Saul and David — Satan and Christ

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Certain things concerning crowns, especially relative to the crown that Christ is to wear, can possibly best be illustrated by referring to the typology of Saul and David in the books of **1** and **2** **Samuel**.

Saul had been anointed king over Israel, but Saul rebelled against the Lord and was rejected (as king) by the Lord (**1 Samuel 10:1ff**; **15:1-23**).  David was then anointed king in Saul’s stead (**1 Samuel 16:1-13**).  However, Saul did not immediately relinquish the throne; nor did David make an attempt to immediately ascend the throne.  Saul, even though rejected and his anointed successor on hand, was allowed to continue his reign.

Affairs continued after this fashion in the camp of Israel until David eventually found himself in exile, living out in the hills (e.g., in the cave of Adullam).  During this time, certain individuals who were dissatisfied with existing conditions in the camp of Israel under Saul gathered themselves to David (**1 Samuel 22:1**, **2**).  They separated themselves from affairs in the kingdom under Saul and lived out in the hills with David.  He became “*a captain over them*”; and they were faithful to him, anticipating the day when Saul would be put down and David would take the kingdom.

The day eventually came when this occurred.  Saul, following a battle and an attempted suicide, was slain by an Amalekite.  His crown was taken and delivered to David (**1 Samuel 31:1-13**; **2 Samuel 1:1-10).**  *Then*, David and his faithful men moved in and took over the government (**2 Samuel 2:1ff**).

The entire sequence of events depicting Saul and David typifies great spiritual truths concerning Satan and Christ.

Just as Saul was anointed king over Israel, Satan was anointed king over the earth.

Just as Saul rebelled against the Lord and was rejected, Satan rebelled against the Lord and was rejected.

Just as David was anointed king while Saul continued to reign, Christ was anointed King while Satan continued to reign.

Just as David did not immediately ascend the throne, Christ did not immediately ascend the throne.

Just as David eventually found himself in a place removed from the kingdom (out in the hills), Christ eventually found Himself in a place removed from the kingdom (heaven).

Just as David gathered certain faithful men to himself during this time (anticipating his future reign), Christ is presently gathering certain faithful men to Himself (anticipating His future reign).

Just as the day came when Saul was put down, the day will come when Satan will be put down.

Just as Saul’s crown was taken and given to David, Satan’s crown will be taken and given to Christ.

And just as David and his faithful followers *then* *moved in and took over the government*, Christ and His faithful followers *will* *then* *move in and take over the government*.

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