

Life of David

A Man After God's Own Heart

Introduction

- David's name in the Hebrew is דָּוִד (da-wid) which means "beloved".
- David is mentioned 1,137 times in the Bible.
 - There is no other person named David in the Bible, so all of these references are to David, king of Israel.
 - David is mentioned 1,077 times in the Old Testament, more than any other person.
- David is in the line of Judah, born in 1040 B.C. the son of Jesse [Ruth 4:16-22; Gen 46:12].
- For all of David's numerous faults, he is described in the Bible as a man after God's own heart [1 Sam 13:14; Acts 13:22].
- David loved music and seventy-three of the Psalms are attributed to David.
- In this study we will see a number of ways in which David is a type of Christ. A couple of noteworthy examples are...
 - David was a Jewish prophet as was Jesus.
 - David was anointed as king of Israel, but was not initially accepted as king (Jesus was anointed as King of Israel, but was rejected in His 1st Advent and will reign as King during His 2nd Advent).

Background

- At the time David was born, Israel was under a system where God was their King and the people were led by judges and priests.
 - The book of Judges describes how Israel had done well at times under this leadership, but had extended periods of failure as well.
 - Samuel was the last of the judges to rule over Israel during this period.
- Samuel was a child of faith born to Hannah, wife of Elkanah an Ephraimite [1 Sam 1:1-20].
- Samuel was dedicated to the Lord from his birth [1 Sam 1:21-28].
- Hannah responded with an incredible prayer of joy that inspired Mary's Magnificat many years later [1 Sam 2:1-10 cf. Luke 1:46-55].
- Samuel grew up in the house of Eli where he observed his evil sons [1 Sam 2:11-17]
- While Samuel was serving the Lord under Eli he was called as a prophet [1 Sam 3:1-21].
- Samuel travelled all around Israel and served as a judge all of his life [1 Sam 7:15-17].
- Samuel was a godly man who had been a good leader for Israel, but his sons were not fit to take over for him.
 - Samuel's sons perverted justice which, along with a desire to be like other nations, prompted the people of Israel to ask for a king [1 Sam 8:1-5].
 - God knew that the day would come when His people would ask for a king [Deut 17:14-15].
- God instructed Samuel to listen to the people and anoint a king over Israel [1 Sam 8:6-22]
- God revealed to Samuel that Saul was His choice for Israel's first king [1 Sam 9:1-10:24].
- Saul served as king of Israel for 42 years, but because of his disobedience he was told he would be replaced [1 Sam 13:1-14; 15:1-34].