

METAPHYSICAL BIBLE INTERPRETATION

The Soul's Journey, part 8

THE POWER AND THE GLORY

These are the Glory Days for the Jewish people, where in the strength of their youth they carved out what has been their greatest expression as a nation. The time of the United Kingdom and their first three kings: Saul, David and Solomon.

Saul is the first to have the mantle of Kingship laid upon his shoulders. His name means: asked for, or desired. He represents the faculty of will, our executive faculty of mind which calls forth that which is necessary to accomplish what is desired. In this case he was instrumental in establishing the Israelites as a true nation. But the will must be tempered with love and so we have David coming into power in the midst of the reign of Saul.

David's name means: beloved or loved. He represents a type or forerunner of Christ, love, who was of the house of David. "The rulership is withdrawn from the head, or the will (King Saul), and is gradually transferred to the heart, or love (King David)" (Metaphysical Bible Dictionary, pg.166) Under David the kingdom is solidified and its capital is established in Jerusalem, which means "House of Peace." But David is "a man of war", or governed by emotions, and therefore could not build the great temple. That was left for his son by Bathsheba, Solomon, to do.

Solomon represents wisdom unified with love and therefore is representative of a balanced consciousness, a consciousness of

peace. His name means: whole, complete, peaceful. It was during his reign that the nation experienced its greatest level of prosperity and world power. Yet he represents only a higher level of expression of perfection not yet up to the Christ level. He married foreign wives who brought with them their foreign gods. Here again we see the beginnings of the cycle demonstrated so clearly in the Book of Judges: national apostasy, enslavement, repentance, deliverance.

There are two versions to the stories of the anointing of both Saul and David representing the pro-monarchy and anti-monarchy points of view. (see, 1 Sam 10:1-27, 16:13, 2 Sam 5:3) The establishment of dominant leaders is a two-edged sword. They provide a rallying point, a focus of direction for the nation and at the same time they can become corrupted and self-serving. The Ego or Personality is the dominant leader in individual consciousness. When it is open and receptive to the inspiration of Spirit it is a benevolent leader, but when it becomes self-serving it makes for a poor god.