

JESUS “SON OF DAVID”

A Re-Imagined Short story

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DEDICATION

To the Most High God—YHWH, Our Heavenly Father, in whom are all things and in whom I live and move and have my being.

To Jesus Christ, the True Son of David, the Son of God, and the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Thank You for dying for me and showing me mercy when I was blind, broken, and undeserving. This book is a testament to your grace.

To everyone who has ever cried out in the dark, “Son of David, have mercy on me”

This is for you.

May your cry reach Heaven. May your eyes be opened.

May you see the face of Compassion, and follow Him for the rest of your life.

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LIST OF CHARACTERS

The Most High YHWH, YAHWEH - God Almighty and Creator of Heaven and Earth.

Jesus – “Son of David”-“Son of God”-Our Lord and Saviour who lived and walked among us as a man, performed with mighty deeds of power, healing the sick, raising the dead, till he was crucified for the sins of Humanity.

Bartimeus - A Man born blind living in Jericho, Israel- confined to a life of poverty, destitution and hopelessness

Elijah-Young Boy living in Jericho at the same time as Bartimeus.

King David - The second King of Israel in the Old Testament - Who led the nation in its greatest triumphant and Glory years.

Nathan - Court Prophet, Advisor and Friend of King David

Joab-Nephew of King David and the commander of his army.

Samuel – Prophet, who plays a key role in the monarchy's transition from Saul to David.

Saul - The first King of Israel and predecessor to David.

Bathsheba-Wife of Uriah the Hittite and who later became King David's wife.

Uriah the Hittite – Bathsheba's husband and listed as one of David's mighty men.

Ahithophel - Adviser to David and Uriah's grandfather.

Angel Gabriel-An Archangel of the Most High who stands in his presence.

Angel Michael - An Archangel of the Most High and War General

Bezaleel - One of King David's attendants in the palace court.

Lucifer - A high ranking anointed cherubic angel in eternal past who led a rebellion against the Most High God.

He was cast down from Heaven after losing the war and became Satan leading an all-out battle of extinction against God prized creation-Humanity.

Gumazul - Fallen angel and Lucifer's right hand and chief spy.

Zantosh - Fallen angel and lieutenant of Lucifer known for his evil wisdom pride and sagacity.

Vantu-Rebel angel in charge of battle strategy.

Sandubal – Rebel Angel and monitoring Spy-One of Gumazuls lieutenants.



Jesus Walking into Jericho

PROLOGUE

Jericho (City in Israel, west of Jerusalem and of the tribe of Benjamin).

AD33-On Jesus's way to Jerusalem

Mark 10:46-48(WEB)

46 They came to Jericho. As he went out from Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, the son of Timaeus, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the road. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, you son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many rebuked him, that he should be quiet, but he cried out much more, "You son of David, have mercy on me!"

Bartimeus had had enough-As far as he was concerned life was not worth living. Born blind, rejected by his parents, raised by his impoverished grandparents, without a hope in the world

Despondent, the only option he had was a life of begging which did not yield much.

As he gazed in the stars at night, He often wondered, why me?
What did I do to deserve this? What sin did my parents commit?

The local Pharisees had informed him that he was under a curse
and this was his lot in life.

He often thought, “There has to be life more than this”

What kept him, going was his grandmother who would tell him
tales of the afterlife and all would be well. He would have his
sight back.

He remembered fondly the scriptures as a child he used to be
told about Moses, King David and a coming ruler who would
right all wrongs.

They would often argue-What about now he retorted? Why am
I in this God forsaken place? He lamented.

Who am I? What is my purpose in life?

He was angry at the whole word, he was angry with himself, he
was angry with God

Talking with fellow beggars, swathing away the flies and local
thieves who wanted to steal from his beggar plate, he began
heard rumours about a man like no other-

A man humble, but of immense power, even the demons were scared of him.

“The blind were seeing, the sick healed, the dead raised and lame walking”

“He was a friend to the marginalized”

“He could relate to the elite and also the downtrodden at the same time”

“He even ate with “Sinners” and the unclean, men and women touched him and were healed”

One of the beggars even said he was able to forgive sins.

Bartimeus laughed out looking at the man as if he had utterly lost his mind.

“Only God can forgive sins” as the rest of the beggars Bartimeus included shouted him down afraid that the local rabbi apprentices would hear such blasphemy and have them arrested on the spot

Controversial in his teachings, this man advocated love and forgiveness and not an “eye for an eye”

He was called the Jesus “Son of David”

Why he thought would he be called by that name?

Any way he will never come to Jericho-Nothing good comes out of Jericho.

If only....

And then on this fateful day. He was just having his lunch in the street marked out for the beggars when the ground suddenly began to shake. Startled and scared, he asked what the turmoil was about, but nobody would tell him. The noise got louder and louder and he realised it was people shouting as if there was a riot. It was a stampede

The crescendo of the noise reached him.

He stretched out his arm as his hand clutched the arms of a young boy he recognised as Elijah.

What is this he asked?

Elijah and the other children had been told not to associate with the beggars. He pulled away and said, the man they call the “Son of David” is here he said.

The “Son of David” Here in Jericho? Bartimeus incredulously asked.

It can't be.



Blind Bartimeus Crying out

Without realising he began to cry out with the rest of the people
as hope began to stir up in Him.

“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”- He cried. His voice loud and mixed with tears.

He got up not knowing which direction he was.

Keep quiet!! The crowd around him said, irritated by his shrill desperate voice

Then he said words that would stop the “Son of David” in his tracks

Jesus!!! Have mercy on me as you had mercy on King David

Jesus stopped, looked back His mind transported back to Jerusalem 1000 Years earlier.

Bartimeus words had triggered something in his heart...

The “Son of David” was the “Son of God”



The crowd rebuking Bartimaeus

CHAPTER 1

THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM

990BC-Jerusalem (Economic and Spiritual Capital of the nation of Israel)

King David woke up stretching himself without a care in the world. As far as he was concerned life was good. There was peace and prosperity like no other in the nation of Israel. The economy in Jerusalem was booming.

As King, he had been in the forefront of a most brutal war, first against the house of King Saul who was also his Father- In-Law, his arch enemy and predecessor and then the Philistines, Edomite, Moabites, Amalekite and the Aramean's.

There was no retreat or surrender and with the help of his Chief of army staff Joab his nephew, all their adversaries were subdued.

Indeed, they had been marvellously helped by the Lord of Hosts Jehovah.

Were it not for his covenant with his best friend Jonathan and Brother-In-Law who was King Saul's first son and heir and Michal, Saul's daughter who was David's wife, the house of Saul would have been ground to dust.

In his compassion, he showed kindness to Jonathan's son, Mephibosheth restoring him to a position of a prince among his sons.

He had come a long way from the day a wizened old man by the name of Samuel a prophet of Israel, a man highly revered whose name provoked fear and trembling, came to his town in Bethlehem with piercing eyes and a flask of oil, anointing him King in the place of King Saul.

Getting up from his knees after the shattering event, there came over him a most unusual boldness. How could he forget his life changing one on one battle with the giant Goliath of Gath the son of the Nephilim's and all his early battles with the Philistines.

This was a battle for the ages still remembered with fondness, how a young man barely a teenager declared in the midst of hardened soldiers of Israel words that echo into eons of generations.....

1 Samuel 17:45-47(NIV)

45 David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. 46 This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. 47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the Lord saves; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

It was almost as David had a glimpse of heaven, a realm that only a privileged few had ever gazed on.

This was a mortal man who was totally sold out on his creator. This was not only reverence. This was

Devotion. This was Love.

The whole fibre of his being panted for the Lord. Life had no meaning without YHWH.

And then there were the Psalms...

Writing the psalms filled him with peace, tranquility.

It took him to Heaven, to the mountains and valleys, and sometimes in places, and he did not fully understand

He almost felt compelled as if the Hand of God was upon him and directing his writings.

Psalm 22:1-2(WEB)

22 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Why are you so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning?

***2 My God, I cry in the daytime, but you don't answer;
in the night season, and am not silent.***

Psalm 16:10(WEB)

10 For you will not leave my soul in Sheol,[a]

Neither will you allow your holy one to see corruption.

This psalm is certainly not about me. Who is this person been forsaken by God and yet did not allow his body to decay, he thought?

Yes, all was well with Israel in this season. These were the glory years...

As he stepped out of his the bedchamber draped with the finest

silks from Egypt, he was met by his entourage of attendants to meet his every need.

They all bowed before him as he acknowledged them without a glance and walked to the adjoining chamber where his Wife Bathsheba and new born son Nathan were sleeping.

The emotional separation from his first wife Michal, the daughter of Saul after she had dishonoured the king, while he danced to the Lord when the Ark made its way back to his rightful place in Jerusalem, had taken its toll on him.

Of all his wives, Michal was the love of his life and yet since that event she could not bear children. Maybe baby Nathan is the one thought David, Maybe Absalom, Amnon maybe Adonijah - He knew the time would come when he had to decide who would sit on the Throne upon his death and reign in his place.

Bathsheba stirred up from her sleep, catching the gaze of the King she got up to pay her Husband homage.

As David looked on, he felt a sudden chill in his heart .The chill of guilt that he could not explain.

He made a mental note to tell his Chief Priest Abiathar to prepare a guilt offering to the Lord.

Just then, his chief attendant Bezaleel cut his thoughts

short.....

My Lord the King, he said bowing down. Nathan the prophet is here.



Nathan the Prophet Dialoguing with King David

Nathan? David said, why so early?

David loved Nathan. The relationship had blossomed from King and prophet to close friends.

Have him meet me at the Throne Room.

Nathan came in to the throne room, where King David was already seated. He went before the king and bowed with his face

to the ground.

As Nathan rose up from the ground-David knew instinctively that Nathan did not come as a friend today. He came as prophet with a sober word from the Lord. A word laced with grace, mercy, judgement and dire consequences for generations to come.

CHAPTER 2

THE SHEPHERD BOY AND THE SCENES BEHIND

1025BC- 35 Years earlier-Bethlehem (Town in Israel, South of Jerusalem of the tribe of Judah)

1 Samuel 16:1-3 (NIV)

"The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king." But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to

anoint for me the one I indicate."

And so began the long arduous ride before dawns early light from Rama to Bethlehem. Samuel was lost in his thoughts filled with grief for the man he had come to love as his own son, the current King of Israel-Saul, the son of Kish.

The anguish was palpable as he informed King Saul that he had been rejected from being king for the sin of rebellion and living in the fear of man rather than God.

How could there be 2 Kings in Israel thought Samuel, would that not lead to a bloody Civil war?

Why Bethlehem? This puzzled him greatly.

As he was pondering these things in his heart, there was a stirring in the fields which startled him to look in that direction. He was almost certain someone or something was watching him.

He looked again and it was gone.

“The Cosmos”

“The Arena of Angelic Warfare”

“The Second Heavens”

Ephesians 6:10-12(WEB)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world's rulers of the darkness of this age, and against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.



Spiritual warfare Unleashed

Of all of Lucifer's trusted Lieutenants in the realm of the cosmos, none was as formidable and effective as Gumazul.

He had fought alongside him as his right hand man, the one who was called the "Covering Cherub-Son of the Morning" in the galactic civil war in heaven with the aim of dethroning the Most High.

Lucifer and his Rebel angels had been defeated at the hand of Arch Angel Michael who was Gods War General and heavenly prince over the nation of Israel.

They lost their place in Heaven and were cast out.

This routing made it clear to them that they had reached the point of no return, with no hope of redemption. For them and their fate was sealed.

They were eternally damned and so in the war council chaired by Lucifer their mission was create a continuous enmity and hatred before God and this new creation that had been given the vision to populate the new earth.

They adopted schemes and wile at their disposal. Lust of the flesh, Lust of the eyes and the pride of Life, which they used on the Sons of Men to devastating effect.

They celebrated what they thought was victorious counterattack against the Lord in the battle at the Garden of Eden causing Adam and Eve to rebel and be cast out of the garden in desolation.

It had far reaching consequences from decadence of life even the climate change and decay, yet in Lucifer's mind, the Judgement God instituted on the serpent was a cause for anxiety...



Angel of the most High in Battle posture

Genesis 3:14-15(WEB)

14 Yahweh God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this, you are cursed above all livestock, and above every animal of the field.

You shall go on your belly and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.15 I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will bruise your head, and you will bruise his heel.”

Over the Millennia, the war council of darkness had been

monitoring the Sons of Men to determine who that “Offspring” would be with the aim of destroying that Man.

From Abraham to Jacob to Moses, Joshua, Samuel and King Saul, they thought they had the answer and they were totally confused. It all seemed to be shrouded in a profound mystery they could not decode.

Their monitoring spies informed them that King Saul had been rejected from being king and a new King was to be anointed by Samuel and so Lucifer commissioned Gumazul to monitor Samuel closely and report back to Him.

Gumazul watched Samuel as he arrived in Bethlehem asking for direction to the house of Jesse.

1 Samuel 16:10-13(NIV)

10 Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The Lord has not chosen these.” 11 So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

12 So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.



The Anointing of Young David

As Samuel poured the anointing oil upon the young strapping lad, unbeknown to all who were witnessing this event on earth, it created a spirit shattering quake that literally threw Gumazul and his lieutenants into a state of panic.

The presence of the Most High was so palpable that they screamed in anguish and fled the scene.

The quake was felt as far into the second heavens causing even disturbance where Lucifer's throne was.

They were immediately transported back to the presence of Lucifer as they bowed before him with the war council present.

How can this boy, barely a teenager be the one who will be the next king of Israel?

The anointing on his Life, His courage and passion was most unusual for a mortal man. Surely he had to be the one ordained by God to strike the head of the serpent...

He must not be allowed to survive they cried. We must get our most fierce assassins to kill him.

As they began to strategize, Lucifer turned to Zintash, a very high ranking angel who was also part of the rebellion and known for his wisdom, pride and sagacity.



War Room of Darkness

Zintash stood up as everyone fell into silence .He was highly revered.

“I counsel that we exercise patience with this young Boy. Let us monitor him closely, determine his strengths and weaknesses and use this against him”

How long do we monitor him? Vantu asked. He was one of the rebels put in charge of battle strategy. He still bore scars from the defeat against Michael and seeking revenge.

We have all the time in the world. We sit, wait and at the pinnacle of his success, we strike.

You mean kill him?

No Zintash replied. We make him do something that will break the Most High's heart and cause God Almighty to destroy this "Man after his heart-This David"

If we could patiently wait 3000 Years from Adam to the present, surely we can wait a few decades more

With that Lucifer replied, so let it be written, so let it be done- We wait patiently.

CHAPTER 3

RUMBLINGS

992BC-Jerusalem

King David was at the pinnacle of his reign. All his enemies subdued and subservient-His Empire stretched from the vicinity of the Euphrates in the north, across Moab to the east, to Edom in the south, and to the Philistine cities in the west.

Most importantly he had received a life changing affirmation from The Most High.

2 Samuel 7:1-16(NIV)

7 After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, 2 he said to Nathan the prophet, “Here I am, living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent.”

3 Nathan replied to the king, “Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you.”

4 But that night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying:

5 “Go and tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord says: Are you the one to build me a house to dwell in? 6 I have not dwelt in a house from the day I brought the Israelites up out of Egypt to this day. I have been moving from place to place with a tent as my dwelling. 7 Wherever I have moved with all the Israelites, did I ever say to any of their rulers whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?””

8 “Now then, tell my servant David, ‘This is what the Lord Almighty says: I took you from the pasture, from tending the flock, and appointed you ruler over my people Israel. 9 I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have cut off all your enemies from before you. Now I will make your name great, like the names of the greatest men on earth. 10 And I will provide a place for my people Israel and will plant them so that they can have a home of their own and no longer be disturbed. Wicked people will not oppress them anymore, as they did at the beginning 11 and have done ever since the time I appointed leaders[a] over my people Israel. I will also give you rest from all your

enemies.

“The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you. 12 When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, your own flesh and blood, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. 15 But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me[b]; your throne will be established forever.

There remained one enemy still holding out, the Ammonites.

David knew he needed to secure his eastern border where the ammonites were deeply entrenched...

A “Surrender or Annihilation” message had been sent to them-

The return message was “War”

And so preparations were made for Battle.

In the War room, King David met with his trusted general Joab

and Abishai his brother.

Surrounded by his so called “Mighty Men” who were willing to lay down their lives for him in the face of battle.



David in the War Room with His Generals

Men who had seen him at his most vulnerable from the time of King Saul, to the near disaster at Ziklag and beyond to the present time.

They had seen him weep till he had no strength to weep and been there during the resounding victories.

These were men who were destitute, in distress and in debt that had been transformed to godly heads of their families and a most feared and formidable war and fighting machine. As they gathered in the catacombs, King David stronghold, a room designed to evade possible ammonite spies, the decision was made to invade Ammon in the spring time when Kings go to war, but to the surprise of Joab, the King would not be joining them, he would remain in Jerusalem.

The silence was deafening among the warriors. This was most unusual, how can we go to war without our king?

As the Generals were dismissed, Joab remained behind with a concerned look on his face.

He had noticed over the last few months that the King was getting distracted and bored.

His passion appeared to be waning.

“This is not the David I know. The Hunger and fire is gone”

There was also rumours about his inappropriate entanglement with Bathsheba, His chief adviser Ahithophel's Granddaughter in law and who was also Uriah's (Who was one of his Officers)

Wife.

Was this the reason why the king remained in Jerusalem?

My Lord! Joab said, perhaps you should reconsider your decision to stay behind in Jerusalem.

David replied curtly; my decision is final. See to your generals and bring me word of victory.

As David dismissed Joab, watching in the background and invisible to all was Sandubal.

He had been specially selected by Gumazul to monitor David's every move.

This he had been doing from the moment King David was anointed, watching him every day, hour and moment for the last 35 Years without fail.

Sandubal on hearing this sent a coded message word to his General Gumazul - "It is time to strike" we have an opening of attack.

CHAPTER 4

DAVID, BATHSHEBA AND UURIAH

992BC-Ammon and Jerusalem

2 Samuel 11:2-5(WEB)

2 At evening, David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. From the roof, he saw a woman bathing, and the woman was very beautiful to look at. 3 David sent and inquired after the woman. One said, "Isn't this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, Uriah the Hittite's wife?"

4 David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in to him, and he lay with her (for she was purified from her uncleanness); and she returned to her house. 5 The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, "I am with child."

David paced up and down his palace-He had heard wonderful news from the war front.

Joab had indeed laid siege in Ammon and it was only a matter of time before the final capitulation although the fighting was very fierce especially on the frontlines. But more pressing on his mind was Bathsheba. She was pregnant with his child a married woman not his wife.

He had seen her from the roof of his palace whilst she was bathing.

Unbeknown to David, Sandubal who had been monitoring the proceedings began to whisper words in his ear

Much as David tried, he could resist the desire he felt for her

He could have had any unmarried woman he wanted but, like the Garden of Eden, his Lust had overtaken him in spite of the strict orders of God.

“Thou shalt not commit Adultery”

As he thought about what next to do, a thought crossed his mind,

“I am King David, I am a man of immense power and I can cover this up”

“Why don’t I bring her husband from the war front, He will be exhausted and would need rest and relaxation”

“I will order him home and perhaps he will unite with his wife and the baby can be passed off and reared as his own”

“Nobody has to know only Bathsheba and I will swear her to secrecy”

As he began to mediate on the plan, he was filled with ungodly hope that this might just work

He dispatched orders and Instructed Uriah to be released from the war in Ammon and brought to him.

As Uriah made his way to Jerusalem, He looked around him. The King had sent his luxurious carriage with 2 his bodyguards.

He looked out of place and wondered why the King would want to see him.

Uriah loved King David and saw him as a role model to emulate.

He often told his wife his dream was to be like King David. He emulated him up to the way he walked and talked even though they had never seen him face to face.

He joined the army because of David and had risen to become a fine and brave officer. In his mind, he would name his first

son “David” in honour of his king.

What was even more impressive was that Uriah was a Man after God’s Heart. He saw David as a man who lived a life of righteousness and holiness with reverence to the Lord of Israel.

Uriah had never tasted strong wine in his life much to the frustration of his friends and family

As he pondered on these things, the carriage halted to a stop. They had arrived at the palace.

2 Samuel 11:6-15(WEB)

6 David sent to Joab, “Send me Uriah the Hittite.” Joab sent Uriah to David. 7 When Uriah had come to him, David asked him how Joab did, and how the people fared, and how the war prospered. 8 David said to Uriah, “Go down to your house and wash your feet.” Uriah departed out of the king’s house, and a gift from the king was sent after him. 9 But Uriah slept at the door of the king’s house with all the servants of his lord, and didn’t go down to his house. 10 When they had told David, saying, “Uriah didn’t go down to his house,” David said to Uriah, “Haven’t you come from a journey? Why didn’t you go down to your house?”

11 Uriah said to David, “The ark, Israel, and Judah, are staying in tents; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open field. Shall I then go into my house to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing!”

12 David said to Uriah, “Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart.” So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day and the next day.

13 When David had called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk. At evening, he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but didn’t go down to his house. 14 In the morning, David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 He wrote in the letter, saying, “Send Uriah to the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck and die.”

Uriah left Jerusalem even more perplexed than when he came. This was an unexpectedly short visit.

He was saddened that he could not see his wife Bathsheba. He had placed duty and faith over family. After all we are at war.

Enjoyment and celebrations will come later.

Perhaps he thought, this was Gods way of testing him before promoting him to greater responsibility “God is good he thought and his mercies endure forever”.

Even when given the option of going home to rest, he had chosen to stay in the servant’s quarters-His only qualm was that at some point he had been served alcohol, for the first time.

He hated it and swore he would never take it again

In his hand was a letter from King David to give to Joab, His commanding officer.

This surely must be a letter recommending him for promotion.

This might even come with better pay, maybe a bigger home and who knows start a family with his wife.

As he disembarked from his carriage, he was ushered to the presence of Joab.

Uriah bowed before Joab and handed the letter to him as he waited outside for further Instructions.

As Joab read the letter. He was saddened by this whole affair, but as a soldier, He thought to himself

“I am a man of authority and under Authority” “Orders were Orders”

If King David wanted Uriah dead, who was he to stand in his way?

Joab called Uriah back in.

We have a special mission for you-we are sending you to where the fighting is fiercest.

Will I have help and support, Uriah asked

Yes you will.

Uriah saluted and left the camp.

Little did he realise that he would never see his dreams fulfilled.

Before the end of the day, he had died in battle.

An untimely and tragic death

2 Samuel 11:22-27(WEB)

22 So the messenger went, and came and showed David all that Joab had sent him for. 23 The messenger said to David, "The men prevailed against us, and came out to us into the field; and we were on them even to the entrance of the gate. 24 The shooters shot at your servants from off the wall; and some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is also dead."

25 Then David said to the messenger, "Tell Joab, 'Don't let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Make your battle stronger against the city, and overthrow it.' Encourage him."

26 When Uriah's wife heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. 27 When the mourning was past, David sent and took her home to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased Yahweh.

As all of this unravelled the war council of darkness watched with rapt attention and cheered.

As the celebrations quietened- Zintash asked Lucifer-What next?

Lucifer replied, now I go to Mount Zion as an accuser to request the life of David.

He has committed Adultery and Murder.

That carries a sentence of death and the Most High cannot deny me my legal right.

CHAPTER 5

MOUNT ZION

The Heavenly Jerusalem

As Lucifer ascended to the familiar terrain of Mount Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem, He remembered the

Last time he had presented himself before the Lord.

This was during the time of Job when he received the Lord's permission to destroy Job. Much as he tried, it ended badly for him as all that he had stolen from Job, the Lord had restored and given him double for all his trouble.

This time however he felt more confident as David was a man who had committed a sin so grievous in the eyes of God that surely he felt he would not be denied this time.

On arrival, he was met by Angel Gabriel.

Angel Gabriel had often wondered, why the Lord did not destroy Lucifer after the civil war.

In fact, the instruction had gone round all the heavenly, earthly

and nether-worldly realms that whilst Lucifer had lost his place, he had not lost his ranking and the usual protocol of honour should be accorded him.

He had heard that even Michael was not allowed to rail against Lucifer as they disputed over the body of Moses.

“The Lord Rebuke You” Michael apparently said to Lucifer during their verbal confrontation 500 years ago

The Most high will see you now Angel Gabriel said. Are you not coming with me? Lucifer asked?

No said Gabriel, You will see him alone with the Word and The Spirit.

Immediately he found himself brought him to the Presence of the Lord seated on the Throne in a room he had never entered throughout his time in heaven.



The 2 Thrones Intersecting

On the Floor of God was the Inscription in a new language
Lucifer did not understand - “Throne of Grace”

Seated on the Right hand was a Lamb he had never seen and In
front of the throne was an altar sprinkled with Blood

This was new and perplexing to Lucifer

Lucifer bowed low to the ground.

Your Majesty, the Most High.

The Lord said to Lucifer, Who are you and where have you come from.

Surely Lucifer thought, the Lord knows my name.

My name is... As Lucifer tried to get the words out of his mouth he felt a compelling force as he blurted out

My name is Satan.

The Lord replied and that is who you are. You are no longer “Son of the Morning”

You are forbidden for all eternity to eternity to use the name Lucifer.

Satan in utter shock and horror replied-Yes my Lord.

Why are you here? The most High asked.

Satan replied, I have come to accuse the one they call David the King of Israel.

I request his death. Your law to Moses made it clear that the adulterer and the murderer must die.



*Lucifer appears before the throne, invoking justice over
David's sin.*

**The Most high replied Atonement has been made. The
Perfect Blood has been shed, sprinkled on this Altar.**

Whose blood could be so powerful to atone for this most
heinous crime - Satan Thought?

He could not take his eyes off the Lamb seated on the Right

side of the Most High.

His further gaze took him to man, dressed in white kneeling on the ground deep in prayer, and beads of sweat running down his brow.

He knew immediately this was Nathan, The prophet of the Lord in Israel and King David's Friend.

David will not die said the Most High, but He will suffer the consequences and one has died in his place.

This is sealed and cannot be reversed.

What I have done I have done, what I am doing I have done and what I will do, I have already done.

The Life force of those Words threw Satan out of the presence of the Lord as he fell like lightening back to his abode in the cosmos of the second heavens.

As he landed back in the midst of the rebel angels, one of them said "My Lord Lucifer". Immediately fire from heaven came and consumed him right on the spot.

They all learnt a lesson in authority.

From now on the name Lucifer ceased to exist.

Satan addressed the War counsel of darkness

“David is not the one who will destroy us”

“There is someone else coming. It may be now, it may be in 1000 years”

“When he comes, it will be shrouded and we will miss it”

“This Man will end us”

“Of one thing I am certain. Israel is Ground Zero.

“All we can do is to maximise the consequences”.

“We are lost forever and doomed but we must take as many of the Sons of Men with us to hell for all eternity”

“Our time is short before our complete, utter and final destruction”

Nathan who had been travelling in prayer for David all night felt a release in his spirit that God had answered his prayer.

David would not die.

It was time to confront the King.

CHAPTER 6

(BACK TO THE END OF CHAPTER 1)

JERUSALEM

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You are that Man-!!

*A*s Nathan rose up from the Ground-David knew instinctively that Nathan did not come as a friend today-He came as prophet, with a Word from the Lord, A word laced with Grace, Mercy, Judgement and catastrophic consequences for generations to come-

Nathan opened his Mouth and said,

2 Sam 12 1-12(NIV)

“There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, 3 but the poor man had nothing

except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. 4

“Now a traveller came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveller who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”

5 David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! 6 He must repay four lambs to the poor man for the one he stole and for having no pity.”

Nathan welled up with tears stunned by the hypocrisy cried out.

7 Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.

8 I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more.

9 Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites.

10 Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.

Each word from his Friend and Prophet of Israel hit David like a hammer blow as he collapsed to the ground, It dawned on him as he realised the magnitude of his sin.

He had lost his edge, he had lost his discernment and worst of all, he had lost the presence of the Lord and His Spirit.

Because of lust, he had ordered an innocent man after God's heart to be slaughtered by the enemies of the Most High.

He had brought reproach to the name of the Lord. The anguish of guilt was unbearable, David cried out.



Nathan the Prophet confronting King David

2 Sam 12 13-14(NIV)

13 Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the Lord.” Nathan replied, “The Lord has taken away your sin. You are not going to die. 14 But because by doing this you have shown utter contempt for the Lord, the son born to you will die.”

Surely not .Why must the innocent die? Nathan replied,

The Boy will die, it is irrevocable

I have prayed for you but the Lord has said a storm like no other is coming your way that will attempt to destroy your family and usurp your throne;

The usurper will be someone from your own loins. Just as you have said the man who did this must repay four lambs for the one he stole and have no pity.

Four of your sons will die.

As David began to weep uncontrollably, Nathan in a calm, authoritative voice and yet in his heart feeling anguish for his friend said, “Get your wife Bathsheba, hold your child and say your good byes”

David hurried to the Queens quarters and told Bathsheba, They

hugged and wept and wept and yet in his heart, David would not give up.

Suddenly, the Child began to cough.

2 Samuel 12:15-18(NIV)

15 After Nathan had gone home, the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife had borne to David, and he became ill.

16 David pleaded with God for the child. He fasted and spent the nights lying in sackcloth[a] on the ground. 17 The elders of his household stood beside him to get him up from the ground, but he refused, and he would not eat any food with them.

18 On the seventh day the child died. David's attendants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they thought, "While the child was still living, he wouldn't listen to us when we spoke to him. How can we now tell him the child is dead? He may do something desperate."

Leviticus 22:27(NIV)

27 "When a calf, a lamb or a goat is born, it is to remain with its mother for seven days. From the eighth day on, it will be acceptable as a food offering presented to the Lord.

As David rose up from the ground on hearing that his son was

dead, there was closure.

He found the strength to carry on, to the amazement of his palace attendants

2 Sam 12:20(NIV)

20 Then David got up from the ground, washed himself, put on lotions, and changed his clothes. He went to the Tabernacle and worshiped the Lord.

He knew he had to be transparent about his sin. This would be a cautionary tale for the Millennia to come.

In spite of his chief advisers who counselled that there was no need to scribe this psalm, he insisted on doing it and prevailed on them to publish it.

As he worshipped the Lord and broken by his Sin, the psalm began to write itself.

What is now known as the 51st Psalm

For the ages to come this psalm will be forever be known as the benchmark Hymn for brokenness, repentance, contrition and restoration



David praying for his sick child

Psalm 51(WEB)

51 Have mercy on me, God, according to your loving kindness.

According to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out my

transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity.

Cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions.

My sin is constantly before me.

4 Against you, and you only, I have sinned,

and done that which is evil in your sight,

so you may be proved right when you speak,

and justified when you judge.

5 Behold, I was born in iniquity.

My mother conceived me in sin.

6 Behold, you desire truth in the inward parts.

You teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

7 Purify me with hyssop, and I will be clean.

Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness,

that the bones which you have broken may rejoice.

9 Hide your face from my sins,

and blot out all of my iniquities.

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Renew a right spirit within me.

11 Don't throw me from your presence,

and don't take your Holy Spirit from me.

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

Uphold me with a willing spirit.

13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways.

Sinners will be converted to you.

14 Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God, the God of my salvation.

My tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

15 Lord, open my lips.

My mouth will declare your praise.

16 For you don't delight in sacrifice, or else I would give it.

You have no pleasure in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit.

O God, you will not despise a broken and contrite heart.

18 Do well in your good pleasure to Zion.

Build the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then you will delight in the sacrifices of righteousness,

in burnt offerings and in whole burnt offerings.

Then they will offer bulls on your altar.

Suddenly the whole room was filled with Incense which rose in the room, travelled and ascended to the presence of the Lord in Mount Zion.

A sweet smelling perfume and fragrance.

Heaven embraced earth.

After that, he returned to the palace and was served food and ate.

He was the king of Israel and who were currently at war with the ammonites which needed his prompt attention.

He refreshed himself in the lord and reconciled with his wife Bathsheba before going to the war front.

2 Sam 24(NIV)

Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and made love to her. She gave birth to a son, and they

named him Solomon. The Lord loved him; 25 and because the Lord loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah.

There was great Joy in the camp of Israel as his chariot arrived with all pomp and morale was greatly boosted.

After a long hard battle the Ammonite resistance crumbled as the their army capitulated

A great victory was secured against the ammonites, giving the Nation of Israel the one and only hegemony and Uni polar power status over the vast array of Land

2 Samuel 12:26-31(WEB)

26 Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city.

27 Joab sent messengers to David, and said, "I have fought against Rabbah. Yes, I have taken the city of waters.

28 Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city and take it; lest I take the city, and it be called by my name."

29 David gathered all the people together and went to Rabbah, and fought against it and took it. 30 He took the

crown of their king from off his head; and its weight was a talent[a] of gold, and in it were precious stones; and it was set on David's head. He brought a great quantity of plunder out of the city. 31 He brought out the people who were in it, and put them to work under saws, under iron picks, under axes of iron, and made them go to the brick kiln; and he did so to all the cities of the children of Ammon. Then David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.



King David playing the Harp

Solomon as a testament of God's Grace and Mercy became the next King of Israel after his Father David who ruled for 40 years

Solomon was the last man standing among the potential heirs to the throne and had survived a family war of total annihilation which his half-brother Absalom has started and ended in his (Absalom's) demise.

The 4 sons of David who died were Nathan (The first born of David and Bathsheba, who died as a result of God's Judgement) Amnon, Absalom and Adonijah

King Solomon reigned for 40 years and built the Temple of the Lord as his dwelling and hosting of his presence, fulfilling the vision of his father David's heart.

EPILOGUE

AD 33-ON JESUS'S WAY TO JERUSALEM

Jericho

Mark 10:49-50(WEB)

49 Jesus stood still and said, "Call him." They called the blind man, saying to him, "Cheer up! Get up. He is calling you!"

50 He, casting away his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus.

Jesus knew on hearing those words, he had to stop. Whatever this man needed he would be granted his wish.

His mind was transported to the day Satan had blasphemed the name of the Lord requesting for the life of David who had committed Adultery and Murder, a grievous sin punishable by death

The name of David, the Man after Gods Heart, and the sweet

psalmist, who received mercy rather than death, that name had placed a demand on Jesus.

Protocol had to be broken. Just as he did with the Syrophoenician woman who was relentless and non-negotiable in her faith

As he called for him, there was silence and then Elijah said, Bartimeus, he is calling for you.

Everything else was a blur as he made his way and was shoved to where Jesus was standing.

What do you want me to do he asked Bartimeus..?

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” As Jesus touched his eyes, he felt a warm pleasant fiery sensation

over his eyes but more than that he felt every part of his being was been touched.



Jesus turning to Bartimaeus

This was a holistic Healing-of his spirit, soul and body. He was been made whole.

He wept as he forgave his parents, the local Pharisees, the community and he forgave himself.

He was no longer angry at God.

As he opened his eyes, He looked up and saw the face of compassion that was beyond words.

Bartimeus wept and said “I see you Lord”

A Woman next to him who knew Bartimeus from his childhood, on seeing this remarkable event fainted.



Jesus touching Bartimaeus eyes



Bartimaeus throwing off his cloak

This was God among men.

Bartimeus knew that for the rest of his life He would live his life for this man called Jesus “The Son of David”

No matter what.

For him, there was no turning back



Bartimeaus Walking with Jesus

Mark 10:52(WEB)

52 Jesus said to him, “Go your way. Your faith has made you well.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the way..



The gate of Jericho glowing with prophetic lights

Even in the face of the consequences of our actions, in Christ, there is still a redemptive outcome.

THE END



The Throne of Heaven reacts

