

# THE PROPHETS OF NAIOTH



- David fled to Samuel in Ramah
- Saul discovers David's location and sends men to kill or arrest him
- 3 groups of Saul's soldiers are prevented from taking David because of the prophesying of God's Word
- Saul goes and is also overcome with God's Oracle
- He strips off his royal robes and lays them before Samuel

# OUR GARMENTS OF AUTHORITY

- David also stripped off his royal robes, but he exchanged them for the robes of a servant (ephod)
- All men will eventually lay down our robes of authority before God
- Some willingly in humility, others ripped away in shame
- T. Davis Bunn





# 1<sup>ST</sup> SAMUEL 20:

## KING SAUL DEFIANT & IRRATIONAL



- King Saul determined to live his life for his own purposes
- Such is the spirit of the Anti-Christ
- In Naioth, as soon as the prophesying ended, King Saul returned to wickedness
- We can be dangerously deceived about our position before God
- Away from the Word of God, we forget who we are

# PARABLE OF THE SEEDS

- Mark 4:1 – 20
- Saul heard the seed of the message as spoken by the prophets
- But as soon as the oracle ended, so did its effect upon Saul
- Saul fully deceived as a result of his willful rebellion
- The rebellion was so irrational that Jonathan doubted what his own eyes and ears told him about his father's words





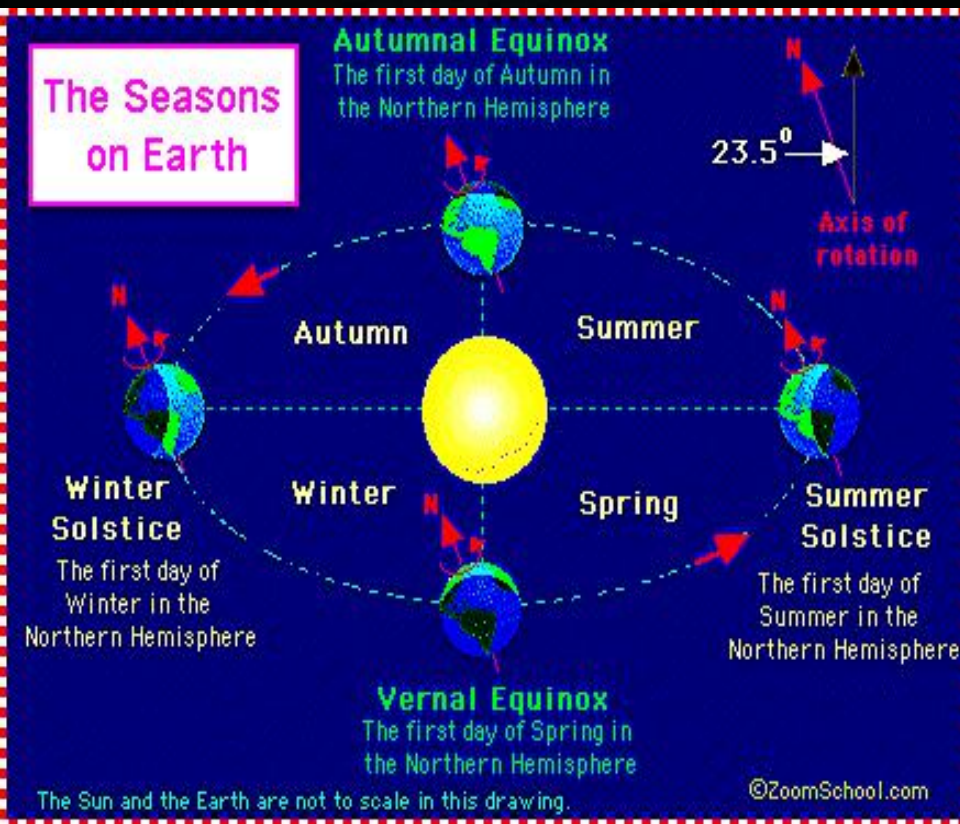
# “Heaven forbid! You’re not going to die.....”

- David returns to Gibeah from Ramah and pleads with the naive Jonathan
- **Chalilah** = far be it (from me), NOT Heaven Forbid
- The sense is of total denial or rejection of the suggestion or thought
- David insists that Saul is keeping the truth from Jonathan
- A plan is devised to take place on **Rosh Hodesh**
- **Rosh Hodesh** = head of the month, new moon

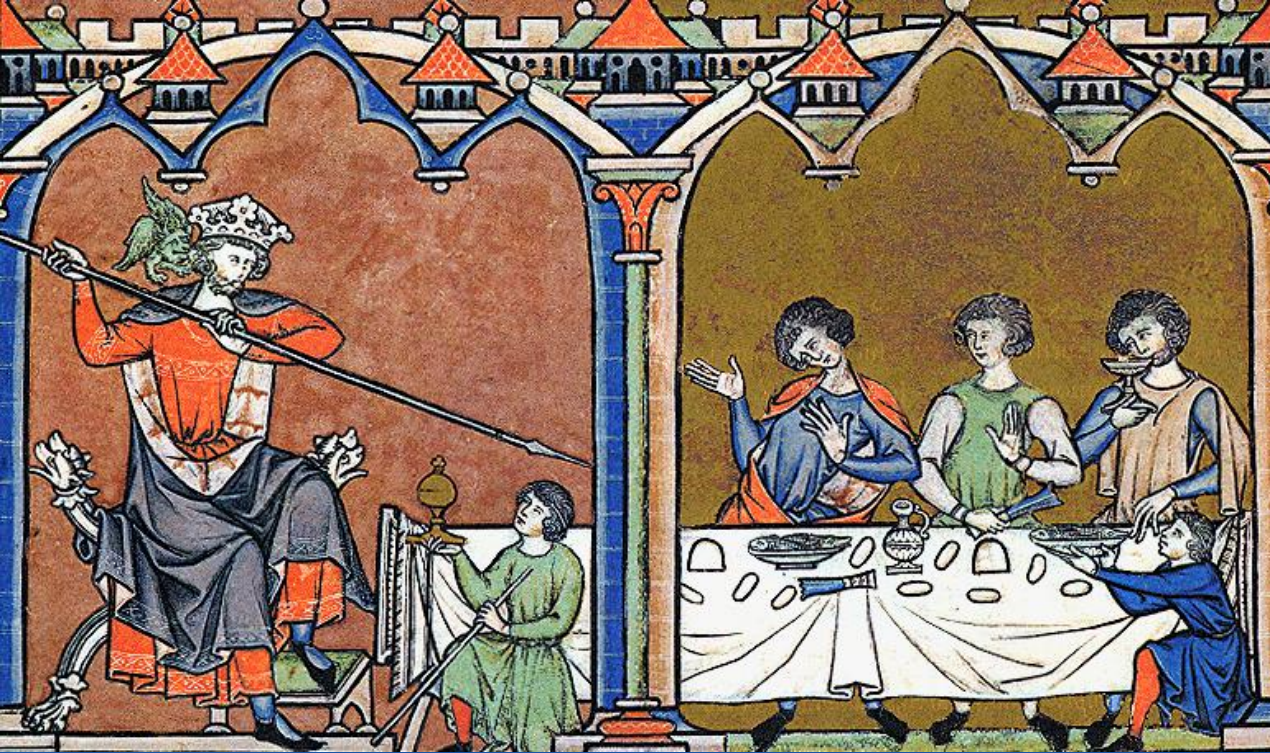


# HEBREW SOLUNAR CALENDAR

- Lunar cycle 29.5 days
- 6 months of 29 days and 6 months of 30 days
- 12 “lunar” months is 354 days
- 1 solar year is 365.25 days
- 11 days difference
- Weeks do NOT change with months and years!
- It was the SAME in the Biblical era







# THE NEW MOON FEAST

- A festive meal was planned on the New Moon
- David would not go to eat with the King this time
- Israel by now had contorted, added to, and subtracted from the Biblical holy day observances
- Tradition had taken over and Hebrews and eventually Christians would greatly modify the Biblical commands



# MANY PRIESTHOODS AND SANCTUARIES

- David concocted a lie that he went home for a family feast
- Shiloh was defunct, now sanctuaries at Gilgal, Bethlehem, Nob and more
- Two competing High Priest families; the line of Ithamar versus the line of Zadok, maybe more





# THE COVENANT OF *CHESED*

- *Chesed* = fidelity, faithfulness, a righteous deed that is owed or promised
- To NOT follow through was a breach of the covenant and God was the guarantor
- Jonathan swears to tell David if he uncovers any kind of threat
- David wants to be clear about WHO will actually inform him



·JONATHAN AND DAVID·



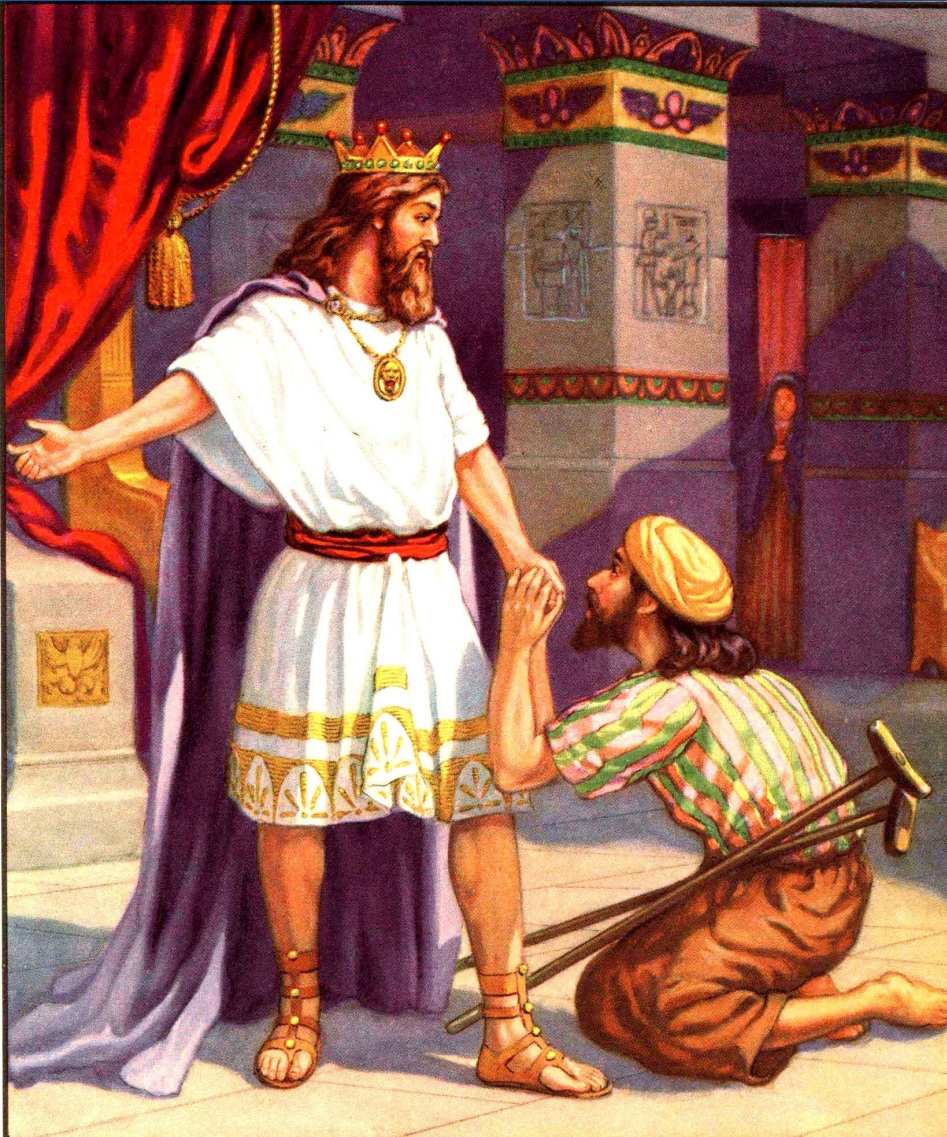
# JONATHAN ADMITS THE PAINFUL TRUTH

- Jonathan acknowledges that YHWH is not with his father, but is with David
- He has instinctively suspected that David would be the new king, not he
- Jonathan requests a new covenant with David that his family would be protected and receive David's chesed
- A very bitter pill, but Jonathan swallowed it with grace





# DAVID PROMISES NOT TO EXTERMINATE THE FORMER DYNASTY



- By Jonathan ceding the throne to David, Saul's dynasty ends
- Usual for new dynasty to kill off the previous one
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam.9: 1 – 7
- David remembered his covenant with Jonathan (now dead) and cared for his family