

David King of Promise

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FADE IN:

EXT. ENDOR, WOODS - NIGHT

Israel -- Ancient woods of Endor.

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Breathless screams shrill through the cold air followed by pounding footsteps. A young handsome man, DAVID, sprints through the dense woods, chased by phantoms.

His agile body slips in between trees, narrowly dodging deadly spears and arrows. Suddenly he breaks through into an opening, his momentum carrying him forward as his feet land in quicksand.

The mud envelopes his ankles, causing his body to lurch, tumbling into the sand. David is instantly overcome with fear. His muscular body struggles uselessly, causing him to sink faster. He is now almost fully immersed.

Out of the woods rushes a thick gelatinous river of blood, covering everything, swirling around the only part of David still free... his face.

Only moments left... as the blood encloses his mouth, David cries:

DAVID

Yahweh!

INT. TOWN OF SHILOH, SAMUEL'S HOUSE - NIGHT

Candle Light flickers, illuminating the old prophet SAMUEL and his young protégé GAD digging through stacks of ancient SCROLLS.

The room is dusty and covered with parchments. The two men, unkempt and free from the bounds of societies norms, focus intently at their task.

GAD

Master... I believe I've found something from Israel's great Exodus.

Samuel stops zealously flipping through papers and listens.

GAD (CONT'D)

"Never forget what the Amalekites did to you as you came from Egypt..."

As he reads from the scroll the words come to life.

EXT. WILDERNESS OF REPHIDIM - DAWN [FLASHBACK]

Six million unarmed ISRAELITE FAMILIES make their way through the wilderness, they are following MOSES to the promised land.

Out of the dawning sun, a large band of AMALEKITES attack the rear.

Chaos ensues.

These Amalekites are the crudest band of men imaginable -- Their bodies lanced with scars from cuttings made to their gods -- tattoos riddle their mutilated flesh, pierced through with bones and trinkets. They assault without mercy.

The first to fall are the children and their mothers who try to protect them. But, like wolves after a pack of deer, the Amalekites easily overcome the weak.

GAD (O.S.)

"They attacked you when you were exhausted and weary, and they struck down those who were straggling behind. They had no fear of God."

INT. TOWN OF SHILOH, SAMUEL'S HOUSE - NIGHT

The vision ends suddenly, leaving Samuel and Gad shaken. Samuel tears the manuscript out from Gad's hands and continues to read:

SAMUEL

"Therefore, when the Lord your God has given you rest from all your enemies in the land he is giving you as a special possession, you must destroy the AMALEKITES and erase their memory from under heaven."

A beat.

SAMUEL (CONT'D)

"Never forget this..."

The wise old prophet looks fervently into Gad's eyes.

SAMUEL (CONT'D)

Get my horse ready.

EXT. SAUL'S CAMP - AFTERNOON

King Saul, imperious and handsome, is helping with the construction of his new palace. In the distance he sees Samuel riding manically toward him. Saul sets out to meet him.

SAUL

What brings you here in such haste
my old friend?

SAMUEL

First some water for a weary
traveler.

Saul's SERVANT responds, and Samuel splashes his dust covered face with the water.

King Saul leads Samuel through the ragtag camp. SOLDIERS who look more like farmers are stationed throughout, guarding the camp with hoes and picks.

The two friends walk up a steep embankment; Saul assisting Samuel.

SAUL

Just out for a ride pretending to
be young again?

SAMUEL

(smiles)
Nothing of the sort!

SAUL

Well... have you caught your breath
enough to tell me some news?

A beat.

SAMUEL

God has revealed to me what holds
you back from establishing Israel
as a powerful nation.

SAUL

Now you have my full attention...

SAMUEL

(leans in)
You must destroy the Amalekites,
wipe them off the face of this
earth.