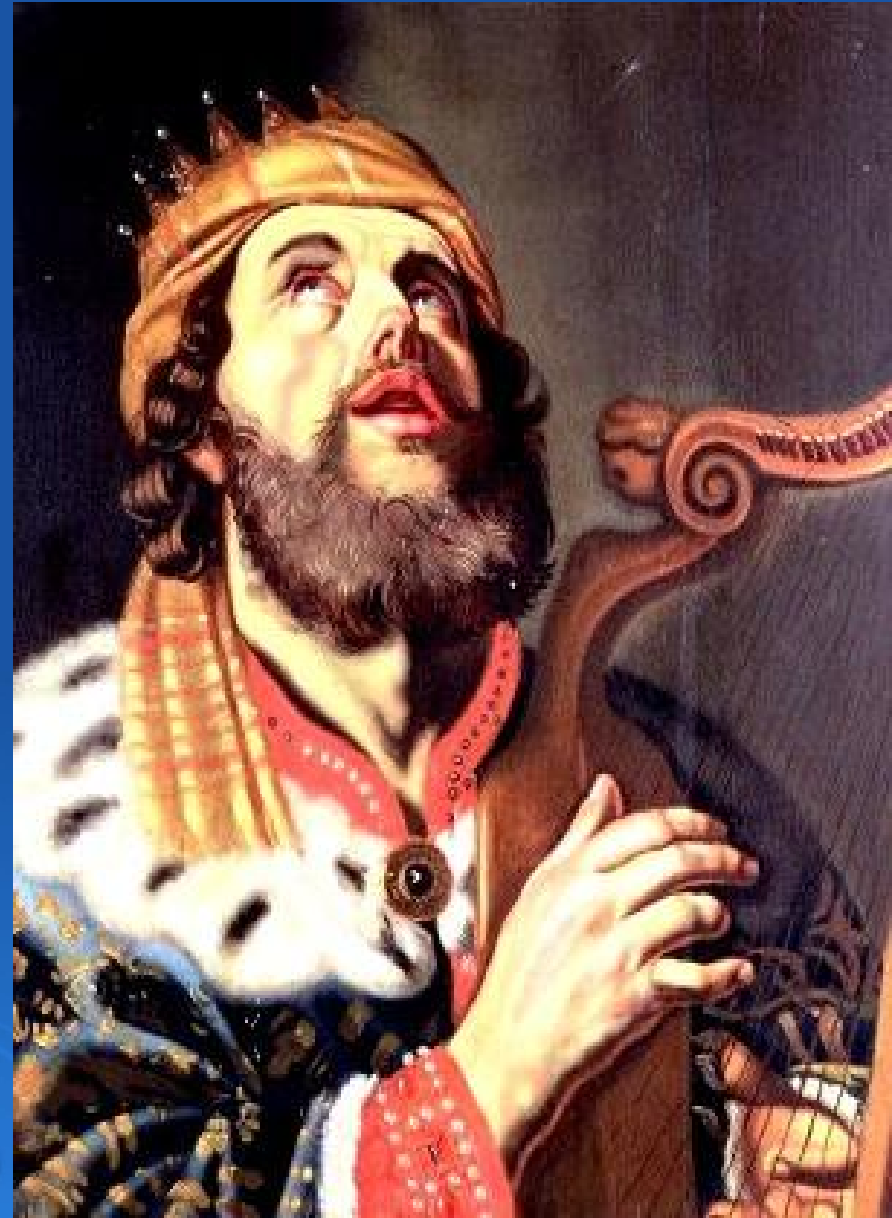


# DAVID'S FINAL ORACLE

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam. 23 divided into 2 parts:
- 1) David's final oracle
- 2) List of David's heroes
- David's oracle is connected to, and builds upon, Balaam's Oracle of Numbers 24
- In 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam 22 David decided that it was his own merit for which God delivered him



# NO RUN-OF-THE-MILL PSALM!

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam 23:1 – 7 is not a mere poem, but rather an oracle from YHWH
- The “Prophet Formula” is used here
- The words state that this is a direct message from God
- Various levels of inspiration
- Most of the Bible is NOT direct statements of God
- 98% are divinely inspired words from human minds





- Lower and higher levels of inspiration
- Councils of men used the concept of levels of inspiration to determine the canon of the Bible
- New Testament and Tanach formed using the same approach
- Books of the Apocrypha considered “less inspired” but were still “inspired” and authoritative

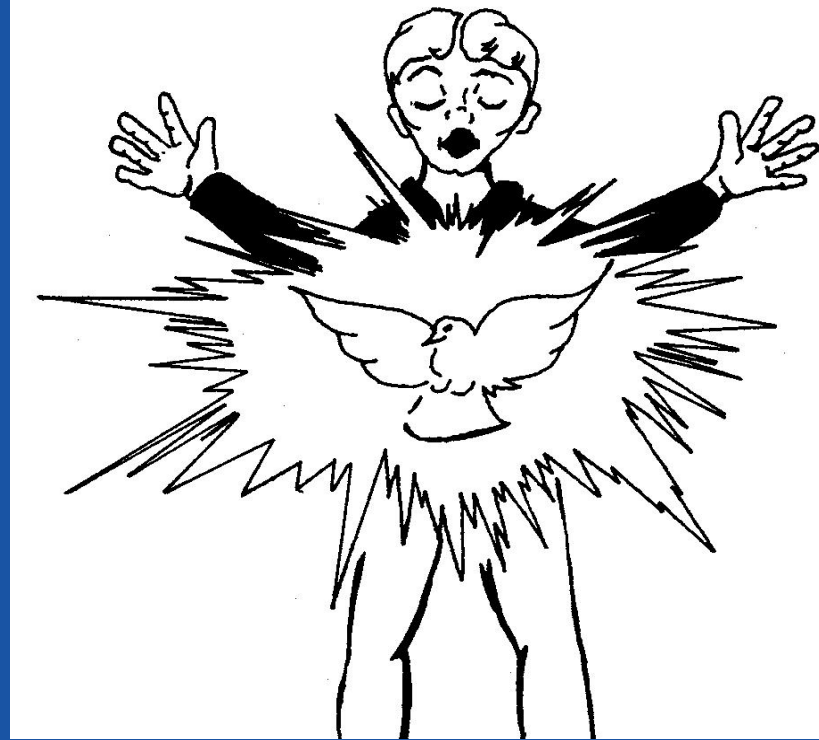
# DAVID'S WORDS OF CHAPTER 23 ARE A HIGHER LEVEL OF INSPIRATION



- We could question David's thoughts of himself in chapter 22
- We can NOT question the oracle of chapter 23 because it is God's words
- **Ne'um** = prophetic utterance or oracle
- **Naim zamir** = sweet singer (of Israel)
- God 1) raised up David, 2) anointed David, 3) gifted him with ability to write songs and music

# DABBAR

- Vs. 2 *Ruach HaKodesh* spoke in (or through) David
- David did NOT have direct audible communication with God as did Moses
- *Millah* = similar to *ne'um*, but more means a complete message of any kind
- *Dabbar* = word
- NOT 10 “Commandments” (*mitzvot*) but rather 10 Words (*dabbarim*)



# THE BALAAM ORACLE RE-VISITED



- Numbers 24:1 – 19
- Balaam speaking of the future when David would rule
- Also speaking of an even later future about Messiah
- Star = king
- Scriptures very clear that God intended on giving Israel a king
- Balaam a gentile pagan who was blind but made to see Israel's future
- David a Jew who was raised up and given the next step of Progressive Revelation

# THE CORONATION SPEECH



- A better translation of verse 3: ***“..Ruler over men... Just.... Ruler in fear of God...”***
- Imagine this as God presenting His Son to His worshippers at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple
- ***Adam*** = mankind
- 1) Ruler over all mankind (not just Israel)
- 2) Ruler IS just
- 3) Ruler is in fear of God
- ***Tzadek*** = righteously just

# THE DAWN OF A NEW REALITY

- Vs. 4 A big change upon the coronation of the new king
- Sun breaking through clouds is a metaphor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> metaphor is green grass that thrives after the rain
- Contrasts with thorns in verses 6 and 7
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 7:10 – 17
- An everlasting covenant from God to David







- The covenant with David is unconditional
- Even if David's descendants trespass, they will be punished but that will not void God's promise
- Grace did not start with the Book of Matthew!
- **Chephets** = good things that are hoped for
- "Desires" is not about selfish wants or erotic pleasures
- Vs. 6 is the antithesis of everything previous
- The righteous will receive salvation at the same time the wicked are receiving God's wrath
- **Belial** = fiends of hell

# THORNS FIT ONLY FOR BURNING



- One can't even contact these wicked "thorns" without getting wounded
- Revelation 19:11 – 16
- Christ will rule with an iron instrument
- ***Shebeth*** = dwelling place
- Possibly referring to the dwelling place of the condemned wicked:  
**HELL!**



- Ezekiel 39:6 – 10
- Rashi says one only benefits from the burning of thorns in order to warm oneself by the fire
- Also that the wicked have no remedy for their sins as they pass from this world
- They will pass through the fires of Gehinnom, and await God's final judgment

# DAVID'S WAR HEROES

- Vss. 8 – end
- Same list is in 1Chron.11 but with an additional 16 names
- Names are greatly corrupted
- War heroes divided into 3 groups by rank
- 1<sup>st</sup> rank Yoshev-Bashevt, Eleazar, and Shammah
- 2<sup>nd</sup> rank Avishai and B'nayah
- 3<sup>rd</sup> rank Everybody else

