



# The Story of David

## ⑦ The End of King Saul and the Beginning of King David

**Narration** King Saul tried day and night to capture David but he could not find him. Meanwhile, David fled to the neighbouring nations to avoid King Saul. David lived in safety where King Saul could not come. Then one day, the Philistine army gathered its forces and invaded Israel.

**Baby** Mo..mommy~~~!

**Person 1** Pl..pl..please spare my life~

**Narration** King Saul and his followers were so scared when they saw the Philistine army that it was only then they remembered God and asked Him what they should do. However God did answer, neither through dreams nor through the prophets. King Saul was so terrified by God's silence that in the end he turned to a Shaman (who God had forbidden).

**Saul** Find me a Shaman so that I may inquire of her.

**Narration** King Saul disguised himself and went to the Shaman . He asked her to bring up the spirit of Samuel who had died. The Shaman did as King Saul requested and called out the spirit of Samuel.

**Samuel** Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?

**Saul** I am in great distress. The Philistine army have invaded but God no longer answers me. I am so afraid and don't know what to do anymore – that's why I have called on you.

**Samuel** For so long you have disobeyed God. You did not practice the word of God – that is why you are in this situation today! There is nothing more you can do now You and Israel will be conquered by the Philistine army and will suffer greatly. In particular, you and your sons will face death in battle. All of this is because you did not obey the Lord!



**Narration** King Saul was so shocked by Samuel's words. He returned to his palace filled with so much fear that he could barely walk. Soon, the Philistine army fiercely attacked Israel, and as Samuel had prophesied Israel lost terribly.

**Army** Euuuugh! No~~~~~ Pl...pl..please spare m....euuuugh.



**Narration** Numerous soldiers and people of Israel died in battle. Among them were King Saul and also his son, Jonathan. David heard of the death of King Saul and Jonathan while he was in hiding in a faraway country and he wept in sadness for them.

**David** Waaaaaaaaaaah



**Narration** David sang a sad song for them and mourned them. When the battle ended, the Israelites, who had lost their king, came to David and asked him to be their king. Thus, in the end, according to the will of God, in accordance with the anointing by Samuel. David became king and ruled over Israel according to God's words. The story of David's life as king will continue next season, so watch this space!