



**---- THE CHOSEN PEOPLE – APPROXIMATELY 1425 B.C. to ABOUT 989 B.C. ----**

**(57, 57.1) – At this time Joshua has fulfilled the role of military general and ruler to establish the Nation of Israel in the land of Canaan, which the LORD God promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And it came to pass Joshua had been dead perhaps 15 to 30 years and no man occupied the position of national leader over the people. But as *Judges 17:6 and 21:25* states: “In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.” And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers {*Judges 2:11 through 23*}. Even though Israel had no national ruler at this time and the people became caught up in idol worship/ fornication, there were events when neighboring gentile enemies oppressed them so severely that they would cry out to the God of their fathers for relief, and the LORD would raise up a Judge to deliver the people from their oppressor(s); hence the name of the Book of Judges. Some individuals that became Judges were Samson, Debora, Gideon, and Samuel. We should consider the death of Samuel as the official end of the era of Judges (*1 Samuel 25:1*). Therefore, it seems the time of Judges was indeed about 450 years as talked about in *Acts 13:21*. Read the Book of Judges and 1 Samuel for details about these individuals and others that the LORD raised up as Judges over the people Israel.**

**(58, 58.1, 59, 59.1, 60)<sup>1</sup> – During the final years of the time/ era of Judges, the LORD raised up Samuel, a Judge who was also a Priest and Prophet. It is about this time that the people complained that they wanted a king like other nations around them. Thus, the LORD sent Samuel to anoint Saul from the tribe of Benjamin as the first (*1<sup>st</sup>*) king over all Israel (*1 Samuel Chapters 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10*).**

Now, when King Saul consistently displeased the LORD God, He sent Samuel to the house of Jesse to anoint David king of Israel. However, it was perhaps fifteen (*15*) to twenty (*20*) years before David came into his authority as King over all of Israel (*1 Samuel Chapter 16 through Chapter 31, 2 Samuel Chapter 1 through Chapter 5*). Based on **Commentary (1)<sup>2</sup>** our calculated approximate date of David’s birth is **1092 B.C.**

**(60.1, 60.2, 61, 62, 63) – The Old Testament Scripture do not give an exact time period of Saul’s reign; *Acts 13:21* says it was the space of forty (*40*) years. David was middle to late teens when he defeated Goliath. David began his reign over Judah at age thirty (*30*). Base on *Acts 13:21*, Saul reigned approximately forty (*40*) years. This implies Saul begin to reign about ten (*10*) years before David was born. It seems that Jonathan, Saul’s son, may have been as much as *20 to 25* years older than David, since *1 Samuel 13:1 through 1 Samuel Chapter 14* says that Jonathan led a raid on the Philistines in Saul’s second (*2<sup>nd</sup>*) year; keeping in mind that *Acts 13:21* approximates the reign of Saul to forty (*40*) years. And since David’s critics considered him to have been a boy when he defeated Goliath, it is assumed that Jonathan may have been *late teen to early twenties* when he led his raid some years earlier.**

**After the death of Saul, his son Ishbosheth reigned over all the tribes of Israel except Judah for two (*2*) years. And David reign over Judah a total of seven (*7*) years in Hebron (*2 Samuel Chapter 1 through Chapter 4*). Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, sayings, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. Also in time past when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel (*or commanded armies of Israel*): and the LORD said to thee, Thou shall feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel.**

So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David King over Israel. David was thirty (30) years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty (40) years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven (7) years and six (6) months: and in Jerusalem he ruled thirty and three (33) years over all Israel and Judah (2 Samuel 5:1 through 5:5).

(63.1, 64) – The House of David traces back to Abraham: Jesse, Obed, Boaz/Ruth, Salmon, Nason, Amminadab, Ram, Hezron, Pharez, Judah, Jacob/Rachel, Isaac/Rebekah, Abraham/ Sarah.

**So David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David. And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty (40) years: seven (7) years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three (33) years reigned he in Jerusalem. Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly (1 Kings 2:10 through 12, 1 Kings Chapters 1 and 2).**

**1 Kings 6:1:** Four hundred eighty (480) years after Israel leave Egypt Solomon begin Temple construction (2 Chronicles 3:1 through 17).

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#### <sup>1</sup> First Kings of Israel -

At the time of events beginning in *1 Samuel* it had not yet been five hundred (500) years since the LORD God spoke to Moses out of the burning bush on Mount Sinai; Arabia (of Old Testament Midian). *This date approximation “of 500 years” is given with reference to 1 Kings 6:1, which states the following:*

**1Ki 6:1** And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth (480<sup>th</sup>) year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt (*which was about 1500 B.C.*), in the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which *is* the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) month, that he (*Solomon*) began to build the house (*or Temple*) of the LORD (*this would have been about (1020 B.C.), or 1500 B.C. – 480 B.C. = 1020 B.C.; the (4<sup>th</sup>) year of Solomon's reign.*

*David ruled for forty (40) years before Solomon (2 Samuel 5:4 and 5:5), and Saul ruled for about forty (40) years before David (Acts 13:31). Thus, a more accurate estimate of the time period of Judges would be (1500 B.C. – ((40 + 40 + 4) + (1020 B.C.)) – (the approximate fifty (50) years, or so, of Moses and Joshua's leadership)) = 346 years! And the events of 1 Samuel would have begun about 1104 B.C., or 1020 B.C. + (40 + 40 + 4) = 1104 B.C. The beginning of David's reign was about (1020 + 40 + 4) = 1064 B.C.!*

*Since Solomon also ruled 40 years (1 Kings 11:42), his reign ended about 984 B.C., or (1020 B.C. – 36 = 984 B.C.).*

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<sup>2</sup> New Testament Commentary (1) is the primary reference point for calculating approximate B.C. and A.D. dates/ years along the timeline. Commentary (1) states the following: **“Luke 3:1 through 3:22 - Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, and anointed with the Holy Spirit in the 15<sup>th</sup> (fifteenth) year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar.** According to secular history, Tiberius Caesar Augustus ruled Rome from 14 to 37 A.D. Therefore, the 15<sup>th</sup> year of Tiberius Caesar would be 29 A.D. This is the time Jesus being anointed with the Holy Spirit began to confirm God's promises to the Jewish people. This began his 3 ½ year ministry.” Thus, all other B.C. and A.D. dates are calculated from the time of the baptizing and anointing of Jesus (*i.e., the 15<sup>th</sup> year of Tiberius Caesar Augustus’ rule*).