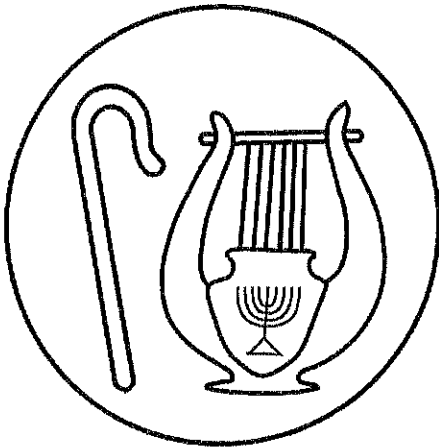


December 13: King David



King Saul was tormented by an evil spirit and became depressed. He sent for David who played the harp very well. When David played music for him, he would feel better, and the evil spirit would leave him. David wrote many songs now called Psalms, which are in the Bible. David also is known for being brave and killing the Philistine giant Goliath by using a rock and a slingshot. Later King Saul was killed in a battle with the Philistines. David was anointed king by the elders of Israel. The prophet Nathan announced to David that his "throne will be established forever." This was fulfilled in that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is a descendent from the line of King David.



Statue of King David
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2 Samuel 7:16-17.
¹⁶ "Your throne will be established forever."
¹⁷ Nathan spoke to David...

1 Samuel 16:14-23. ¹⁴ Now Yahweh's Spirit departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from Yahweh troubled him. ¹⁵ Saul's servants said to him, "See now, an evil spirit from God troubles you. ¹⁶ Let our lord now command your servants who are in front of you to seek out a man who is a skillful player on the harp. Then when the evil spirit from God is on you, he will play with his hand, and you will be well."

¹⁷ Saul said to his servants, "Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me."

¹⁸ Then one of the young men answered, and said, "Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and Yahweh is with him." ¹⁹ Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse, and said, "Send me David your son, who is with the sheep."

²⁰ Jesse took a donkey loaded with bread, and a bottle of wine, and a young goat, and sent them by David his son to Saul. ²¹ David came to Saul, and stood before him. He loved him greatly; and he became his armor bearer.

²² Saul sent to Jesse, saying, "Please let David stand before me; for he has found favor in my sight." ²³ When the spirit from God was on Saul, David took the harp, and played with his hand; so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

1 Samuel 17:49-50. ⁴⁹ David put his hand in his bag, took a stone, and slung it, and struck the Philistine in his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the earth. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine, and killed him; but there was no sword in the hand of David.