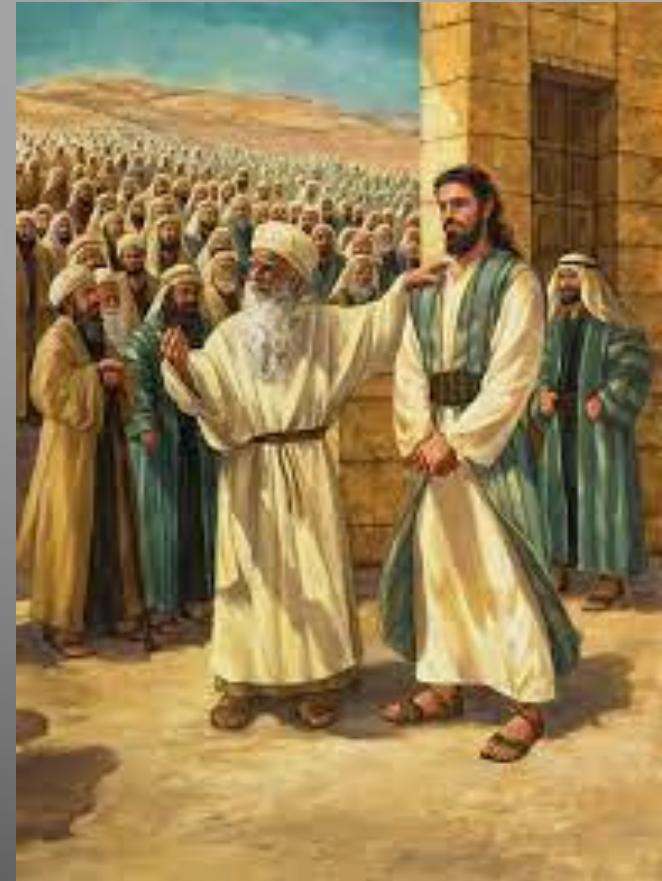
# King me (continued)

- ▶ Sometimes, even though we know the consequences, we still do sinful things that harm us or other people
- ▶ We know, from God's Word, what is good, and yet we still fail
- ▶ Despite all this, God is patient, loving, and forgiving, and he was the same way with Israel
- ▶ Read 1 Samuel 9:1–2. Despite the warnings, who became the first king of Israel?



# King me (continued)

- ▶ The first king is a man named Saul, a Benjaminite, who was really tall, strong, and handsome, just like the people wanted
- ▶ He was also really good at fighting in battles, but it takes more than that to be a good king
- ▶ Read 1 Samuel 13:8-14. How did Saul fail in this section?



# Saul's failure

- ▶ Before a battle, Saul was waiting for Samuel to come and offer a sacrifice
- ▶ When Samuel was late, Saul grew impatient and did it himself
- ▶ By doing this, Saul didn't trust God's timing, did the job of the priest, and believed in himself more than God



# Saul's failure (continued)

- ▶ After Samuel arrived, he told Saul that this was a costly mistake
- ▶ Instead of Saul being king the rest of his life, God was now going to take the throne away from him
- ▶ Read 1 Samuel 16:1–13. What did God tell Samuel to do?



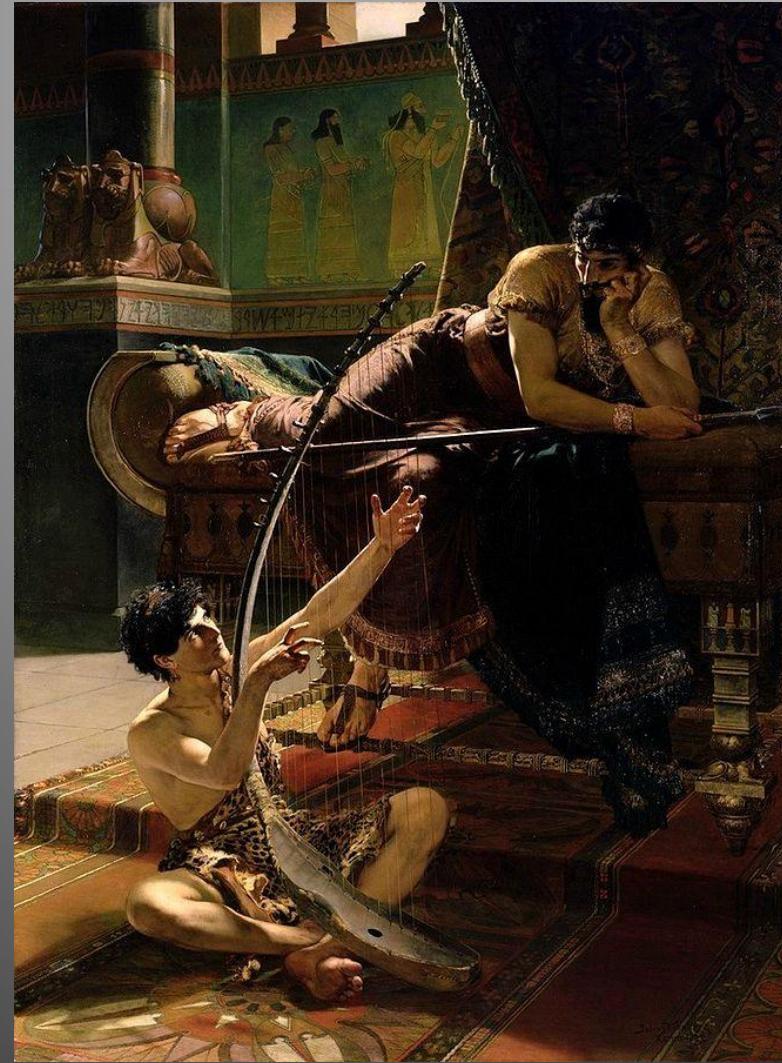
# David, the shepherd boy

- ▶ God told Samuel to select a new king by going to Bethlehem and finding a man named Jesse
- ▶ After seeing Jesse's other sons, God told Samuel to call David in from the fields, because He saw his heart, not just his appearance
- ▶ Even though he was the youngest, God had chosen David to be the next king of Israel, so Samuel anointed him with oil
- ▶ Read 1 Samuel 16:14–23. What was special about David?



# In Saul's service

- ▶ David was a man after God's own heart, but Saul was not
- ▶ After God left Saul, he was tormented and found it hard to find rest
- ▶ Since God was with David, he was able to calm Saul by playing music for him
- ▶ Saul grew fond of David and David became his armor-bearer
- ▶ Read 1 Samuel 17:4–11. Who did Saul and David have to face?



# Goliath

- ▶ Israel's enemy the Philistines had a man named Goliath on their side
- ▶ With his gigantic size, he towered over and intimidated everyone on the battle field
- ▶ He challenged a warrior of Israel to fight him one on one, with the loser's side becoming slaves to the other side
- ▶ Read 1 Samuel 17:26-27. How did David respond to Goliath's challenge?



# David v. Goliath

- ▶ David knew that something needed to be done about Goliath, because he was mocking the true God
- ▶ But nobody would do anything, because they all feared Goliath
- ▶ Finally, David knew that he needed to fight Goliath himself
- ▶ Read 1 Samuel 17:41–51. How did David fight Goliath?



# David v. Goliath (continued)

- ▶ David fought and defeated Goliath only with God's help
- ▶ David took five smooth stones from the brook and put them in his sling
- ▶ When Goliath came, he slung a stone, which hit him in the forehead
- ▶ Then, David cut off Goliath's head with his own sword
- ▶ Read 1 Samuel 18:6–16. What started happening after David's victory?



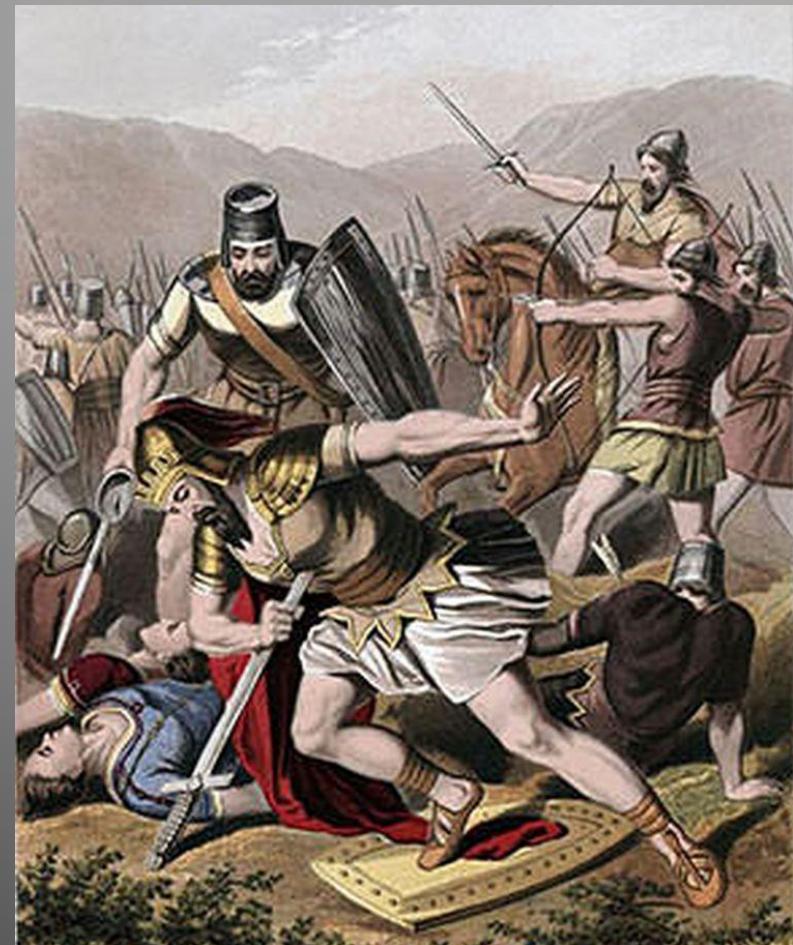
# Outlaw

- ▶ After David defeated Goliath, he became famous
- ▶ Meanwhile, Saul became angry, bitter, and jealous
- ▶ Saul sent David out into battle and he had great success
- ▶ Eventually, he tried to kill David with a spear and David had to go on the run
- ▶ Read 1 Samuel 31:1–6. What happened to Saul?



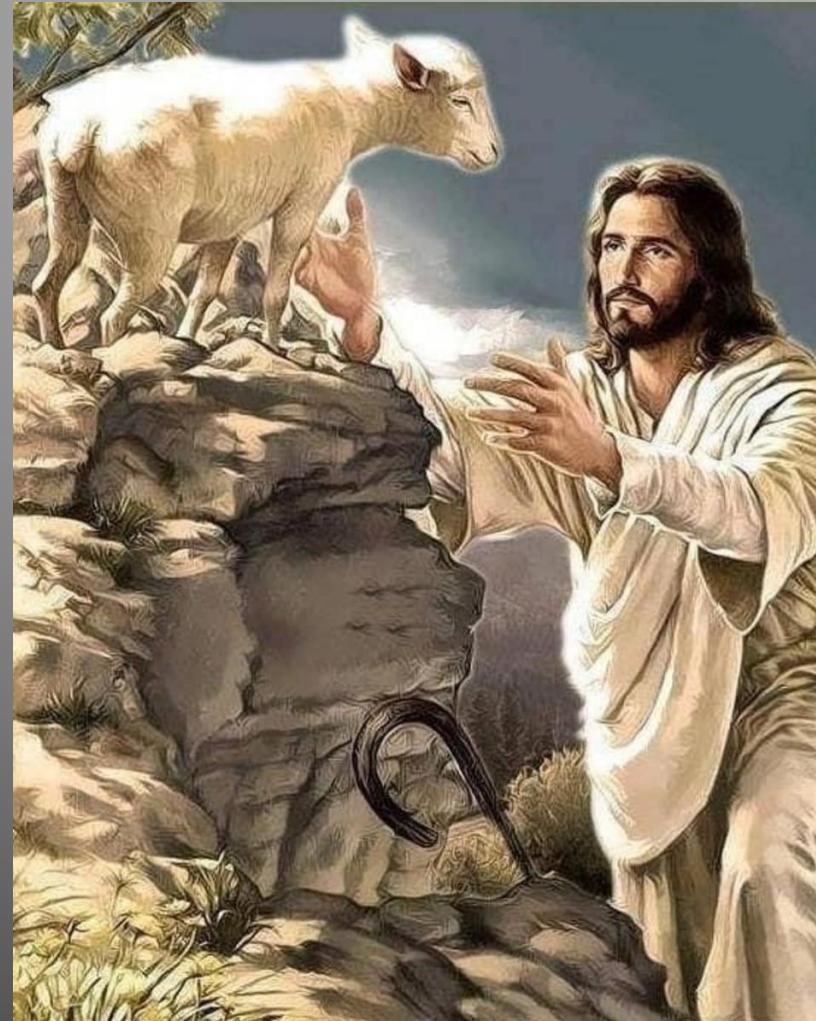
# The king is dead

- ▶ In battle, Saul was defeated and surrounded by the Philistines
- ▶ Rather than be captured, he committed suicide with his own sword
- ▶ After his death, there was a fight between Saul and David's followers, but David won and took the throne
- ▶ Read 2 Samuel 5:1–5. What sticks out to you about David's coronation?



# The Good Shepherd

- ▶ Even when Saul was king, the people knew David was the leader sent by God
- ▶ The people tell David that they are his bone and flesh, which is similar to how we talk about being the body of Christ, with Jesus as our head
- ▶ Jesus is also called the Good Shepherd, even greater than his ancestor David
- ▶ What other connections can you make between David and Jesus? What is different?



# The Good Shepherd (continued)

- ▶ David was born in Bethlehem, just like Jesus
- ▶ David was anointed by Samuel, Jesus is God's anointed
- ▶ David reigned for many years, Christ will reign forever
- ▶ David followed God, Christ kept God's commands perfectly
- ▶ David won many battles, Christ wins the ultimate battle of salvation
- ▶ David brings peace to Israel for a while, Christ brings peace forever



# A psalm of David

- ▶ The Book of Psalms is a collection of 150 different songs to God
- ▶ David wrote many of them when he was serving Saul, when he was on the run, and when he was king
- ▶ There are different types, like psalms of praise, giving thanks, grief (lament), or prophecies
- ▶ Today, we still use David's words to worship God



# Homework

- ▶ If not done already, go through and complete all of lesson 13 and write in your answers when asked for
- ▶ Quiz next week on Lessons 10, 11, and 12

