

1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S

DEMONISM SUMMARY

1 SAMUEL 16:14–23

1 Samuel

Samuel
Prophet,
Priest,
Judge

1 8

Saul

Rise

Decline

David's Rise

9 15 16 31

1 Sam. 16:13, “Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah.”

צִלַּח *tzalach* qal wawConsec 3 fem sing to prosper, succeed, maybe “rush” (?). God made them successful in their assigned tasks. Used of Samson, Saul, and David

אֶל *el* preposition to, toward NOT *in, inside*

1 Sam. 16:14, “But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the LORD troubled him.”

סור *sur* qal perf 3 fem
sing to withdraw, depart,
turn aside from

מֵעִם *me'im*
compound,
“from” +
“with”

רַע *ra'* fem sing
abs
bad, evil

בָּעַת *bā'at*
to be overtaken by
sudden terror, to terrify,
torment, afflict,
distress, extreme fear
that incapacitates

1 Sam. 16:15, “And Saul’s servants said to him, ‘Surely, a distressing spirit [evil spirit] from God is troubling [terrifying] you.’ ”

**רַע *raʿ* fem sing abs
bad, evil**

**רוּחַ *ruach* comm
fem sing constr
spirit, breath, wind**

1 Sam. 16:16, “Let our master now command your servants, who are before you, to seek out a man who is a skillful [*knowing* or *experienced*] player on the harp. And it shall be that he will play it with his hand when the distressing spirit from God is upon you, and you shall be well.”

רַע *raʿ* fem sing abs

bad, evil

טוֹב-1 *toṽ-1* masc

sing abs

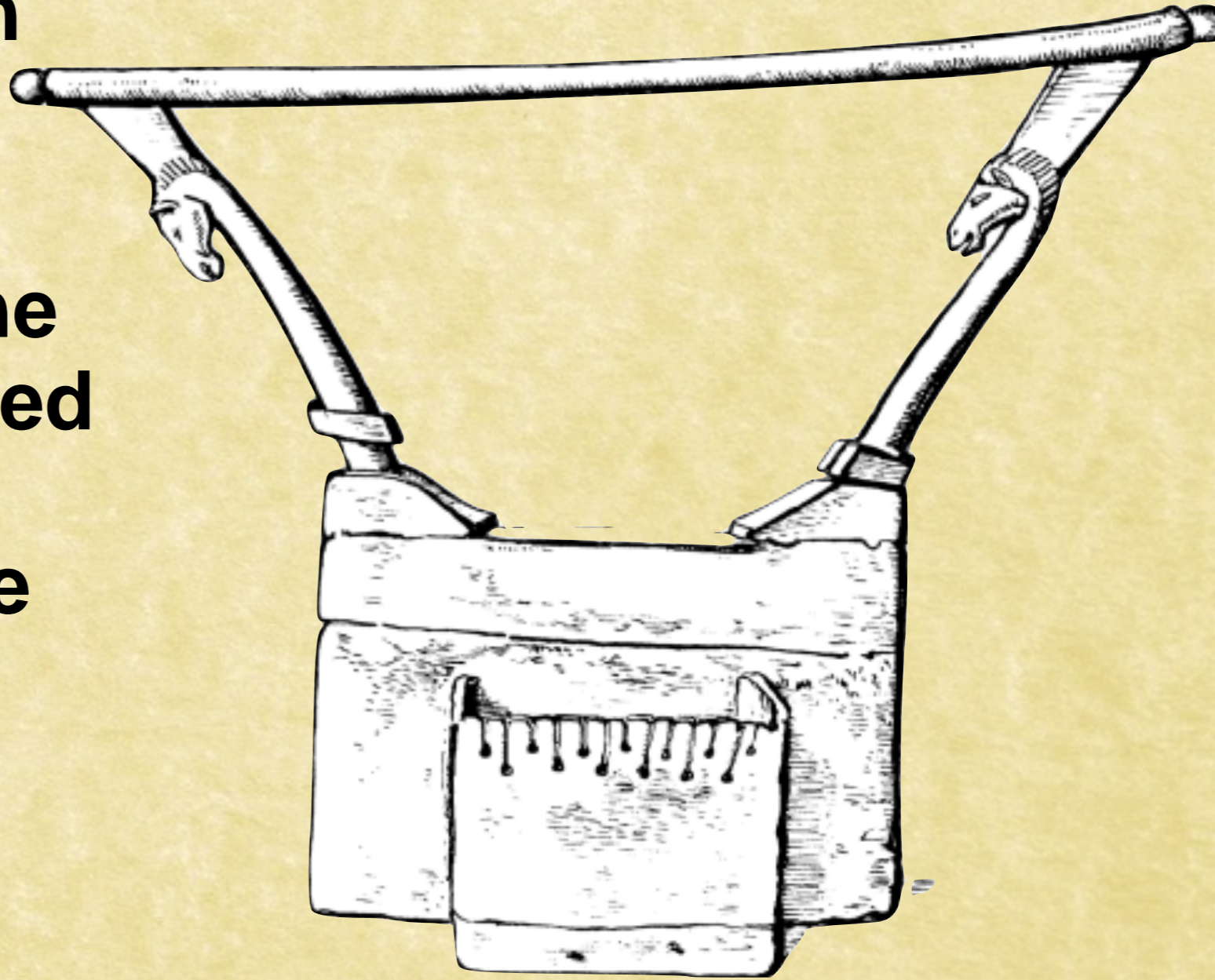
pleasant, good

“as intended,
healthy” (*toṽ*

does not mean
morally good)

1 Sam. 16:17, “So Saul said to his servants, ‘Provide me now a man who can play well, and bring him to me.’”

1 Sam. 16:18, “Then one of the servants answered and said, ‘Look, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, who is skillful in playing, a mighty man of valor, a man of war, prudent in speech, and a handsome person; and the LORD is with him.’ ”



1 Sam. 16:23, “And so it was, whenever the spirit *from* God was upon Saul, that David would take a harp and play it with his hand. Then Saul would become refreshed and well, and the distressing spirit would depart from him.”

**רַע *ra'* fem sing abs
bad, evil**

רוח *rawach*

**qal perf 3 masc sing
consec
to be wide, get relief**

**סור *sur* qal perf 3 fem
sing to withdraw,
depart, turn aside
from**

“An evil spirit oppressed him. And Saul sent and fetched David, and he played a psalm upon his harp in the night. And this is the psalm which he sang unto Saul that the evil spirit might depart from him. ... ‘There were darkness and silence before the world was ... and man was made and after that was the tribe of your spirits made.’ ”

~Liber Antiquitatum Biblicarum 60.10-3 Also called Pseudo Philo

**“ ‘Now therefore, be not injurious, whereas thou art a second creation, but if not, then remember Hell wherein thou walkedst.’ ...
And when David sung praises, the spirit spared Saul.
In 1st century it was thought to be this or treated as an exorcism,”**

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Probably written after AD 150**

The Angelic Rebellion

1. The angelic rebellion began in eternity past when the chief angel, identified as Lucifer by an old English translation of the Hebrew, *Helel, ben Shachar*.

Isa. 14:12–14; Ezek. 28:12–19

**Isa. 14:12, “How you are fallen from
heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!
How you are cut down to the ground, you
who weakened the nations!” NKJV**

**Isa. 14:12, “Look how you have fallen from
the sky, O shining one, son of the dawn!
You have been cut down to the ground, O
conqueror of the nations!” NET**

**2. One-third of the angels fell with Satan.
Rev. 12:3–4**

Rev. 12:3, “And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

Rev. 12:4, “His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.”

3. These are collectively referred to as fallen angels, although they might also be generally called demons. However, perhaps the term *demon* or *evil spirit* might be reserved for only that group of fallen angels who interact with the human race. They are organized under Satan.

Eph. 6:12, “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.” cf., Eph. 1:21, 2:2

4. There are several different groups of fallen angels.

4A. Sons of God: confined now to chains of darkness

Gen. 6:4, “There were giants on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men and they bore children to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of renown.”

Jude 6, “And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day;

Jude 7, “as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”

1 Pet. 3:19, “by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison,

1 Pet. 3:20, “who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.”

4B. One demon army is currently confined to the Abyss, and will be released as part of the fifth trumpet judgment in Rev. 9:1–11.

4C. A second demon army of 200 million is released as part of the sixth trumpet judgment.

Rev. 9:14, “saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, ‘Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.’”

Rev. 9:15, “So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind.”

Rev. 9:16, “Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them.”

4D. A fourth group of demons are those who are alive and well and were involved in these different episodes in Scripture.

SHEOL, HADES

Luke 16:19–25

ABRAHAM'S
BOSOM

“PARADISE”

Old Testament
Believers

To third heaven
2 Cor. 12:1–4

Impassable
Barrier

TORMENTS

Unbelievers
From all
dispensations

TARTARUS

2 Pet. 2:4

“Chains of darkness”

HADES/SHEOL

PARADISE

**Moved to Heaven
2 Cor. 12:4; Rev. 2:7**

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TORMENTS

5. *Demon influence* or demonic oppression can occur to anyone.

***Demon influence* is when a person is thinking according to the devil's thinking. This is described as "worldliness" in the Bible. A Christian or a non-Christian is demon-influenced when they operate according to any values, philosophies, religions, opinions, and world-views contrary to the divine viewpoint of the Bible.**

6. Demon possession describes the invasion of the body of a non-Christian by a demon. The demon can control the unbeliever's physical actions from a position within the unbeliever.

Saul was not demon-possessed.

7. New Testament Warnings About Demon Influence

1 Cor. 10:20 says sacrificing to idols is sacrificing to demons

1 Tim. 4:1 warns about deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons

2 Cor. 11:14–15 warns of their deceptive appearance as servants of righteousness

James 3:13–15 identifies human viewpoint or the worldly wisdom as demonic

8. Three *general* statements about casting out demons in the gospels:

1) Matthew 4:24, “... they brought to Him all who were ill, taken with various diseases and pains, demoniacs, epileptics, paralytics; and He healed them” (cf., Mark 3:11; Luke 6:17–19);

2) Matthew 8:16, “When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed; and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill” (cf., Mark 1:29–34; Luke 4:38–41).

8. Three *general* statements about casting out demons in the gospels:

3) Luke 7:21, “At that very time He cured many people of diseases and afflictions and evil spirits; and He granted sight to many who were blind.”

9. Eight *specific* incidents are also described: