



KNOX SUMMER SERIES
BAD APPLES OF THE BIBLE

KING DAVID

HIS EARLY LIFE

KING DAVID IS ARGUABLY ONE OF THE THREE GREATEST INDIVIDUALS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT ALONG WITH ABRAHAM AND MOSES. OF THESE THREE GIANTS OF FAITH, HOWEVER, FAR MORE (AS THIS TIMELINE SHOWS) IS RECORDED ABOUT KING DAVID'S LIFE AND ACTIONS THAN THE OTHER TWO! NOT ONLY IS HE DISCUSSED IN 28 BIBLICAL BOOKS, HIS NAME IS RECORDED MORE TIMES IN THE KING JAMES BIBLE (1,139 TIMES) THAN ANYONE ELSE!

DAVID IS BORN TO A MAN NAMED JESSE IN THE JUDEAN CITY OF BETHLEHEM. HE IS THE EIGHTH AND YOUNGEST SON (1SAMUEL 17:12 - 13, 1CHRONICLES 2:13 - 15) AND THE GREAT-GRANDSON OF RUTH AND BOAZ (RUTH 4:17 - 22). HIS FAMILY ALSO INCLUDES AT LEAST TWO SISTERS (1CHRONICLES 2:16). AS HE GROWS UP HE IS CONSIDERED THE LEAST OF JESSE'S SONS AND ASSIGNED THE HUMBLING TASK OF TENDING SHEEP (1SAMUEL 16:11).

THE PROPHET SAMUEL, BECAUSE OF KING SAUL'S REBELLION AGAINST GOD, IS CHARGED WITH ANOINTING A NEW RULER OVER GOD'S PEOPLE (1SAMUEL 16). HE VISITS JESSE AND AFTER REJECTING HIS FIRST SEVEN SONS FINALLY ANOINTS DAVID, IN A PRIVATE CEREMONY, AS ISRAEL'S NEW KING. DAVID NOT ONLY BECOMES SAUL'S MUSICIAN BUT ALSO HIS ARMOR BEARER (1SAMUEL 16:15 - 23) THE PHILISTINES, ISRAEL'S IMPLACABLE ENEMY, SOON GATHERS THEIR ARMY TO INVADE THE COUNTRY. DAVID, COMING TO GIVE SUPPLIES TO THREE OF HIS BROTHERS IN THE ARMY, APPEARS AMONG SAUL'S TROOPS. HE OFFERS, AFTER HEARING GOLIATH'S TAUNTS, TO FIGHT HIM BY HIMSELF! HE DEFEATS THE GIANT IN BATTLE, CUTS OFF HIS HEAD, AND THEN GOES ON A WHIRLWIND TOUR OF ISRAEL TOUTING HIS VICTORY (1SAMUEL 17).