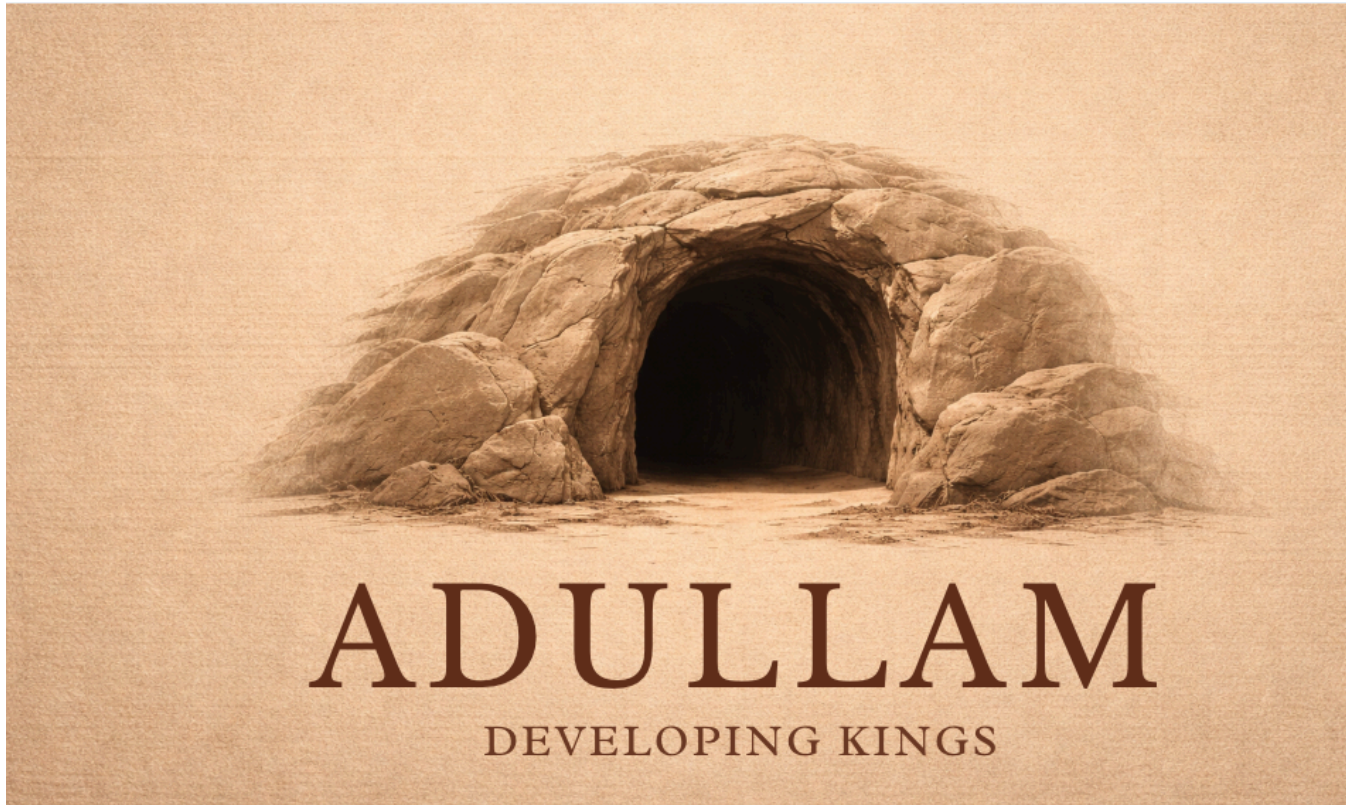


Adullam: Developing Kings

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Good morning TAC,

In the continuation of our Israel geography series we will be covering Adullam: Developing Kings. This morning we have life changing topics to cover that are both grounded in our daily practice and inform our larger view of Messiah the son of David. In the effort to spur on unity in the larger body of Christ we are going to do something that is very Baptist today..... We are going to show you a slide in advance that outlines what we are about to cover.

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We are telling you what we are teaching, we are going to teach it and then we are going to review it. We are that committed to you being transformed by today's content.

As you can see on the overview slide, we are going to begin with the birth place of kings and take you on a tour of Bethlehem's positioning.

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Bethlehem, is today an Arab populated area within Israel that Jewish Israeli citizens are not even allowed to enter. Historically, it has been a quiet and obscure village that you would pass by without ever noticing. This place of obscure, agricultural life was in fact the birth place for Israel's royal line.

Let's take our next slide:

Bethlehem

1 Samuel 16:1 (ESV)

16 The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the **Bethlehemite**, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”

Matthew 2:1 (ESV)

The Visit of the Wise Men

2 Now after Jesus was born in **Bethlehem** of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem,

David the founder of the Davidic dynasty and a man after God's own heart was born in this humble and obscure little village. As we learn later it was specifically the work of a shepherd that God used to develop the early character in him required for his later leadership role over all Israel.

Jesus, the son of David was also born in this remote village to a family of humble status.

David is the founder of the Davidic line to whom Jesus belongs and the prototype for Jesus accomplishments. Many of these parallels are clearly visible in Jesus earthly ministry. Other parallels will become apparent at His return.

What you should be taking from the birth place of both David and Jesus is that: Kings are **birthed in unexpected places**... even places like Crystal Lake that are of no account on the world scene and yet are used by God to form the initial character required for the later work.

***Men from galilee... Bethlehem... never the capitol.. Always from the obscure.

It's never Houston, it's in a little shopping center in Sugar Land

It's never D.C. it's in a tent in Gainesville, Virginia

It's never Baton Rouge, it's in house and an open walled church in Denham Springs

It's never Dallas, It's Denton!

**It is for this reason the work in Italy is named Betleme.

We are going to flash forward to the end of David's life and show you the things that he was reflecting on:

- o **2 Samuel 23:1 (ESV)**

23 Now these are the **last words of David**:

The oracle of David, **the son of Jesse** (The Bethlehemite)

,

the oracle of the man who was raised on high,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the sweet psalmist of Israel:

Remember these are the last words of King David. His introduction calls to mind his father and humble origins. Then it highlights the way God raised him up. Clearly his path from birth in Bethlehem to kingship is on his mind in his last words.

- o **2 Samuel 23:2–7 (ESV)**

2 “The Spirit of the LORD speaks by me;
his word is on my tongue.

3 The God of Israel has spoken;
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

When one rules justly over men,
ruling in the fear of God,

4 he dawns on them like the morning light,
like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning,
like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth.

5 “For does not **my house** stand so with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

For will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

6 But worthless men are all like thorns that are thrown
away,

for they cannot be taken with the hand;

7 but the man who touches them
arms himself with iron and the shaft of a spear,
and they are utterly consumed with fire.”

David's words are in regard to the rulership of national Israel. When Israel is ruled well everything prospers. In this sense his "House" is not just about his personal family unit but the welfare of the nation that he ruled.

After discussing the righteous rulership of national Israel. David moves to another group that is of mixed origins.

- o **2 Samuel 23:8 (ESV)**

8 These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: ...

Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite; he was chief of the three. He wielded his spear against eight hundred whom he killed at one time.

David, had a special core of mighty men that numbered upward of 30. These were men who were specially set apart from Israel's main armies because they had been with David from the beginning and developed extraordinary aptitude by becoming like David.

In your own time you can research the names that are listed and you will find that many of them were in fact **gentiles**. Next we have a summary pulled from academic resources for you about these men.

David's mighty men originated from a remarkable group that gathered around him during his time in Adullam, a period of great challenge and transformation. Those who were in distress, debt, or under persecution flocked to David, and he became their shepherd leader. Around four hundred such people gathered around him, and he welcomed them as his own family.[1]

David's army consisted of professional soldiers divided into two groups—Israelites and Gentile mercenaries. The Israelite contingent grew out of the “mighty men” who had followed David before he became king. These warriors were originally from among the 400 friends of David, many of whom were dissidents under Saul. When David became king, these men became his royal strategists and advisors, responsible for training and commanding the civilian militia. The top warriors were known as “the Three” and “the Thirty,” occupying high positions in the army.[2] Interestingly, some of these mighty men were even Gentiles—an Ammonite and a Moabite—which was seen as an indication that the Son of David would have worthies among the Gentiles, reflecting that “with him there is neither Greek nor Jew.”[3]

Some of their remarkable exploits included Abishai slaying 300 men with his own spear, Benaiah killing two Moabitish giants and an Egyptian giant, and Asahel being described as one of the valiant men.[4] What made these men honorable was their service to their king and country—they helped make David king, slew the Philistines and other public enemies, and were instrumental in saving Israel. They gained this honor through labor and risking their lives.[3]

[1] Koowon Kim, r Samuel, ed. Federico G. Villanueva et al., Asia Bible Commentary Series (Carlisle, Cumbria; Manila, Philippines: Asia Theological Association; Langham Global Library, 2019).

[2] J. I. Packer, Merrill Chapin Tenney, and William White Jr., Nelson's Illustrated Manners and Customs of the Bible (Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson, 1997).

[3] Crossway, ESV Church History Study Bible (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2023), 1 Samuel 26:26.

[4] H. D. M. Spence-Jones, ed., 1 Chronicles, The Pulpit Commentary (London; New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company, 1909), 1 Chronicles 11:23.

David's last words present a vivid picture that is remarkable. At the end of his life and storied history he focused on exactly two things:

- o **The welfare of national Israel**
- o **and the men of mixed origin that were developed right alongside him during his trials.**

However, David didn't produce mighty men on day one. God had to first bring him through a process that started with lions and bears but brought him face to face with giants. Our next stop in your Israel tour for the day is the valley of Elah where the faith of kings is built.

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Play Valley of Elah short (Turn up the sound)

Let's pick up in 1 Samuel 17 as David explains how the Lord built his faith.

Next slide:

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1 Samuel 17:32–37 (ESV)

³² And David said to Saul, “Let no man’s heart fail because of him. Your servant will and fight with this Philistine.” ³³ And Saul said to David, “You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him, for you are but a youth, and he has been a man of war from his youth.” ³⁴ But David said to Saul, “Your servant used to keep sheep for my father. And when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb from the flock, ³⁵ I went after him and struck him and delivered it out of his mouth. And if he arose against me, I caught him by his beard and struck him and killed him. ³⁶ Your servant has struck down both lions and bears, and **this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God.**” ³⁷ And David said, “The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine.” And Saul said to David, “Go, and the Lord be with you!”

David was born in Bethlehem, and there the seeds of his kingship first took root. His demanding work as a shepherd had quietly prepared him for the battles that lay ahead—Goliath, in truth, was only the beginning. The scene in 1 Samuel 17 showcases **the character that had been steadily formed in David through years of routine faithfulness**. Now, standing before this towering challenge, he trusted that God would deliver him, just as He had countless times before.

o Psalm 144:9–11 (ESV)

9 I will sing a new song to you, O God;
upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you,
10 **who gives victory to kings,**
who rescues David his servant from the cruel sword.
11 Rescue me and deliver me
from the hand of foreigners,
whose mouths speak lies
and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

Don't forget David's "love" letter to Goliath...even in this moment, David, who had already been anointed king by Samuel was speaking of victory not just to one king but to KINGS! **This is a man of great Faith and that faith was on display in the Valley of Elah...including his time with the Lord before the battle!**

It is highly likely that David had faced many trials in this very location while being a shepherd. David's faith—the faith of a king was built over time in these areas through faithfulness. It's important to remember, Goliath was just an event enemy in a long line of previously defeated adversaries.

We are going to continue reading in the same chapter.

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1 Samuel 17:48–51 (ESV)

⁴⁸ When the Philistine arose and came and drew near to meet David, **David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet the Philistine.** ⁴⁹ And David put his hand in his bag and took out a stone and slung it and struck the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell on his face to the ground. ⁵⁰ So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine and killed him. There was no sword in the hand of David. ⁵¹ Then David ran and stood over the Philistine and took his sword and drew it out of its sheath and killed him and **cut off his head** with it. When the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled.

David, had no problem running head long into this fight because his faith had been built over time in this very geographic area. After defeating the giant David cut his head off and carried it around as a symbol of what God could accomplish with even a young boy who was consistently faithful overtime. (David was already used to protecting his own backyard)

You may remember that David picked up five smooth stone in this location. This addition of ammunition was a useful reminder for the battles ahead but it was far from the biggest increase that he would experience. Before we get to those topics let's show you some similar themes in the life of the Son of David.

Jesus: Dominance Over Enemies

- Matthew 8:16 — Jesus heals many and casts out spirits with a word.
- Matthew 8:28–34 — Healing of the two demon-possessed men in the region of the Gadarenes (Legion story).
- Matthew 9:32–34 — Healing of a mute demoniac.
- Matthew 12:22–29 — Healing of a blind and mute demoniac; teaching on binding the strong man.
- Matthew 15:21–28 — Healing of the Canaanite woman's daughter (demon cast out at a distance).
- Matthew 17:14–18 — Healing of the boy with a demon causing seizures.
- Mark 1:23–27 — Healing of a man with an unclean spirit in the synagogue at Capernaum.
- Mark 1:32–34 — Many healed and demons cast out.
- Mark 1:39 — Preaching and casting out demons throughout Galilee.
- Mark 3:11–12 — Unclean spirits fall before Him, acknowledging Him.
- Mark 5:1–20 — Healing of the Gerasene demoniac (Legion).
- Mark 7:24–30 — Healing of the Syrophenician woman's daughter.
- Mark 9:14–29 — Healing of the boy with a mute spirit.
- Luke 4:33–36 — Healing of a man with an unclean spirit in the Capernaum synagogue.
- Luke 4:40–41 — Many healed; demons cast out, declaring Him the Son of God.
- Luke 6:18 — People healed of unclean spirits.
- Luke 8:2 — Mary Magdalene, from whom seven demons were cast out.
- Luke 8:26–39 — Healing of the Gerasene demoniac (Legion).
- Luke 9:37–43 — Healing of the boy with a demon.
- Luke 11:14–26 — Healing of a mute demoniac; teaching on divided kingdom and return of unclean spirits.
- Luke 13:10–17 — Healing of a woman crippled by a spirit for eighteen years.

What you are looking at on the slide are the recorded accounts of Jesus the Son of David driving out demons—Demons are the departed spirits of Rephaim or giants that once lived on the earth. David struck these giants down in his ministry and Jesus drove their spirits out in His ministry. Acts summarizes it this way:

- **Acts 10:38 (ESV)**

38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

The earthly work of the 1st and 2nd David exemplified the same dominance over enemies.

However, the work of the Son of David was not confined to the spirits of deceased giants. In His death on the cross He actually sprung a trap that caught the highest malevolent powers that exist.

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1 Corinthians 2:8–9 (ESV)

⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

Colossians 2:14–15 (ESV)

¹⁴ by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Today, is not a celestial powers lesson but most of you will recognize that the word for rulers in both of these passages is archons. In Jesus, the son of David, a willing death trap was sprung that caught the highest evil powers that exist—exposing them to shame and triumphing over them.

David, willingly put his life on the line and in doing so brought victory to national Israel. Jesus laid His life down and in doing so triumphed over the enemies of all mankind.

David picked up five stones in the Valley of Elah, and that moment was another step in his faith. Yet the true expansion of his armament was still to come. **Though he had been anointed king by Samuel, it was not slaying Goliath that caused him to be recognized as king by all the people.**

What eventually led to David's recognition was a much harder process. The five stones were good, but the 400 men about to be gathered to him at Adullam were better—for it was with them that his kingship was forged and the path to the crown was opened. Next slide:



[Caves of Adullam.mov](#)

We have been reading about Adullam for many years and still the conditions were far less glorious than we were expecting.

Let's pick up in:

- o **1 Samuel 22:1–2 (ESV)**
22 David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam. And when his **brothers** and **all his father's house** heard it, they went down there to him. 2 And everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul, gathered to him. And **he became commander over them**. And there were with him about four hundred men.

The very first group to gather around David, at a time when the nation did not yet recognize him as king, **was a remnant from his father's house. In many ways this mirrors the earliest community of believers in the first century, which consisted entirely of Jews until the events of Acts 10–11. The second group to join him was a mixed rabble—men dissatisfied with their status in life for various reasons. Together, these two groups—the remnant of Israel and the discontented outsiders—began to recognize David's leadership.** Over time, they were transformed into his mighty men, the core of the army that would establish his kingship. As we noted earlier, David's defeat of Goliath was one more step in the development of the faith of **A** king. David's time in Adullam truly was the development of **Kings**...

While it is possible for the development of kings to sound glorious while we are sitting here (in a heated room with comfortable chairs) talking about it, we assure you it is not. As a reminder let's pull up our next slide:





This is where the future king of Israel spent his days. In our preaching and teaching we often emphasize the heart of the king who labors among the distressed and discontented, seeing in it an image of God with us. Yet this was also David's reality as a man. He was living in a cave, surrounded by men who were far from the best of their class. If you read through Samuel, you see that they often rebelled and even spoke of stoning him. But they did not remain that way! Through these trials, God was shaping them into mighty warriors—and at the same time, shaping David himself into a king.

With that in mind, let's pick up with something David wrote while in the cave:

- o **Psalm 57: 1-2 (ESV)**

57 TO THE CHOIRMASTER: ACCORDING TO DO NOT DESTROY. A MIKTAM OF DAVID, WHEN HE FLED FROM SAUL, **IN THE CAVE.**

1 Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in you my soul takes refuge;
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,
till the storms of destruction pass by.

2 I cry out to God Most High,
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.

With the cave system in view, David's words take on greater depth and weight. He was called to be king, yet here he was—hiding in those dark caverns with a band of malcontents. Can you see why his soul had to take refuge in God, why he reminded himself that the Most High would fulfill His purpose for him? Every circumstance pressed against him, whispering that his calling was lost, that he would never rise to kingship, that he was **trapped** in this situation. The lions, the bears, even Goliath—those were faith builders. But what truly shaped David into a king was this season in the cave of Adullam, when his purpose seemed buried or forgotten, and yet he clung to the Lord and poured himself into whatever kind of men God sent his way.

****It is in the faithful monotonous task of developing men over years that makes Kings...**

In the first few verses, you get a sense of David's cry before the Lord. As we move to verse 7, you will see the resolve of his heart to stand faithfully with the Lord:

- o **Psalm 57: 7 (ESV)**

7 **My heart is steadfast, O God,
my heart is steadfast!**
I will sing and make melody!

David's heart is steadfast.... Because he has made a choice for it to be so. He is going to stand with the Lord no matter what it takes or how difficult it gets, trusting that God will fulfill His purpose for his life.

- o **Psalm 57: 8 (ESV)**

8 Awake, my glory!
Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn!

We do not know at what hour David was singing, and the physical dawn was never the point. His words declare that in the midst of a long and dreary season, he will awaken the dawn through trust in God. (if you are going to awaken the dawn, you have to get up while it's still dark) This is the cry of a soul pressed on every side, worn down by circumstance, yet refusing to remain in darkness. He will awaken the dawn—by trusting, by praising, by lifting his voice to the God who fulfills His purpose. (David's development of these men is also his development) (*nearby is the place he grew up, also a place of great glory...but that's not the place he's in right now...)

- o **Psalm 57: 9-11 (ESV)**

9 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
10 For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.
11 Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!
Let your glory be over all the earth!

Notice the man called to be king—living in a hole in the ground, surrounded by the distressed and discontented—yet declaring, “I will sing praises to You among the nations.” This is the making of a king. Lower than dirt, encircled by those the world despised, he remained faithful: pouring into the men around him and trusting that God would raise up a testimony before the nations. David looked **trapped** but it only served to produced **steadfastness** in him. David looked as **obscure** as a man could get, in a hole under the earth, and yet his **influence** would in the end, effect men from every nation on earth. What he wrote made it as far as us here in Crystal Lake...our own Adullam.

Psalm 57 was not the only Psalm written in the cave. Consider this next one:

- o **Psalm 142: 1-7 (ESV)**

142 A MASKIL OF DAVID, WHEN HE WAS **IN THE CAVE**. A PRAYER.

1 With my voice I cry out to the LORD;
with my voice I plead for mercy to the LORD.

2 I pour out my complaint before him;
I tell my trouble before him.

3 When my spirit faints within me,
you know my way!

In the path where I walk
they have hidden a trap for me.

4 Look to the right and see:
there is none who takes notice of me;
no refuge remains to me;
no one cares for my soul.

5 I cry to you, O LORD;
I say, “You are my refuge,
my portion in the land of the living.”

6 Attend to my cry,
for I am brought very low!

Deliver me from my persecutors,
for they are too strong for me!

7 Bring me out of **prison**,
that I may give thanks to your name!

The righteous will surround me,

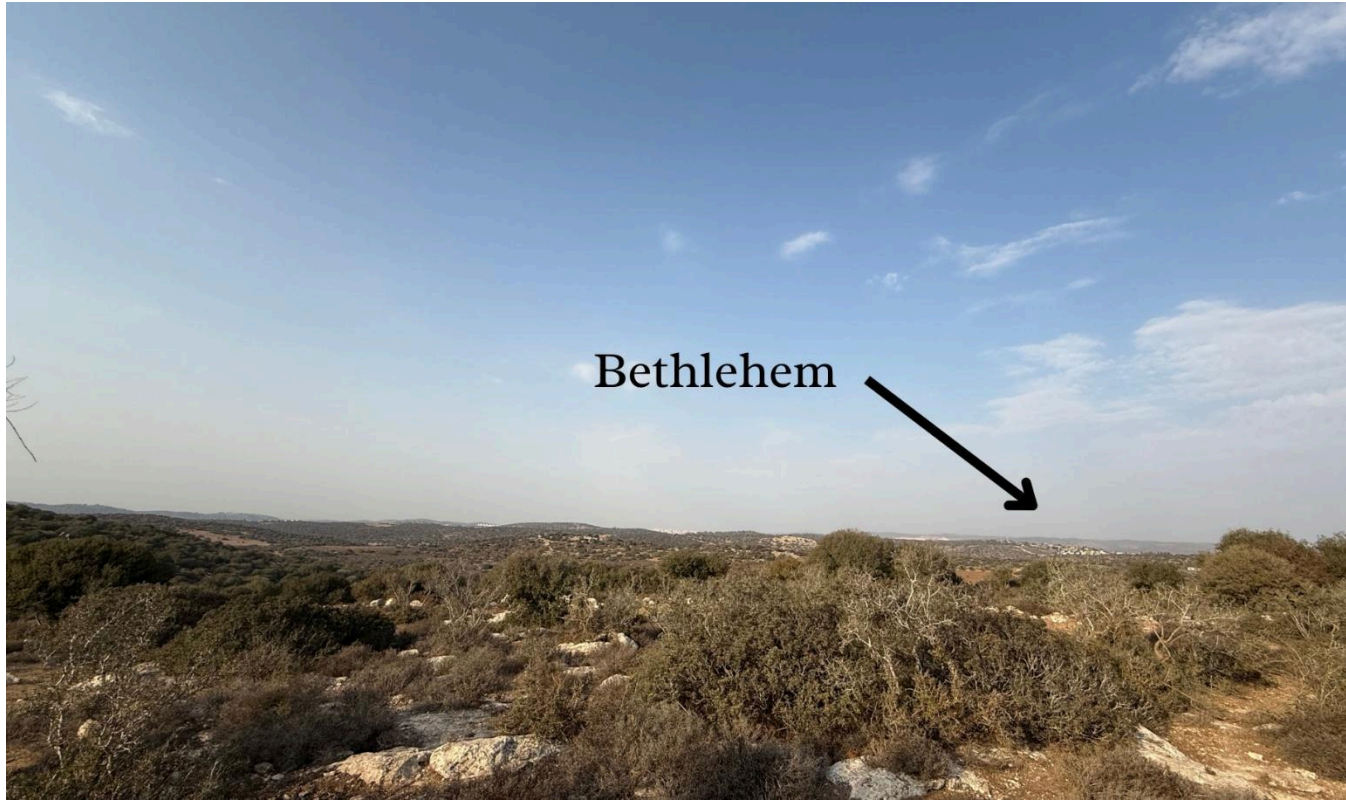
for you will deal bountifully with me.

Once again, David is sitting in a cave system, surrounded by men who are not yet transformed. His words capture both his immediate reality and the future of what God would do. Surrounded by these men, he laments, “**No one** takes notice of me,” because at that moment they did not—and had not yet been transformed. From the cave he cries, “Bring me out of this **prison**.” Yet in verse 7 he lifts his eyes to a greater reality, perceivable only by faith: “The righteous **will** surround me, for You **will** deal bountifully with me.”

In that place of obscurity, God was shaping kings. The very men who once seemed aimless and unformed were being refined into the righteous who would surround him. And through David’s faithfulness, God’s bountiful work became evident—not only in their transformation, but in David’s own formation as Israel’s king.

These sites are building on one another and will yield a greater picture. Let's pull up that next slide:





The making of a king requires the ability to look beyond what the world already calls glorious and to take what the Father provides, shaping it into glory. At Adullam, David did not go out recruiting followers. His father's household and a mixed company of men came to him because the Father drew them. As the map shows, one of the main approaches to Adullam passes through the Valley of Elah—the very place where David's faith had already been tested and proven. His years of building the faith of a king stood as a testimony that these men walked through to join him. In the end, those who came to David needed transformation, but they also recognized his faith and calling when no one else did. This was the process by which God was making a king and his mighty men.

That brings us to the 4th point:

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Learning the geography of Israel unlocks treasures beyond description. Bethlehem was the birthplace of both King David and King Jesus, and the victories David won in the Valley of Elah are mirrored and magnified in the ministry, death, and resurrection of Christ. The parallels between David's difficult days in Adullam—discipling a band of men—and Jesus' own discipleship of His followers need little explanation to be seen. Yet these connections run deeper than we often imagine. That truth is about to come into view in a way we guarantee you have never seen before.

We are going to start in Micah 5:

- o **Micah 5:1–4 (ESV)**

5 Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops;
siege is laid against us;
with a rod they strike the judge of Israel
on the cheek.

2 But you, O **Bethlehem** Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me

**one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.**

3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the
strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

It is no surprise to most biblical students that Micah foretells the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem or that he predicted Jesus being struck. However, it is the ongoing description of Jesus' rulership in the image of David that most are unaware of. Like Jesus:

- David was also born in Bethlehem
- David was also besieged not by a foreign power but by Saul
- David's brothers also had to return to David
- David also became one of the greatest kings on earth
- Jesus is the son of David and the greater David

Let's keep reading because there is **more**:

- **Micah 5:5–6 (ESV)**

5 And he shall be their peace.
When the Assyrian comes into our land
and treads in our palaces,
then we will raise against him seven shepherds
and eight princes of men;

6 they shall shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword,
(shepherds who wield swords)
and the land of Nimrod at its entrances;
and **he** shall deliver us from **the** Assyrian
when **he** comes into our land

and treads within our border.

To fully grasp Micah's prophecy, some background is essential. He speaks during a time when the Assyrian empire dominates the biblical landscape and threatens Judah's territories. His visions of Messiah portray a reign extending into northern Mesopotamia, the very region from which Assyria emanates. These borders are tied to the Euphrates, the northern frontier of the biblical world.

The last era when Israel held sway over these lands was in the days of King David and King Solomon. Since then, Israel's influence in the wider region had steadily diminished. Micah declares that Messiah will restore Israel's dominion as in David's time—but on a far greater scale.

(Micah is standing in a time when the Assyrians have encroached again, he's talking about the victory that messiah will bring when the people of God will actually go into the Assyrians (antichrist) territory)

With Micah's portrayal of Messiah's reign being in the image of David, but greater, let's review our slide:

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- **Bethlehem:** Kings are made in obscurity. Don't despise small beginnings
- **Valley of Elah:** Laying down your life brings the victory of the King in your life
- **Adullam:** You're not trapped, you're receiving an opportunity to increase steadfastness. You might feel insignificant, but you will influence men from many nations
- **Micah:** the Messiah that you have pledged your allegiance to will restore dominant rule after He returns

Now we have arrived at what we guaranteed to be new to you. In light of Micah's portrayal of Messiah in the image of David consider:



Micah 1:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ I will again bring a conqueror to you, inhabitants of Mareshah; the glory of Israel shall come to Adullam.

(SHALL?????? HASN'T IT ALREADY????)

Micah contains descriptions and judgments that remain unfulfilled, pointing not merely to the historic Assyrian empire but to the eschatological figure of **the** Assyrian—the anti-Christ. The book cannot be read only as history

but as prophecy that stretches into the future. In chapter 1 verse 15, Micah declares that “the glory of Israel” will come to Adullam. The phrase Kavod Yisrael—“glory of Israel”—is reserved for the divine.

Taken together, Micah is foretelling a time when Messiah, the divine Son of David, will come to Adullam. He will come when a great northern army, led by the anti-Christ, is oppressing God’s people. And there He will do what David did, but greater. David transformed the distressed into mighty warriors, yet only he became king. When Jesus comes to the physical site of Adullam, He will make kings out of those who stood with Him while the world turned away.

- a shepherd-king
- whose kingdom grows after suffering
- who gathers brothers
- who establishes peace by confronting enemies
- who rules with leaders that have been raised

We are telling you this about the future because He will also come to your Adullam!

We want to make sure you understand some of the high points that you've heard so far in this message and help you connect some of these revelations together. Next slide:

(READ SLIDE)

David & Jesus

1. Both David and Jesus were born in Bethlehem.
2. Both David and Jesus were recognized by God as the King of Israel, even before it was an observable reality on earth.
3. Both David and Jesus had supernatural victories over giant enemies that demonstrated true faith in YHWH.
4. Both David and Jesus received men that were drawn to them in the interim period between what God had already declared and the time the world would recognize it.
5. Both David and Jesus supernaturally transformed these men far beyond what their earthly status forecasted for their futures.
6. Both David and Jesus reward the faithfulness of these men with rank, honor, and standing in the kingdom.
7. There is one big difference between David and his men, and Jesus and his men: David was the sole king of Israel who honored men with royal positions. Jesus is the king of the cosmos and the kingdom of Israel, and He makes kings of those who follow Him.

David made mighty men...Jesus is making kings!

This requires that you:

- Have the faith that you can be made a king out of an unexpected place like **Bethlehem** or Crystal Lake.
- Have the seeds of king-like-faith that you cultivate daily like: killing lions, bears and picking up five smooth stones to kill the enemies of the Lord in the **valley of Elah**. This is true whether they are found in your life or the lives of others. King's must practice putting their own lions and bears underfoot and rise to strike down the enemies of God's people around them.
- The seeds of faith must grow in you to see others transformed and disciplined 30, 60 and 100-fold. In the caves of Adullam David did it 400-fold.
- Have the steadfast faith to know that even in the obscurity of your circumstances the glory of Israel has entered our **Adullam** and we will be surrounded by the righteous.

****Doesn't matter how long it takes or how hard it is this will happen****

As David declared in Psalm 57 while in the cave:

- **Psalm 57:7–9 (ESV)**

7 My heart is steadfast, O God,
my heart is steadfast!

I will sing and make melody!

8 Awake, my glory!
Awake, O harp and lyre!

I will awake the dawn!

9 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you **among the nations**.

We will stand even lower than dirt but declaring the righteousness of God and awaken the dawn in the darkness the surrounds. Our little Adullam will affect the nations of the world and we will not wait to proclaim it!

As David said in Psalm 142: ***Read verse 4 and 7 together***

- **Psalm 142:4 (ESV)**

4 Look to the right and see:
there is none who takes notice of me;
no refuge remains to me;
no one cares for my soul.

- **Psalm 142:7 (ESV)**

7 Bring me out of prison,
that I may give thanks to your name!
The righteous will surround me,
for you will deal bountifully with me.

Though we be surrounded without aid and even feel ourselves to be in a prison we will be surrounded by the righteous and behold God's bounty

Even in the midst of delays and set back we will declare as Micah did:

- **Micah 7:8 (ESV)**

8 Rejoice **not** over me, O my enemy;
when I fall, I shall rise;
when I sit in darkness,
the LORD will be a light to me.

If you think Kings are made in palaces they are not - they are always made in caves...This is how kings are made

- **1 Chronicles 12:22 (ESV)**

22 For from day to day men came to David to help him, until there was a great army, like an army of God.

David did it like this.

***Comment on David not using the other 4 stones but his men did...**

- **Luke 6:40 (ESV)**

40 A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

So does Jesus. He will make you like Him. Jesus as the greater David will take those of us who have stood in this faith with Him and make us into Kings like Him.

***Comment on David's greatest achievement is what his men did.**

Next slide:

Revelation 17:14 (ESV)

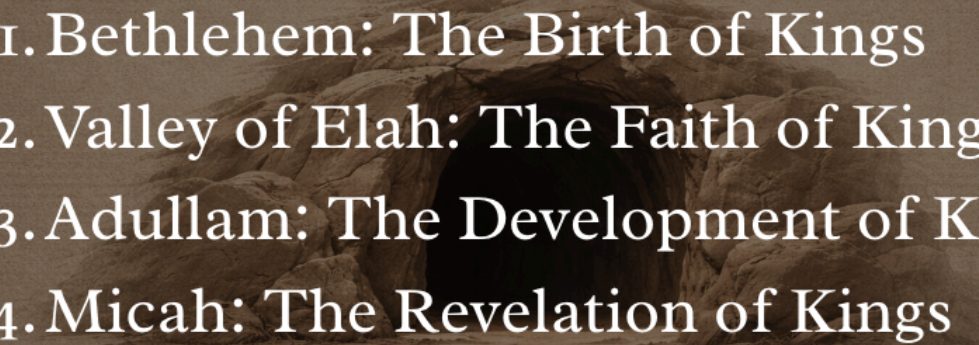
¹⁴They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful.”

Revelation 19:11-16 (ESV)

¹¹Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. ¹²His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. ¹³He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses. ¹⁵From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. ¹⁶On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.

Rev 17:14 - Your focus is proving faithful through the development

Adullam: Developing Kings

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1. Bethlehem: The Birth of Kings
 2. Valley of Elah: The Faith of Kings
 3. Adullam: The Development of Kings
 4. Micah: The Revelation of Kings

Slide recap and close