

Jacob/Joseph/Judah parallels with David

JOSEPH AND DAVID PARALLELS

Youngest of many brothers (Gen 37.2; 1 Sam 16.11)

Each tend the father's sheep (Gen 37.12), 1 Sam 17.15

Each sent by father to inquire about the brothers' welfare (Gen 37.13-14; 1 Sam 17.17-18, 22) and the brothers respond insultingly (Gen 37.19; 1 Sam 17.28)

Each serves a king because he is a "discerning man" (*'ish nabon*, Gen 41.33; 1 Sam 16.18)

Each is "beautiful in appearance" (Gen 39.6; 1 Sam 17.42)

Both (and only they) are 30 years old when they take power (Gen 41.46; 2 Sam 5.4)

Both are hated by kin/king who use foreigners to harm them (Gen 37.27, Ishmaelites; 1 Sam 18.17, Philistines)

Both are said to have divine spirit with/upon them (Gen 41.38; 1 Sam 16.13)

Each "mourned for his son" (and only these two places, Gen 37.34; 2 Sam 13.37)

Each has a child with a "tunic with long sleeves" (and only these two places: *ketonet passim*, Gen 37.3; 2 Sam 13.18)

A sexual impropriety is described as "this great evil" (*hara'a hagedola*, Gen 39.9; 2 Sam 13.16)

Both have "and he changed his clothes and went" (Gen 41.14; 2 Sam 12.20)

JUDAH AND DAVID

Similarity of names:

Amnon (*'mnon*)/Onan (*'onn*)

Amnon's "lad" (*n`r*)/Er (*`r*)

Solomon (*shlmh*)/Shelah (*shlh*)

Hiram/Hirah (friends)

Bathsheba/Bathshua (wives)

Tamar/Tamar (sexually compromised)

JACOB AND DAVID

Disgruntled with partners at sheepshearing time

Rachel and Michal both require a high "bride price" and both help to deceive their fathers

Teraphim in hiding

Sexual trouble/violence ensues after "settling" (Jacob in Shechem; David in Jerusalem)