

David's Heir: Saul's Negative or Wrong Thinking: Anger, Displeasure, Suspicion, & Jealousy, 1 Sam 18:8–9; Categories of Cosmic 1 Arrogance & Cosmic 2 Hatred; Depression, Murder Lust, & Demon Influence, 18:10–11; Conspiracy to Kill, 18:21, 25; Jonathan Appeals to Saul for Mercy toward David, 19:4–5; Saul's Guilt Complex & His Vow to God, 19:6; Executes the Priesthood of Nob, 22:18; Demon Influence & Consultation with a Witch, 28:6–7; Samuel Fires Saul, 28:16–17; Sin unto Death at Mt. Gilboa, 31:4-5; David's Heir Prophesied: Ps 89: 1–4; 19–37

Saul's Negative or Wrong Thinking:

1. Saul functioned in numerous gates of the cosmic systems and the lower rungs of reversionism. This corrupted inventory of ideas is reflected by his negative actions in response to the Lord's directives and his relentless pursuit of David.
2. The first mental-attitude sins directed toward David included anger, displeasure, suspicion, and jealousy:

1 Samuel 18:8 - Then Saul became very angry, [Qal imperfect of the verb **חָרָה** (*charah*)] for this saying displeased [Qal imperfect of the verb **רָעַע** (*ra'a'*): to be evil in one's opinion, plus the noun **עַיִן** (*'ayin*): "the eye" forming an idiom that means "to be evil in one's eyes."] 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? (NASB)
3. The imperfect tense indicates that this sin would be a continuous mental attitude toward David which was motivated by the women's paean.

1 Samuel 18:9 - Saul looked at David with suspicion [Qal active participle of the verb **אָוַן** (*'awan*): "to observe someone with a critical and questioning attitude,"] from that day on. (NASB)
4. This cluster of sins is motivated by jealousy of David's popularity and suspicion that he is a viable contender for the throne.
5. Saul's involvement in these sins associates his soul decline with several categories of Cosmic One: attitude, authority, negative volition, and unhappiness arrogance, and Cosmic Two: sin-nature and negative-volition hatred.
6. This cluster caused Saul to enter into depression during which he plotted, from murder lust, to assassinate David:

1 Samuel 18:10 - Now it came about on the next day that an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he raved [the Hiphil imperfect of the verb **נָבֵא** (*nava'*): "to talk irrationally in or as if in delirium; to speak out wildly; to utter in madness or frenzy."¹] in the midst of the house, while David was playing the harp [**כִּנּוֹר** (*kinnor*): "lyre"] with his hand, as usual; and a spear was in Saul's hand. (NASB)
7. Demon influence controls Saul's thoughts as his mental attitudes burst into explosive anger during one of David's lyre concerts.

1 Samuel 18:11 - Saul hurled the spear [attempted murder] for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David escaped from his presence twice.
8. Murder is among the lust patterns, driven by several sinful enticements. This is the emergence of criminal arrogance in Saul's soul associated with his state of depression in psychopathic arrogance. In Cosmic Two, Saul is involved in demonism.

¹ Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 11th ed., s.v. "rave."

9. Failing in his own attempts to murder David, Saul deploys David into harm's way against the Philistines. He offers his daughter, Michal, as his wife if he will pay a dowry of 100 Philistine foreskins.
10. His plot assumes that David will be challenged to comply, but the task of obtaining the dowry will be so dangerous he will surely be killed in action.
- 1 Samuel 18:21** - Saul thought, "I will give her hand to him that she [Michal] may become a snare [מִקְשָׁה (*moqesh*)] to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him," Therefore Saul said to David, "For a second time you may be my son-in-law today."
11. The "snare" is the requirement for a dowry which Saul intends to use to facilitate David's death. David insisted that he could not afford to pay the usual monetary dowry which Saul counters in:
- 1 Samuel 18:25** - Saul then said, "Thus you shall say to David, 'The king does not desire any dowry except a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to take vengeance on the king's enemies.'" Now Saul planned to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.
12. Saul assumed this request could not possibly fail to make David vulnerable to danger before the Philistines.
13. David disappointed Saul's murder lust once again as he returned from the battlefield with not 100 but 200 Philistine foreskins.
14. Failure did not discourage Saul at all. He next tries to form a conspiracy among his son Jonathan and his servants to assassinate David. Jonathan, a close friend of David's, informed David of the plot.
15. Jonathan then told Saul of his rationale not to follow through on the idea:
- 1 Samuel 19:4** - Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Do not let the king sin against his servant David, since he has not sinned against you, and since his deeds have been very beneficial to you.
- v. 5** - "For he took his life in his hand and struck the Philistine, and the Lord brought about a great deliverance for all Israel; you saw it and rejoiced. Why then will you sin against innocent blood by putting David to death without cause?" (NASB)
16. Jonathan's commendation of David's service to Saul caused the king to develop a guilt complex:
- 1 Samuel 19:6** - Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan, and Saul vowed, "As the Lord lives, he shall not be put to death."
17. We have already noted that Saul was afraid of David, now we discover that Saul is afraid of the Lord and well he should be. He made a vow before the Lord that his cosmic status quo could not keep.
18. We have studied the episodes in which Saul pursues David in an effort to kill him in battle. On one occasion, Doeg the Edomite lied to Saul telling him David had inquired of the priest Ahimelech seeking divine guidance on how to defeat Saul and his army.
19. Saul ordered all 85 priests of Nob to be brought to his headquarters in Gibeah where he ordered Doeg to execute the lot of them:

1 Samuel 22:18 - Then the king said to Doeg, "You turn around and attack the priests." And Doeg the Edomite turned around and attacked the priests, and he killed that day eighty-five men who wore the linen ephod. (NASB)

20. Now the Lord's entire priesthood based at Nob has been victim of a massacre ordered by Saul reflecting the categories of degeneracy and evil in Cosmic Two.
21. Having lost the enduement of the Holy Spirit and access through the priests to the Urim, Saul is left without any access to divine guidance.
22. A combination of irrational and psychopathic arrogance in concert with Cosmic Two demonism motivated Saul to consult a medium:

1 Samuel 28:6 - When Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by prophets.

v. 7 - Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a woman who is a medium at En-dor." (NASB)

23. The woman's efforts were not as either she or Saul had expected. Instead of demonic mumbo-jumbo, the Lord sent Samuel from Paradise to give Saul his pink slip.

1 Samuel 28:16 - Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has departed from you and has become your adversary.

v. 17 - "The Lord has done accordingly as He spoke through me; for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand and given it to your neighbor, to David." (NASB)

24. Saul's fate was certain and finally sealed when the Philistines defeated his army in the Battle of Mount Gilboa. Saul fell on his own sword this culminating his spiritual decline in the sin unto death.
25. Saul was anointed first king of Israel but he did not have the capacity to do the job. His soul was infected with most of the categories of the Cosmic Systems and his demise through the eight stages of reversionism is a demonstration of the destiny in store for believers that ignore, reject, and oppose the Word of God.

David's Heir Prophesied:

See Psalm 89: 1-4; 19-37 (NASB).