



**Adult Sunday
School at the
sanctuary**

Lesson-1:
The Lord rejects
Saul

Date:
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(Sunday)

Time: 9.40am

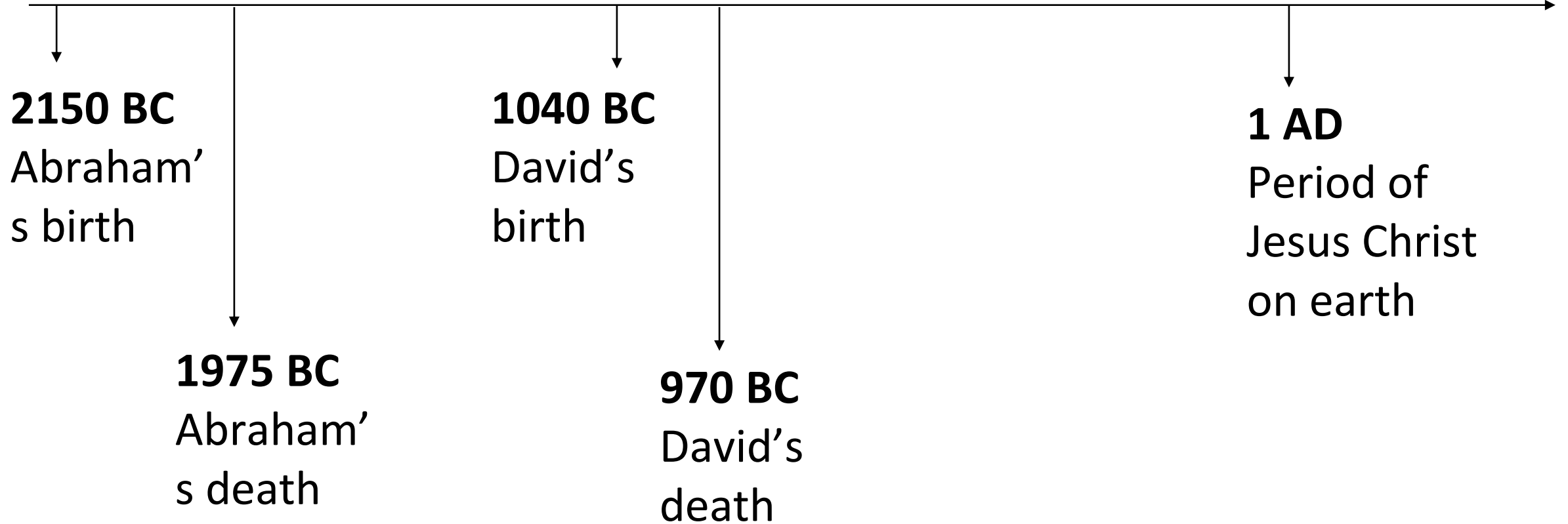
Venue: Sanctuary



Lesson 1-The Lord rejects Saul

- (1) King Saul ruled from about 1047BC to 1010BC.
- (2) Israel asked for a king. (1 Sam 8:4-9)
- (3) God was not in favour of a king and Samuel warned the people against having a king. But they demanded for a king. (1 Sam 8: 19-21)
- (4) Saul was confirmed as king. (1 Sam 11:14-15)

Time-line



Saul Defeats the Amalekites (1 Samuel 15)

Saul attacks the Amalekites and routes them all the way to the eastern border of Egypt. He totally destroys them, but spares Agag the king and the best cattle and sheep.



(5) God instructed Saul to attack the Amalekites and totally destroy them. (1 Sam 15:2-3)

(6) Saul did not obey God and God was aggrieved. (1 Sam 15:7-11)

Source: https://www.google.com/search?q=saul+defeats+the+amalekites&rlz=1C1CHBD_ensG816SG816&source=lnms&tbnm=isch&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiPzsP1_f73AhXc63MBHcMpdhgQ_AUoAXoECAEQAw&biw=1536&bih=722&dpr=1.25#imgrc=60Vo_VTjYb-0bM

(7) Samuel confronted Saul. (1 Sam 15:12-28)

God's instruction	Saul's excuse	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Destroy the wicked Amalekites.• Do not spare them and their animals. <p>(1 Sam 15:2-3)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• He claimed to have obeyed the Lord.• He destroyed the Amalekites except for King Agag and the sheep and cattle.• The sheep and cattle were for sacrifice to the Lord. <p>(1 Sam 15:20-21)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To obey is better than sacrifice.• When obeying God, do not change God's requirement by applying human wisdom.

(8) Video: David 1964: start-5.37

Viewers are cautioned of inaccuracies in the video.

Source: Saul and David (1964) | Full Movie | Norman Wooland | Gianni Garko | Luz Márquez

(9) Spiritual Lessons:

(a) God was not in favour of a king (1 Sam 8:9-18). But the people ignored God's warning. We should heed God's will for us in any undertaking. God's will for us:

- Biblical principles
- Prayer
- Seek godly friends' advice
- Circumstances and situations - new job
 - push and pull factors

(b) Obey God. Saul did not obey God and God rejected Saul. Similarly, if we disobey God and sin against Him, God will not bless us.

(c)Pride and arrogance

Samuel's confrontation	Saul's response	Comments
<p>(a)God instructed Saul to completely destroy the wicked Amalekites and their flock. Why did Saul spare the Agag and the flock?</p> <p>(1 Sam15:18-19)</p>	<p>(a) He claimed to have obeyed God. He claimed that it was the soldiers who took the flock for sacrifice to the Lord.</p> <p>(1 Sam 15:20-21)</p>	<p>(a)Saul insisted that he did obey God. He did right by allowing the soldiers to spare the flock for sacrifice to the Lord.</p> <p>(b)This was a lie. Saul and the soldiers kept the best sheep and cattle for themselves. (1 Sam 15:9)</p> <p>(c)<u>Spiritual Lessons</u>: God knows when we lie. God also knew Saul lied. We should not make excuses when we sin. We should seek forgiveness and repent.</p>

Samuel's confrontation	Saul's response	Comments
<p>(a) To obey God is better than sacrifice.</p> <p>(b) Saul's disobedience is rebellion against God due to his arrogance.</p> <p>(c) God has rejected Saul as king due to his rejection of God's instruction to him.</p> <p>(1 Sam 15:22-23)</p>	<p>(a) Saul immediately confessed that he had sinned. He was afraid of the soldiers' demand for the flock and gave in to them.</p> <p>(1 Sam 15: 24)</p>	<p>(a) Saul confessed immediately because God has rejected him as king. This time he gave an excuse that he was afraid of the soldiers who demanded for the flock.</p> <p><u>(b) Spiritual lessons:</u> This was yet another lie. When we sin, do not make excuses. Confess and repent.</p>

Samuel's confrontation	Saul's response	Comments
<p>(a) The Lord has torn the kingdom of Israel from Saul and given it to another person.</p> <p>(1 Sam 15:28)</p>	<p>(a) Saul immediately confessed his sin.</p> <p>(b) Saul requested Samuel to honour him before the elders and the people.</p> <p>(c) Saul requested Samuel to go back with him so that he may worship the Lord.</p> <p>(1 Sam 15:30-31)</p>	<p>(a) Saul confessed again because God has torn his kingdom from him.</p> <p>(b) Saul also wanted to worship God.</p> <p>(c) <u>Spiritual Lessons</u>: Saul was full of lies and pride. Even though God has rejected him, he wanted Samuel to honour him before the elders and people. When we sin, we should not give excuses for our sin. <u>We should confess and repent with a broken spirit and a contrite heart. (Psalm 51:17)</u></p>

(10) In groups of 2 to 4 persons:

(a) How do we confess our sin with a broken spirit and contrite heart to God in our prayer?

(b) Give examples of using human wisdom in contradicting God's Word.

(c) How do we know that both answers given by Saul:

(i) the sheep and goats are spared because the people wish to sacrifice them to God,

(ii) the sheep and goats are spared because Saul feared the people, are lies?