Lesson 9 – July 31

1 Samuel 18-20

FAITHFUL

LORD Sees the Heart

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1 Samuel

1.	June 5	Answered!	1-2	Hannah Prays, Vows, Samuel Born
2.	June 12	Called	3	Boy Samuel Clearly God Called
3.	June 19	Worthy!	4-7	Philistines Take Ark … oooops!
4.	June 26	King?	8-11	Israel, "Give us a King!"
5.	July 3	Feared	12	Thunder and Rain … to Obey?
6.	July 10	Judged	13-15	Samuel Regrets, Rejects King Saul
7.	July 17	Anointed!	16	David Anointed—Lord Sees the Heart
8.	July 24	Delivered	17	David Whips Goliath
9.	*July 31*	*Faithful*	*18-20*	*David and Jonathan's Loyalty*
10.	Aug. 7	Blinded	21-23	Saul Pursues David & Followers
11.	Aug. 14	Protected	24-25	Abigail's Wisdom Saves Home
12.	Aug. 21	Respect	26-29	David Spares King Saul's Life II
13.	Aug. 28	Victory	30-31	David Pursues Raiders & Saul Killed

1 Samuel 18-20

Faithful

1 Samuel 18 - 20

Lesson Author's Theme

Godly friendship is built on commitment to God and provides lifelong encouragement

18:1-5 **True Friends – Jonathan Loved David like Brother**

18:6-30 *Saul Afraid – Wants David Married & Killed*
19:1-7 *Saul Hates – Jonathan Appeases*
19:8-17 *War Again – David Plays, Saul Throws Spear*

Quickly

Saul hates, reconciles, hates again

19:18-24 *David to Samuel – Prophesy x Four*

20:1-4 *David to Jonathan – I'm a Dead Man*
20:5-9 *David & Jonathan Conspire*
20:10-17 *David & Jonathan's Covenant*
20:18-23 *David and Jonathan's Three Arrows of Destiny*
20:24-35 *Saul's Anger at David, Spear to Jonathan*

David & Jonathan get closer

20:35-40 **Tested Friends – Jonathan and David's Secret**

20:41-42 **Timeless Friends – Jonathan and David Wept**

1 Samuel 18-20

Faithful Friend?

a Friend will help you move.

a GOOD friend will help you move the body

a GREAT friend will bring their own shovel and NOT ask questions!

1 Samuel 18-20

Alternative Title

Friends – Crown Jewels of Life

Subversive Title

Jealously Kills the Spirit

1 Samuel 18-20

FAITHFUL

There are some people
who make us feel so
special and loved
that it becomes easy
to believe in magic.
There's no magician,
though, and no wand,
no unknown explanation.
it is true love and
friendship. And there is
nothing more amazing.

There are some people
who could hear you
speak a thousand
words and still not
understand you.
And there are others
who will understand
without you even
speaking a word.

1 Samuel 18-20

Key Verses OPEN and CLOSE

18:1 **Jonathan became one in spirit with David**

20:42 **The LORD is witness between … your descendants and my descendants forever**

18:1 to 20:42 – David & Jonathan

18:1-5 True Friends – Jonathan Loves David like Brother

[1] After David had finished talking with Saul – *about GOLIATH*,

Jonathan became one in spirit with David

and he loved him as himself.

[2-3] From that day Saul kept David with him and did not let him return home to his family. And Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself.

From Shepherd … to Slayer of Goliath … to King's Household

From the Country to the Penthouse

Greatest was David's Friendship with Jonathan

HOW did that happen

18:1-5 True Friends – Jonathan Loves David like Brother

HOW did that happen

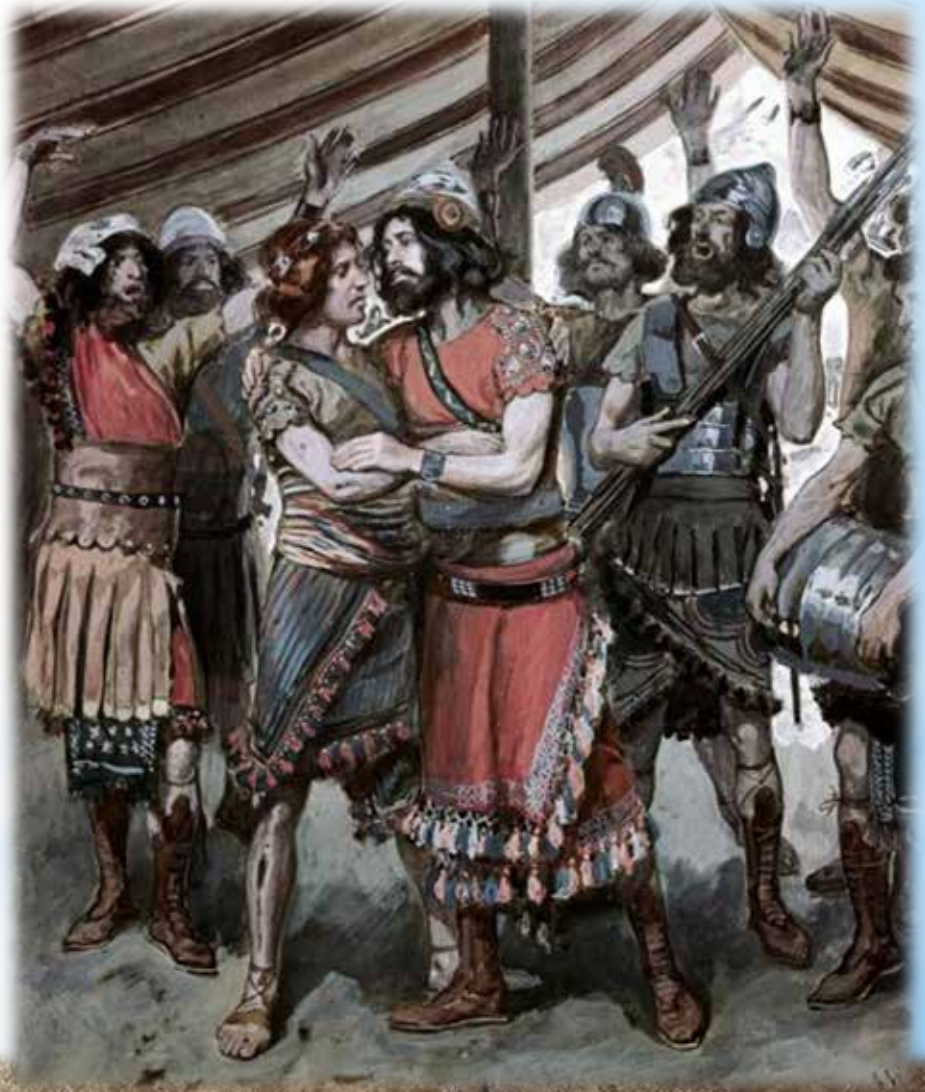
LOT that took place PRIOR
to David and Goliath …

Remember way back,
when Saul was looking for a guitar player

David had a reputation as a Musician
AND as a *Skilled Warrior*

David was also personable, likeable
honorable and humble – and Loved God

Jonathan Loved God too …



Friendship of David and Jonathan
James J. Tissot, 1896

18:1-5 True Friends – Jonathan Loves David like Brother

HOW did that happen

Jonathan LISTENED to David describe ____?____ to King Saul …

Jonathan LISTENED to David describe

- **how Goliath was a filthy BLASPHAMER**
- **David wrote Psalm 139, too, "Search me oh God …" *closes* "I hate those hate thee."**
- **How David was TRULY offended at Goliath**
- **How David truly LOVED God, Trusted God**
- **Jonathan LISTENED and found a brother!**
- **Jonathan LOVED how David loved God**

Michelangelo's *David*, 1501-04
Marble Statue, 17 feet high

***LOT* took place PRIOR to King Saul getting JEALOUS …**

18:1-5 True Friends – Jonathan Loves David like Brother

HOW did that happen

Jonathan **LISTENED** to David describe ____?____ to King Saul …

Jonathan LOVED how David put God's and Israel's **reputations ABOVE himself** … and was as brave as a wildcat

Sometime ago, Jonathan did something similar … crossed **Wady Suweinit** …

Climbed a hill and **killed 20 Philistines**

Michelangelo's *David*, 1501-04
Marble Statue, 17 feet high

Remember earlier: Saul going to KILL Jonathan …Oath … for eating honey … but soldiers rebelled

LOT that took place **PRIOR** to King Saul getting **JEALOUS** …

18:1-5 True Friends – Jonathan Loves David like Brother

LOT that took place PRIOR
King Saul getting jealous …

David fights many battles …

sadly … none are listed

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What is a FRIEND?

Oh, we all know …

how fortunate to have 2-5 GOOD ones in a lifetime

18:1-5 True Friends – Jonathan Loves David like Brother

We ALL know a "FRIEND"

Gen. 33:11 – The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

Judges 7:13 – Gideon arrived just as a man was telling a friend his dream.

II Sam. 16:17 – Absalom said to David's confidante Hushai (who did NOT flee with David), "So this is the love you show your friend? If he's your FRIEND, why didn't you go with him?"

Psalm 119:63 – I am a friend to all who fear you, to all who follow your precepts.

John 15:13 – Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

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18:1-5 True Friends – Jonathan Loves David like Brother

[1] After David had finished talking with Saul,

Jonathan became one in spirit with David

and he loved him as himself.

[2-3] From that day … David …
King Saul did not let him return home

[4] **Jonathan gave his robe,**
sword, bow and belt to David

[5] Whatever mission Saul sent, David was so successful Saul gave him a high rank in the army.

This pleased all the troops,
and Saul's officers as well.

Friendship of David and Jonathan
James J. Tissot, 1896

18:6-30 Saul Afraid – Wants David Married & Killed

6-7 David returns, women dance. Sang, "Saul has slain his thousands, and David his tens of thousands."

8 Saul was very angry … "What more can he get but the kingdom?"

9-11 Saul kept eye on David. Evil spirit from God came forcefully on Saul.

Ever had someone give YOU the EVIL EYE?

Want to do YOU harm

Want to *KILL* you

18:6-30 Saul Afraid – Wants David Married & Killed

9-11 **Saul kept eye on David.** **Evil spirit from God came forcefully on Saul.... while David was playing the guitar.** **Saul had a spear in his hand and he hurled it, saying to himself, "I'll pin David to the wall."**

But David eluded King Saul *TWICE*.

TWICE!

Saul Attacking David
Giovanni Francesco Barbieri, 1646

18:6-30 Saul Afraid – Wants David Married & Killed

12 Saul afraid … LORD with David … departed Saul.

13 So he sent David away from him and gave him command over a thousand men, and David led the troops in their campaigns.

4-5 In everything he did he had great success, because the LORD was with him….

Saul saw and was AFRAID of David.

Why? – if Saul had ANY insight at all, he'd see David's honor

Jealousy – Killer of the Spirit, Assassin of the Soul

18:6-30 Saul Afraid – Wants David Married & Killed

[16] All Israel and Judah loved David … LED THEM their campaigns.

[17] Saul offers David, "Here's my older daughter Merab….

Serve me bravely and fight the battles of the LORD."

Saul said to self, ***"I'll not raise a hand.***

Let the Philistines do that!

David and Saul
by Ernst Josephson, 1878

18:6-30 Saul Afraid – Wants David Married & Killed

18 **But David said to Saul,**

Who am I

and what is my family or my clan in Israel, that I should become the king's son-in-law?"

Who are you?

Who am I?

Good questions … often, how we answer them determine a lot of our future …

18:6-30 Saul Afraid – Wants David Married & Killed

[19] **Saul gave Merab in marriage to Adriel of Meholah.**

[20-22] **Saul offers Michal to ensnare David.**

Starts whisper campaign.

Oh, yeah … ever been the victim of one of those?
whisper … whisper … whisper … SNIVLERS

[23] **David said,**

Do you think it is a small matter to become the king's son-in-law? I'm only a poor man and little known.

[24] **Saul appeals to David's honor … asks for 100 Philistine foreskins hoping that David would be killed by the Philistines.**

18:6-30 Saul Afraid – Wants David Married & Killed

Earning One's Way

26-27 **David pleased to S E R V E … took his men with him and**

David killed 200 two hundred Philistines, brought back their foreskins.

They counted out the full number to the king

TOUGH Jobs … *I'm guessing they got the Accountant to do it*

Lesson is: don't complain about your job again

Saul gave his daughter Michal to David in marriage.

18:6-30 Saul Afraid – Wants David Married & Killed

28-29 When Saul realized the LORD was with David and his daughter Michal loved David, Saul became STILL MORE AFRAID of him.

Jealousy Killing his Spirit

Lonely in Bitterland

30 Philistines continued to battle, and … David met with more success than the rest of Saul's officers, and his name became well known.

19:1-7 Saul Hates – Jonathan Appeases

1-2 **Saul told Jonathan and all to kill David.**

But Jonathan liked David and warned him, "My father Saul is looking to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow; go into hiding and stay there.

3-4 **Jonathan defends … promises to tell David all**

Jonathan's Great Speech

5 **Jonathan to Saul: "David took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The LORD won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?"**

David and Saul
by Ernst Josephson, 1878

King Saul the Pitiful!

19:1-7 Saul Hates – Jonathan Appeases

King Saul the Pitiful!

6 Saul listened and gave an oath:

"As LORD lives, David will not be put to death."

remember what an "oath" meant then

to many, an oath was to DIE for

7 So Jonathan called David and told him
the whole conversation. He brought him to Saul,
and **David was with Saul as before**.

David and Saul
by Ernst Josephson, 1878

though not for Long

Saul is toooo jealous

19:8-17 War Again – David Plays, Saul Throws Spear

8 War again, David beats fights Philistines … they flee

9-10 Evil spirit from the LORD came on Saul …
while David was playing the lyre,

Saul tried to

pin him to the wall
with his spear

David eluded him as Saul
drove the spear into the wall.

That night David made
good his escape.

Saul Attacking David
Giovanni Francesco Barbieri, 1646

19:8-17 War Again – David Plays, Saul Throws Spear

Friendship? … What is it?

WE ALL KNOW

One test of friendship, an *ALMOST* sure test

See what happens when you are DOWN

When the KING is against you – you'll KNOW!

sadly, when we're down,
we find out more than we want

19:8-17 Saul Sends Assassins

LATER ...

11-13 Saul sent assassins to David's HOUSE ...

Michal, David's wife, warned him, "Leave or tomorrow you'll be killed."

Michal let David down through a window, and he fled and escaped....

Michal put idol in bed, with goats' hair at head.

David Makes His Escape
James J. Tissot, 1896-1902
The Jewish Museum, New York

19:11-13

David escapes through window

Michal put idol in bed, with goats' hair at head.

Michal saves David from King Saul
Gustave Doré, 1865

David escapes through window

19:11-13 **Michal put idol in bed, with goats' hair at head.**

- ✓ **Terephim – idol, always plural**
- ✓ **Gen. 31:19 & 34-35, Rachel escapes with Jacob, takes her father's Household Gods "*teraphim*" and sits on it … preventing a full search**
- ✓ **Household idols, often size of a man**

Rachal Sitting on Terephim, 1726-28
Giovanni Battista Tiepolo

David escapes through window

19:11-13 **Michal put idol in bed, with goats' hair at head.**

- ✓ **Remember 1 Sam. 15:23 – Samuel rebukes Saul, "Rebellion like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry – *Terephim*.**
- ✓ **Household idols, size of a man**
- ✓ **Sometimes images of ancestors**
- ✓ **Josephus, A.D. 37-100, Roman Historian said Michal put a *still-moving* goat liver in the bed too – *whew***

Michal saves David from King Saul
Gustave Doré, 1865

David escapes through window

Wear do you go? – Grandpa Samuel!

One thing David is GOOOOD at—

Surviving in the country … *reminds me*

Hank Williams Jr., 1982 release

after 9/11, he rewrote it …

A Country Boy Can Survive

Because you can't starve us out
And you can't make us run
Cuz we're them old boys … raised on shotgun
And we say grace and we say Ma'am
And if you ain't into that … we don't give a damn

Michal saves David from King Saul
Gustave Doré, 1865

19:8-17 War Again – David Plays, Saul Throws Spear

DAVID GONE … Michal puts idol in bed w goats' hair at head.

14 King Saul's men arrive, Michal said, "He is ill." *liver moving*

15 Saul said, "Bring him up to me in his bed so that I may kill him."

16 But the men … saw the idol in the bed, head was some goats' hair.

17 Saul said to Michal, "Why did you deceive me like this and send my enemy away so that he escaped?" Michal told him, "He said to me, 'Let me get away. Why should I kill you?' "

Pretty Tricky HERSELF

Like father, like daughter … only with a twist

David had WON her heart OVER her father the KING

David had a way of winning friends and influencing people

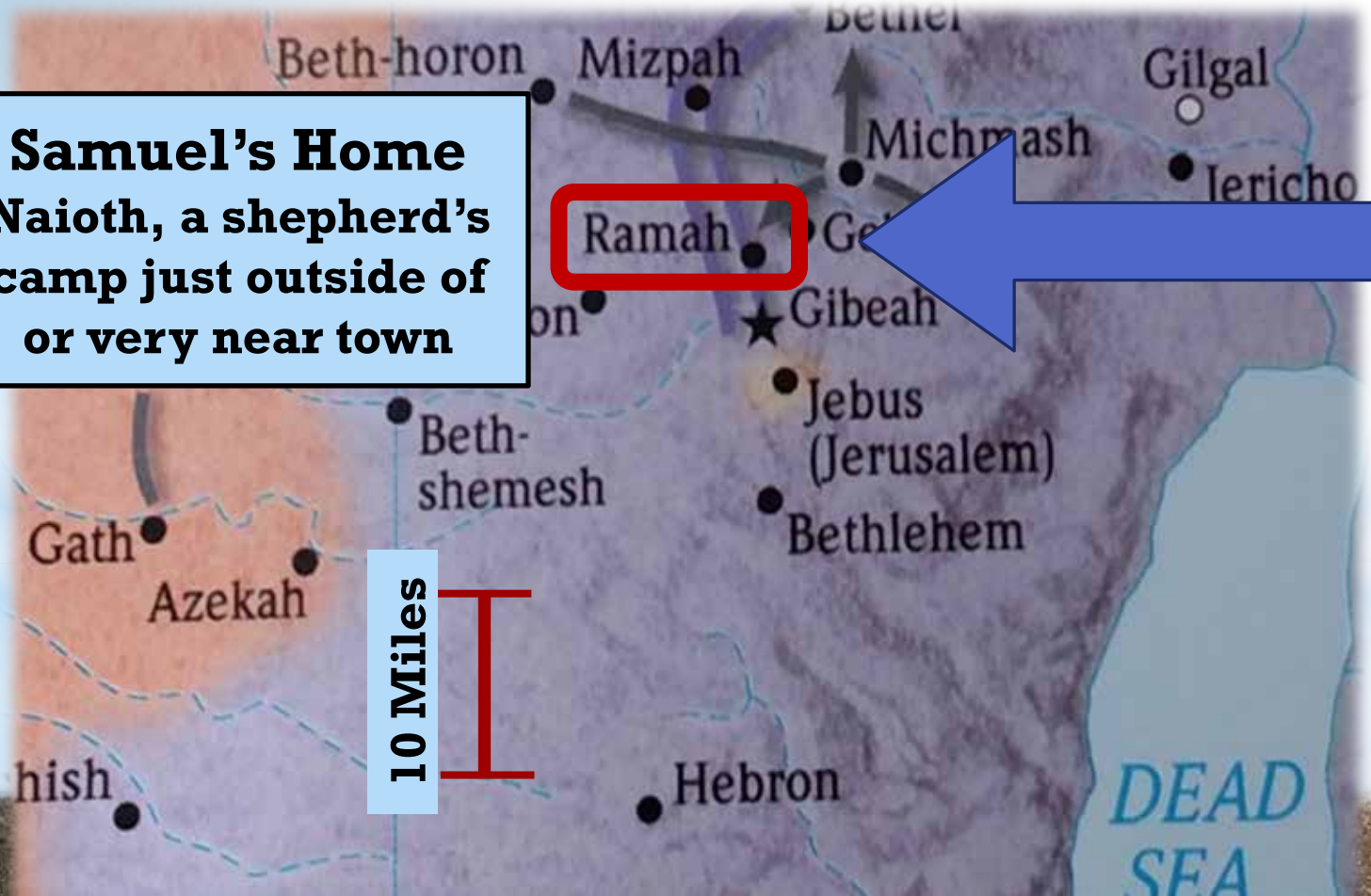
WHY? … jealousy LESS attractive to the honest than LOVE

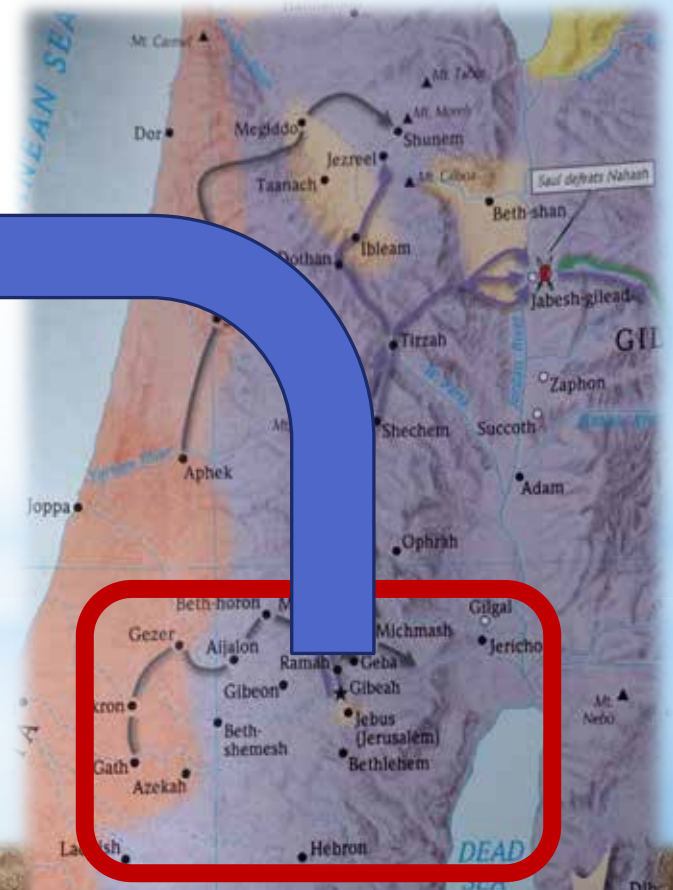
19:18-24 David to Samuel – Prophesy x Four

18 David had fled to Samuel at Ramah and told all … off to Naioth.

19-21 Word to Saul: "David is in Naioth at Ramah" … Saul sent **ASSASSINS**

Samuel's Home
Naioth, a shepherd's camp just outside of or very near town





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19-21 Word to Saul: "David is in Naioth at Ramah" … Saul he sent **ASSASSINS**

1. Saw Samuel & prophets prophesying, Spirit of God – they **prophesied**.
2. Saul told … sent men second time, and they **prophesied** too.
3. Saul sent men a third time, and they also **prophesied**.

22-23 Finally, Saul himself left for Ramah and went to the great cistern at Seku. And he asked, "Where are Samuel and David?" "Over in Naioth at Ramah," they said. So Saul went to Naioth at Ramah. But the Spirit of God came even on him, and **4. he walked along prophesying** until Naioth.

24 He stripped off his garments, and he too prophesied in Samuel's presence. He lay naked all that day and all that night.

This is why people say, "Is Saul also among the prophets?"

19:18-24 David to Samuel – Prophesy x Four

The Prophecy and The Ecstasy

The Agony and The Ecstasy 1965 film starring Charlton Heston as Michelangelo and Rex Harrison as Pope Julius II, partly on Irving Stone's biographical novel

Excellent movie – how "work" can be a passion!

Verses show *spontaneous* "Prophesying" like an ecstasy or possession …

With 1 Samuel, many like these

Jer. 4:19 "my anguish, my anguish, I writhe in pain"

Jer. 23:9, "bones tremble … drunken man … because of his holy words"

19:18-24 David to Samuel – Prophesy x Four

The Prophecy and The Ecstasy

Robert R. Wilson, "Prophecy and Ecstasy: A Reexamination"
Journal of Biblical Literature 983 (Sept., 1979), 321-337.

Most will concur *ecstasy* was divine communication where a person moved from his normal state into an above-normal relation with God

Three Approaches by Scholars

1. No writings of prophets from ecstasy
2. Messages FROM ecstasy, and Prophets wrote them immediately *after*, or wrote them at *later* date in the rational state we find them
3. No writings from ecstasy, though the writing prophet did have the ecstatic experience from time to time

All AGREE that no REAL agreement on the role of ecstatic experiences with written prophecy

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Ecstasy / possession but NOT *a trance* losing ALL conscious

(1) "the hand of the Lord fell upon me" (Ezek 8:1; cf. 1:3; 3:14, 22; 33:22; 37:1; 40:1; Isa 8:11; 1 Kgs 18:46; 2 Kgs 3:15; Jer 15:17)[13]
(2) "the spirit lifted me up" (Ezek 8:3; cf. 11:1, 24; 43:5)
(3) "the spirit entered into me" (Ezek 2:2; 3:24)
(4) "the word of the Lord was to me" (Jer 1:4 and often)
(5) "the spirit rested on them" (Num 11:25–26)
(6) "the spirit of the Lord is upon me" (Isa 61:1)
(7) "the spirit (of the Lord) clothed itself with Gideon/Amasai/Zechariah" (Judg 6:34; 1 Chr 12:19; 2 Chr 24:20)

NOT same or even similar as Holy Spirit coming at Pentecost

19:18-24 David to Samuel – Prophesy x Four

The Prophecy and The Ecstasy

Num. 16:17 – [*Moses chooses 70*] God says, "I'll come down … I'll take some of the power of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them. They will share the burden of the people with you so that you will not have to carry it alone.

Jeremiah Chapter 29 is long letter to people/prophets exiled in Babylon

see ecstatic behavior – copied by false prophets

Jer. 29:8 "God of Israel, says: "Do not let the prophets … deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have." ***warns of false prophets***

29:26 "The LORD has appointed you priest … you should put any maniac who ACTS LIKE a prophet into the stocks and neck-irons..

29:27 why have you not reprimanded Jeremiah from Anathoth,

who *p o s e s* as a prophet among you?

19:18-24 David to Samuel – Prophesy x Four

18 David had fled to Samuel at Ramah and told all … off to Naioth.

19-21 Word to Saul: "David is in Naioth at Ramah" … he sent men FOUR times, men sent **prophesied** … then Saul **prophesied**

God certainly does have a sense of Humor!

God got Saul's attention

24 Saul lay naked all that day and all that night.

David and Saul
by Ernst Josephson, 1878

20:1-4 David to Jonathan – I'm a Dead Man

20:1 **David to Naioth at Ramah … to Jonathan,**

"What have I done? What is my crime?
How have I wronged your father, that he is trying to kill me?"

2 **"Never!" Jonathan replied. "You are not going to die! Look, my father doesn't do anything, great or small, without letting me know.… It isn't so!"**

3 **David took an oath and said, "Your father knows very well that I have found favor in your eyes, and he has said to himself, 'Jonathan must not know this or he will be grieved.' Yet as surely as the Lord lives and as you live, there is only a step between me and death."**

Slowly … Jonathan connects the dots of the last year

4 **Jonathan said to David,**

"Whatever you want me to do, I'll do for you."

20:5-9 David & Jonathan Conspire

5-6 David … New Moon feast said,

"tomorrow is feast … supposed to dine with the king … I'll hide …

If your father misses me …

permission to Bethlehem, his hometown, for annual sacrifice is being made there for his whole clan."

7 If kings says, 'Very well' – I'm Safe! …

if Saul loses his temper – I'm Dead!

David's *INSIGHT* astounding!

David and Jonathan, Gustave Doré's illustrations for La Grande Bible de Tours

20:5-9 David & Jonathan Conspire

7 if loses his temper – I'm Dead!

As for you,
show kindness to your servant …

If I am guilty, then kill me yourself!
Why hand me over to your father?"

9 " N E V E R ! " Jonathan said.

"If I had the least inkling that my father was determined to harm you, wouldn't I tell you?"

David and Jonathan, Gustave Doré's illustrations for La Grande Bible de Tours

20:10-17 David & Jonathan's Covenant

10-11 David and Jonathan go into a field to talk

12-13 Jonathan promises to find out from father and tell David

of King Saul's **FAVOR** or **DISFAVOR**

14-15 Jonathan asks David for "unfailing kindness"

do not ever cut off your kindness from my family—
not even when the Lord has cut off every one of
David's enemies from the face of the earth."

16 Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David …

17 Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath

because he loved him as he loved himself.

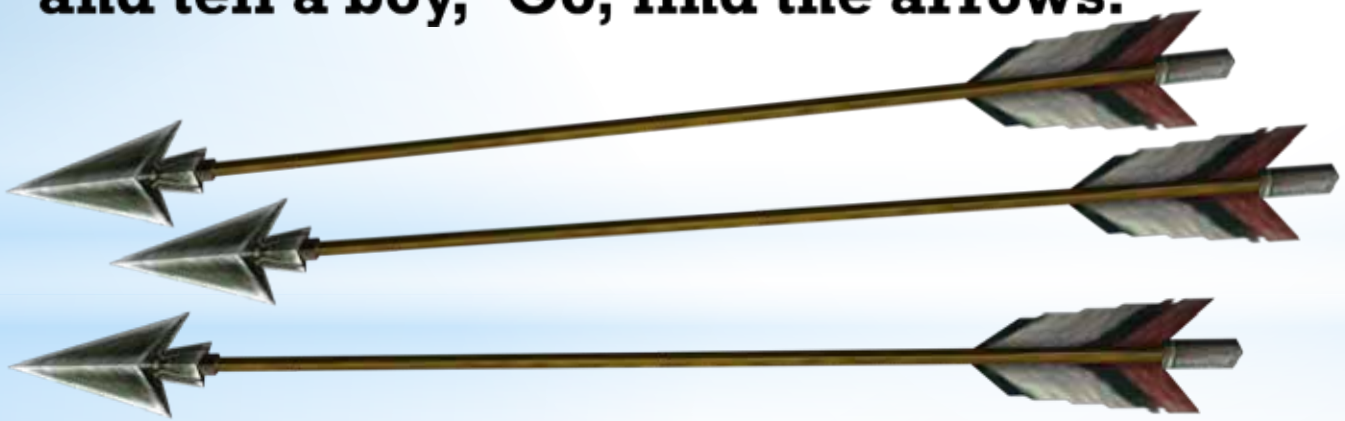
20:18-23 David & Jonathan – Arrows of Destiny

18-19 Jonathan said to David, "New Moon feast.... missed, your seat empty. In morning, day after tomorrow ... go to same place ... stone Ezel.

20 I will shoot three arrows ...

Arrows of Destiny

and tell a boy, 'Go, find the arrows.'



Jonathan's Token to David, 1868
Frederic Leighton
1st Baron Leighton of Stretton

20:18-23 David & Jonathan – Arrows of Destiny

New Moon feast

Hebrew "month" means "new moon."

Num. 28:11-15, special services

- ✓ **watch for the first sliver seen**
- ✓ **announced throughout country**
- ✓ **signal fires on the mountaintops**
- ✓ **blowing of trumpets**

All the festivals were to be observed sincerely …

To be Observed with Good Heart

20:18-23 David & Jonathan – Arrows of Destiny

New Moon feast

King Saul should know …

300 years later, Isaiah would open his masterpiece with a *scathing* rebuke

Isaiah 1:13-14 – "Stop bringing meaningless offerings! … Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me"

Verse just following that

15 – When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood!

Lord had truly departed from Saul!

20:18-23 David & Jonathan – Arrows of Destiny

[20] I will shoot **three arrows** …
Arrows of Destiny
and tell a boy, 'Go, find the arrows.'

[21-22] If I say to boy, Arrows are on this side of you; then as the Lord lives, you are safe – **no danger**

But if I say, Look, the arrows are beyond you, then you must go, the **Lord has sent you away**.

[23] Remember, the Lord is witness between you and me **forever**."

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20:24-35 Saul's Anger at David, Spear to Jonathan

24-32 – at New Moon feast came … David absent

Jonathan sifts out King Saul … and Saul BLOWS up

You son of a perverse and rebellious woman! Don't I know that you have sided with the son of Jesse to your own shame and to the shame of the mother who bore you? … David must die!"

33 **Saul hurled his spear at him to kill him.**

King Saul the Pitiful – *blaming his wife*

Then Jonathan knew that his father intended to kill David.

34 Jonathan got up in fierce anger; on that day he did not eat, because he was grieved at his father's shameful treatment of David.

20:35-40 Tested Friends – Jonathan and David's Secret

35 In the morning Jonathan went out to the field for his meeting with David. He had a small boy with him,

36-37 and he said to the boy, "Run and find the arrows I shoot." As the boy ran, he shot an arrow beyond him.

When the boy came to the place where Jonathan's arrow had fallen, Jonathan called out after him, "Isn't the arrow beyond you?"

38-39 Then he shouted, "Hurry! Go quickly! Don't stop!" The boy picked up the arrow and returned to his master. (The boy knew nothing about all this; only Jonathan and David knew.)

40 Then Jonathan gave his weapons to the boy and said, "Go, carry them back to town."

20:41-42 Timeless Friends – Jonathan and David Wept

41 After the boy had gone, David got up from the south side of the stone and bowed down before Jonathan three times, with his face to the ground.

kissed each other and wept together—but David wept the MOST.

good friends

David & Jonathan, 1641
Rembrandt

20:41-42 Timeless Friends – Jonathan and David Wept

42 Jonathan said to David,

Go in peace, for we have sworn friendship with each other in the name of the LORD, saying,

David & Jonathan, 1641
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20:41-42 Timeless Friends – Jonathan and David Wept

saying,

The LORD is witness
between you and me,
and between
your descendants and
my descendants forever.

David & Jonathan, 1641
Rembrandt

20:41-42 Timeless Friends – Jonathan and David Wept

Then David left,

and Jonathan went back to the town.

Of all the "*lessons*" … *if you want to call them that*

real friends DO, ACT … not just talk …

Of ALLLLL the "*lessons*" from 1 Sam. 18-20

ONE stands above *A L L*

A Good Friend will Help Save Your Life

Be a Friend … faithful and true …

Lord's Blessing in Life

especially in hard times