

The fall of King Saul – Feb 12, 2017

Was the death of King Saul the result of a generation curse placed upon his family centuries prior? Yes, I believe the bible does give evidence for that.



The Prophet Samuel commanded King Saul to “*utterly destroy all*” the Amalekites (1Sam15:1-3). Samuel goes forth and “*utterly destroyed all the people*” however he spared “*the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good*” (1Sam15:7-8).

1Sam 15:1 Then Samuel said to Saul, "The LORD sent me to anoint you as king over His people, over Israel; now therefore, listen to the words of the LORD.

2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts, 'I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he set himself against him on the way while he was coming up from Egypt.

3 **Now go and strike Amalek and utterly destroy all that he has, and do not spare him; but put to death both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey."**

1Sam 15:7 So Saul defeated the Amalekites, from Havilah as you go to Shur, which is east of Egypt.

8 And he captured Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and **utterly destroyed all the people** with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people **spared Agag and the best of the sheep, the oxen, the fatlings, the lambs, and all that was good**, and were not willing to destroy them utterly; but everything despised and worthless, that they utterly destroyed.

Samuel confronts King Saul and asked “*Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD, but rushed upon the spoil and did what was evil in the sight of the LORD?*” (1Sam15:19)

The devil is in the details. King Saul did part of the command but not the entire command. King Saul tries to repair the breach by repenting and confessing that he “*feared the people*” (1Sam15:24).



1Sam 15:24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "**I have sinned; I have indeed transgressed the command of the LORD** and your words, **because I feared the people** and listened to their voice.

Samuel tells King Saul that “*the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel*” (1Sam15:25-26).

25 "Now therefore, please pardon my sin and return with me, that I may worship the LORD."

26 But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you; for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and **the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel.**"

King Saul lost his kingdom as a result of his fear of the people which caused him to sin against the Lord by not destroying everything of Amelek. King Saul sin also caused the Spirit of the Lord to depart him and an evil spirit to come and “*terrorize him*” (1Sam16:14)

1Sam 16:14 Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD **terrorized him.**

King Saul found relief from the evil spirit when David played his harp “*and the evil spirit would depart from him*” (1Sam16:23).

1Sam 16:23 So it came about whenever the evil spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp and play it with his hand; and Saul would be refreshed and be well, and the evil spirit would depart from him.



What type of Spirit would enter King Saul? It wasn't a murderous spirit but of depression and fear. King Saul had the spirits of "power and love and discipline" when the spirit of the Lord was upon him according to 2 Timothy 1:7. When the Lord removed His spirit the spirit of fear (timidity) returned.

2Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

All was under control. The evil spirits were never permanently tossed out but they were kept in check by David's playing of the harp. No matter how excellent David played his harp, his music was going to be out flanked by higher level demons which instrumental music has no expelling power.

David quickly rose in ranks of the military and one day as David and King Saul were returning from battle they met women playing instruments and singing "Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands." (1Sam18:6-7)

1Sa 18:6 And it happened as they were coming, when David returned from killing the Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy and with musical instruments.

1Sa 18:7 And the women sang as they played, and said, "Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands."

King Saul wouldn't have been troubled with just the instrumental musical playing. It was the lyrics that went along with the music that caused him mental anguish (isn't that how the wicked musicians today curse us by adding cursing lyrics over a upbeat melody?)

The women were mocking King Saul as they sang. King Saul was publicly humiliated, dishonored and disrespected at his victory celebration.

If one doesn't deal with a problem then it grows. If a demon is allowed to remain then it becomes a gatekeeper to allow other demons to enter. Saul's fear and depression spirit ratcheted up to anger, suspicious, murder, afraid, disrespect, and dishonor after the women sang curses towards him.



In 1 Sam 18:8 said "Saul became very **angry**" by the dishonor & disrespect by the singers.

In 1 Sam 18:9 says "Saul looked at David with **suspicion**"

In 1 Sam 18:10-11 King Saul sought to kill David with a spear when a murderous **thought** entered his mind.

In 1 Sam 18:12 said "Saul was **afraid** of David"

1Sa 18:8 Then Saul became very **angry**, for this saying displeased him; and he said, "They have ascribed to David ten thousands, but to me they have ascribed thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?"

1Sa 18:9 And Saul looked at David with **suspicion** from that day on.

1Sa 18:10 Now it came about on the next day that an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he raved in the midst of the house, while David was playing the harp with his hand, as usual; and a spear was in Saul's hand.

1Sa 18:11 And Saul hurled the spear for he **thought**, "I will pin David to the wall." But David escaped from his presence twice.

1Sa 18:12 Now Saul was **afraid** of David, for the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul.

King Saul went into battle without the council or protection of the Lord and died. I believe his death was the result of a fear curse put on him thru a generation curse.

The bible shows that Saul's nature wasn't boldness but describes his fear prior to being anointed the King of Israel.

The people saw that Samuel was getting old and they gathered and demanded Samuel to "*appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations*" (1Sam8:5).

The entire nation was anticipating Samuel to announce a king. The Lord leads Saul to Samuel and Samuel tells Saul that he was chosen by God to be king (1Sam9:20) to which Saul replies in the next verse "*Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin?*"

1Sam 9:20 "... And for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and for all your father's household?"

21 And Saul answered and said, "**Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin?** Why then do you speak to me in this way?"

Saul didn't have boldness of himself or of his tribe. Saul had a fear, maybe of success, failure or uncertainty.

Saul wasn't at the ceremony at the appointed time for Samuel to select Saul to be King for Israel. In 1Sam9:20-23 Saul was "*hiding himself by the baggage*". The Lord told Samuel where Saul was hiding.

1Sam 10:20 Thus Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken by lot.

21 Then he brought the tribe of Benjamin near by its families, and the Matrite family was taken. And Saul the son of Kish was taken; but when they looked for him, he could not be found.

22 Therefore they inquired further of the LORD, "Has the man come here yet?" So the LORD said, "**Behold, he is hiding himself by the baggage.**"

23 So they ran and took him from there, and when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward.

I believe that this fear stems from either of 2 prior incidents (or both):

- 1) King Saul's tribe, Benjamin, was almost wiped off the face of the earth in Judges Chapter 20.
- 2) One of King Saul's forefather placed a curse on his son.

A Levite in Judges Chapter 19 went to Bethlehem to recover his harlot playing concubine. The Levite and concubine then lodges with an old man in a Benjamite city of Gibeah (Judges19:14). The Gibeahites demanded the Levite to be given over to them so he could be raped (Judges19:22). This was just as in the days of Lot when the men of the city demanded Lot to give them the angels to have relations with them.

The below 2 accounts of the Levites ordeal and the 2 angels ordeal in the city of Sodom with Lot have very striking similarities. Both cities of Sodom and Gibeah and their surrounding smaller cities were destroyed. The concubine died in the morning from the trauma.



Gen19:1-9 – Sodom, Lot & 2 Angels	Judg19:15-25 – Gibeah, old man & Levite
<p>Gen 19:1 ... two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. ..</p> <p>Gen 19:2 And he said, "Now behold, my lords, please turn aside into your servant's house, and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." They said however, "No, but we shall spend the night in the square."</p> <p>Gen 19:3 Yet he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he prepared a feast for them, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.</p> <p>Gen 19:4 Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter;</p> <p>Gen 19:5 and they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have relations with them."</p> <p>Gen 19:6 But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him,</p> <p>Gen 19:7 and said, "Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly.</p> <p>Gen 19:8 "Now behold, I have two daughters who have not had relations with man; please let me bring them out to you, and do to them whatever you like; only do nothing to these men, inasmuch as they have come under the shelter of my roof."</p> <p>Gen 19:9 But they said, "Stand aside." Furthermore, they said, "This one came in as an alien, and already he is acting like a judge; now we will treat you worse than them." So they pressed hard against Lot and came near to break the door.</p>	<p>Jdg 19:15 And they turned aside there in order to enter <i>and</i> lodge in Gibeah. When they entered, they sat down in the open square of the city, ...</p> <p>Jdg 19:16 Then behold, an old man was coming out of the field from his work... .</p> <p>Jdg 19:20 And the old man said, "Peace to you. Only let me <i>take care of</i> all your needs; however, do not spend the night in the open square."</p> <p>Jdg 19:21 So he took him into his house and gave the donkeys fodder, and they washed their feet and ate and drank.</p> <p>Jdg 19:22 While they were making merry, behold, the men of the city, certain worthless fellows, surrounded the house, pounding the door; and they spoke to the owner of the house, the old man, saying, "Bring out the man who came into your house that we may have relations with him."</p> <p>Jdg 19:23 Then the man, the owner of the house, went out to them and said to them, "No, my fellows, please do not act so wickedly; since this man has come into my house, do not commit this act of folly.</p> <p>Jdg 19:24 "Here is my virgin daughter and his concubine. Please let me bring them out that you may ravish them and do to them whatever you wish. But do not commit such an act of folly against this man."</p> <p>Jdg 19:25 But the men would not listen to him, so the man seized his concubine and brought <i>her</i> out to them. And they raped her and abused her all night until morning, then let her go at the approach of dawn.</p>

The Levite returns to his house and cuts up his concubine and sends them to the 12 tribes (Judges19:27-30). Israel was outraged at this and came to the Levite and the Levite told all that occurred.

The 11 tribes then assemble a 400,000 man army against the tribe of Benjamin and demanded “*deliver up the men, the worthless fellows in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and remove this wickedness from Israel.*” The Benjaminites refused to hand over the rapist “*But the sons of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brothers, the sons of Israel.*” (Judges20:12-17).



- Jdg 20:12 Then the tribes of Israel sent men through the entire tribe of Benjamin, saying, "What is this wickedness that has taken place among you?"
- 13 "Now then, deliver up the men, the worthless fellows in Gibeah, that we may put them to death and remove this wickedness from Israel." **But the sons of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brothers, the sons of Israel.**
- 14 And the sons of Benjamin gathered from the cities to Gibeah, to go out to battle against the sons of Israel.
- 15 And from the cities on that day the sons of Benjamin were numbered, 26,000 men who draw the sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah who were numbered, 700 choice men.
- 16 Out of all these people 700 choice men were left-handed; each one could sling a stone at a hair and not miss.
- 17 Then the men of Israel besides Benjamin were numbered, 400,000 men who draw the sword; all these were men of war.

The 11 tribes of Israel fought with Benjamin and put them to full retreat. They burned their cities and killed all the people and animals (Judges 20:41-43, 47-48). The entire tribe was wiped off the map except 600 men.

- Jdg 20:41 Then the men of Israel turned, and **the men of Benjamin were terrified**; for they saw that disaster was close to them.
- 42 Therefore, they turned their backs before the men of Israel toward the direction of the wilderness, but the battle overtook them while those who came out of the cities destroyed them in the midst of them.
- 43 They **surrounded Benjamin, pursued them without rest and trod them** down opposite Gibeah toward the east.
- Jdg 20:47 But 600 men turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon, and they remained at the rock of Rimmon four months.
- 48 The men of Israel then **turned back against the sons of Benjamin and struck them with the edge of the sword, both the entire city with the cattle and all that they found; they also set on fire all the cities which they found.**

Trauma is a door for demons and in Judges 20:41 mentioned that "*the men of Benjamin were terrified*". They just saw their cities, wives, children and possessions destroyed.

Was this the source of the fear of Saul – his tribe nearly being wiped out? Maybe. Could there be an earlier curse? Yes.

There are many curses in the bible that followed the lineage of that person's children:

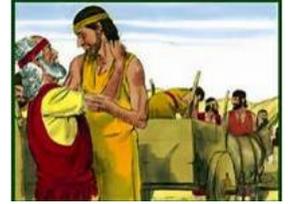
- 1) Noah cursed his grandson Canaan in Genesis 9:25 to be servants of his brothers forever
Gen 9:25 So he said, "*Cursed be Canaan; A servant of servants He shall be to his brothers.*"
- 2) King David cursed general Joab family line (2Samuel 3:29)
2Sa 3:29 "May it fall on the head of Joab and on all his father's house; and *may there not fail from the house of Joab* one who has a discharge, or who is a leper, or who takes hold of a distaff, or who falls by the sword, or who lacks bread."

In the book of Genesis many hundred years before, Jacob clung to Benjamin after losing his son Joseph. Jacob refused to send Benjamin with his other sons to buy food in Egypt when a famine was in the land. Jacob was afraid and feared the loss of Benjamin as he said "*I am afraid that harm may befall him.*"

(Gen42:4). The fear was so great that in Genesis 44:22 it was describe as a fear unto death '*The lad cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, his father would die.*'

Gen 42:4 But Jacob did not send Joseph's brother Benjamin with his brothers, for he said, "**I am afraid that harm may befall him.**"

Gen 44:22 "But we said to my lord, 'The lad cannot leave his father, for **if he should leave his father, his father would die.**'



This emotional tie between a father and son created an ungodly soul tie. This ungodly soul tie then passed on to Benjamin which followed the Benjaminite lineage down to King Saul.

Was Saul's fear of the people in 1Samuel 15:24 a result of an ungodly soul tie from Israel his forefather? Or was there already a weakness within him?

A soul ties joins two people together so that blessings and curses flow into each other. A person may create an ungodly soul tie by joining himself with a harlot – 1Co6:15-16

Soul Ties

1Co 6:15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take away the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? May it never be!

1Co 6:16 Or do you not know that the **one who joins himself to a harlot is one body with her**? For He says, "THE TWO WILL BECOME ONE FLESH."

Godly soul ties are joining yourself with the Lord, 1Co6:17, a man and woman marrying Mt19:5, and brotherly bonds 1Samuel18:1 with Jonathan and David

1Co 6:17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit with Him.

Mat 19:5 and said, 'FOR THIS CAUSE A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER, AND SHALL CLEAVE TO HIS WIFE; AND **THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH**'?

1Sa 18:1 Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that **the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David**, and Jonathan loved him as himself.

King Saul had a fear weakness but whether or not its origination was caused by a trauma or curse from a previous generation can't be answered for certain just reading the text.

If Saul's weakness was indeed caused by a trauma or curse then your actions on how you treat your spouse and children and even how you emotionally connect with them (fear, anger...) will create a blessing or curse on generations not yet born.

Watch your words. Watch your actions and now watch your emotions. They could topple a king many generations into the future.

Regards.

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Mt22:14 + Lk11:28 + Jn3:16 + Mk6:12 +Rm10:9 +Acts2:38 + Heb10:26 = 1 Pt 3:21 -> Mt28:19-20

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