

OLD TESTAMENT IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE NEW



- New Testament assumes we already know the Old
- NT does NOT explain why Israel needed a king, the Law, sacrifice or atonement, God's many attributes or repeat the prophecies of the coming Messiah !
- Gentiles have been invited, through faith, to join in to the Hebrew Covenants with God as found in the Old Testament



- 2nd Samuel 23:8
- David's main warriors and officers
- 3 groups (ranks)
- Joab (General of the Army) is omitted
- 1Chronicles 11 has similar but expanded list
- Seems to be a total of 4 lists each from a different period of David's life
- Possibly different Traditions about David's might men account for variations in the lists

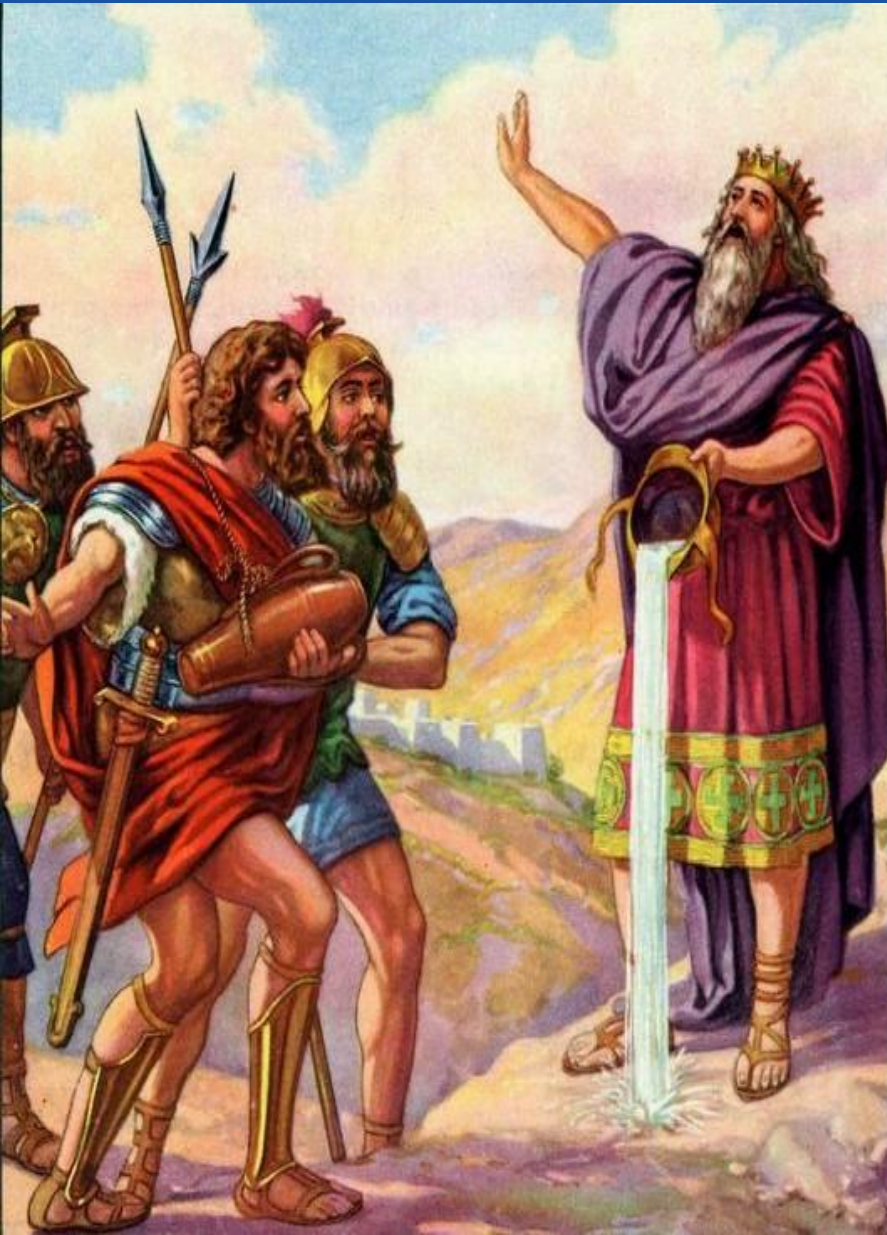


GROUP (RANK) #1



- ***Yoshev-Bashevet*** chief of the 1st group
- Called ***Yashov'am*** in 1Chronicles
- Led his men to kill 800 of the enemy in one battle
- ***Eleazar*** son of ***Dodo***
- His hand cramped onto his sword as he fought the Philistines
- ***Shammah*** son of ***Age***
- Protected Israel's food supply from the Philistines

DAVID POURS OUT WATER



- 3 of David's war heroes overhear David's longing for water from Bethlehem
- They fight their way through the Philistines and return with the water
- David refuses to drink it because he says it would be like drinking their blood
- Life is in the blood, and the men risked their lives for the unneeded water
- Blood (life) belongs to God alone

AVISHAI LEADS GROUP #2

- *Avishai* is David's nephew, brother of Joab
- 3rd hero might be *Asahel*, *Avishai* and Joab's brother
- For some reason *B'nayah* is given great attention
- Father was a priest, so *B'nayah* was a Levite
- *B'nayah* kills 2 warriors from Moab, a lion in a pit, and an Egyptian giant



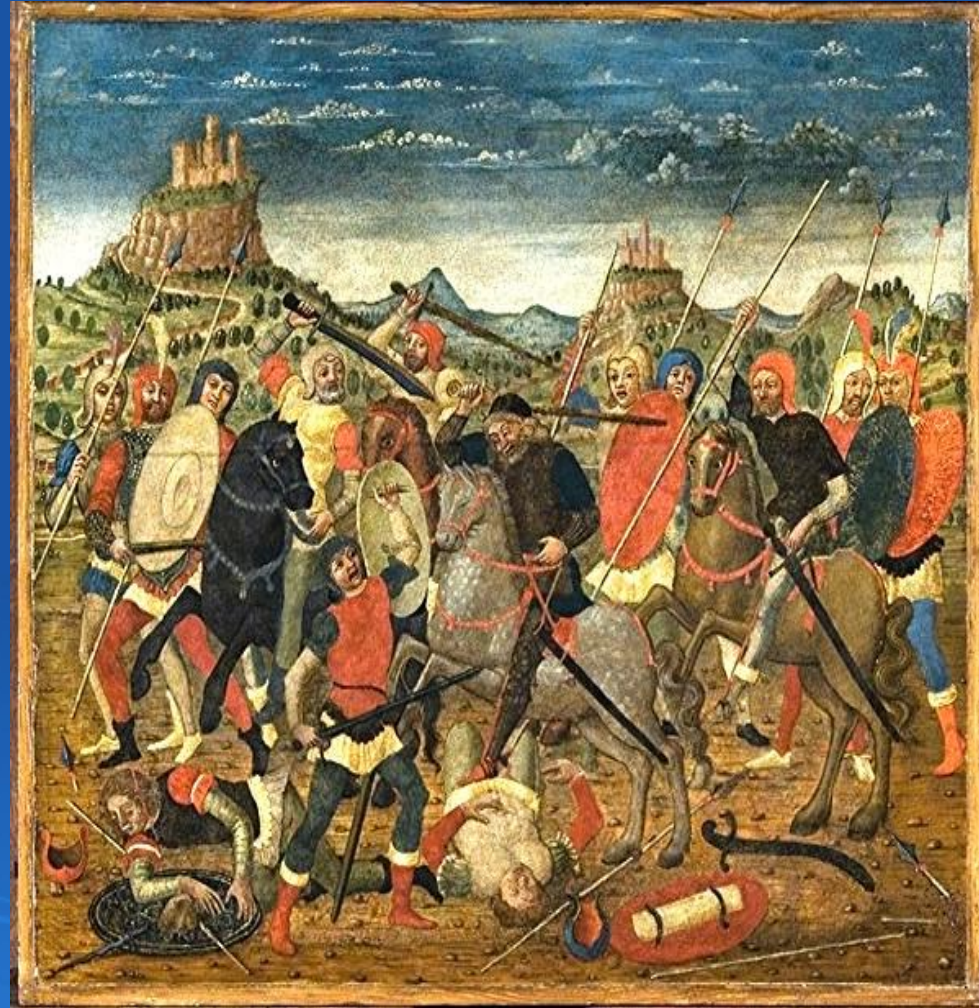
B'NAYAH THE LION KILLER



- Vs. 20 “lion hearted”
- *Ari'el* = lion of El
- *Ari'el Moav* = lions of Moab's El
- *B'nayah* kills a lion in a pit (water cistern)
- Word is *ari* (lion)
- A Tradition is formed whereby *B'nayah* is fearless against man and beast
- Kills an Egyptian giant
- All similar acts to acts of David

BATHSHEBA'S FAMILY

- Long list of names in the 3rd group
- ***Eliam*** = Bathsheba's father
- ***Achitofel*** = Bathsheba's grandfather
- ***Uriyah*** = Bathsheba's husband
- David ONLY desired Bathsheba for his sexual thirst
- David cared nothing for the loyalty and dedication of these 3 mighty men



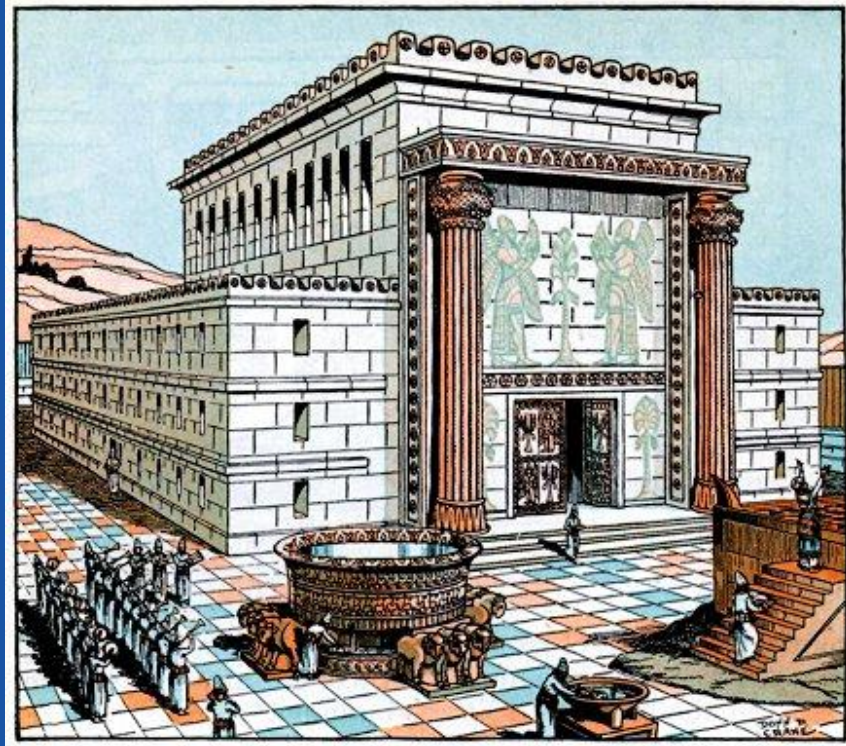
2ND SAMUEL 24: FIGURATIVE EXPRESSIONS OF GOD



- We are limited in thought and vocabulary on how to characterize God's actions and decisions
- Vs. 1 anger = *aph*
- God's nostrils burned, a Middle Eastern expression
- Census and God's anger are inseparable
- God's anger is invariably provoked by sin

WHY IS GOD SO ANGRY?

- Nothing but speculation about cause of God's anger
- View 1) Unspoken hidden sin among Israelites. They didn't insist on a Temple being built during David's reign
- View 2) Lack of punishment for those responsible for Sheba's Revolt
- 1Chronicles usually fills in the blanks, but nothing is given as God's cause for anger

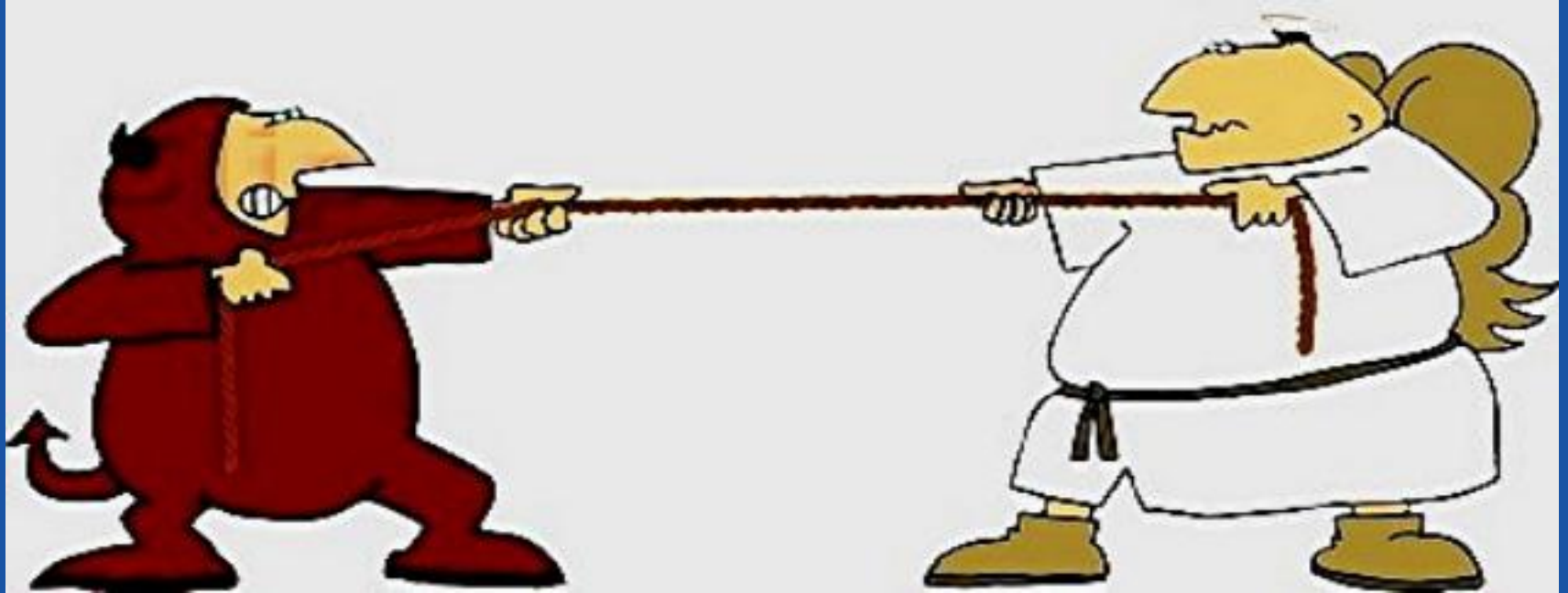


GOD DID NOT ORDER A CENSUS!



- God incited David to do something wrong in order for God's people to be punished
- We saw this with Saul and with Pharaoh
- God tends to use a person or nations as His proxy to punish His people
- David ordered the census





- 1Chronicles 21:1 “ **Adversary ...incited David...to take a census of Israel...**”
- **Yetzer HaRah** = evil inclination bad thoughts
- **Yetzer HaTov** = good inclination righteous thoughts
- David was NOT induced by God to do anything outside of his normal character
- The Redeemed CAN place under evil inclination under Holy Spirit control, but we still often fail

DAVID ORDERS YO'AV TO TAKE A CENSUS OF THE PEOPLE



- Says of “Israel and of Judah”
- 2 separate entities under one king
- Go around = *shut*
- Job 1:7 “*Adversary answered...from roaming through the earth....*”
- *Shut* = ominous evil undertone of looking for trouble