

King David

David was sanctified when the prophet Samuel came to see Jesse's sons and declared David as worthy of presiding over a kingdom by anointing him with the horn of oil to bestow the spirit of the lord upon him. He performed many acts that aided the people of Israel:

- It was said that the evil spirit within Saul, the King of Israel, could only be banished when David would play his harp
- When the Israelites started fighting with the Philistines a giant of their people, Goliath, challenged them to a deciding fight with their champion. David came forth as the champion and slew him with 5 smooth stones he retrieved from a river
- Saul made David a commander of his army but, after retrieving 200 Philistine foreskins as a symbol of marriage to his daughter Michal, he feared David would soon take the kingdom. He fled once Jonathan warned him of the impending plot to kill him.

After Jonathan and Saul lost their lives in an ensuing battle with the Philistines, due to his impressive actions, David went to Hebron and was made King of Judah.

Once David had been crowned king he committed adultery with Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah the Hittite. He attempted to conceal his actions but failed to do so and ended up ordering the death of Uriah so that he may be with Bathsheba, who was pregnant with his child. But the prophet Nathan abhorred these actions and condemned his child to die; after seven days the child passed away due to an illness given to him by God. It was David's fault when his rebellious son Absalom was killed on the battlefield. This meant that now Adonijah was the rightful heir to the throne.

When David later aged considerably Adonijah, his eldest son, declared himself king. However Bathsheba and the prophet Nathan brokered an agreement with David so that Solomon, Bathsheba's son, would be crowned king. David promised Solomon that their family line would inherit the throne forever, and asked him to smite his enemies when he had