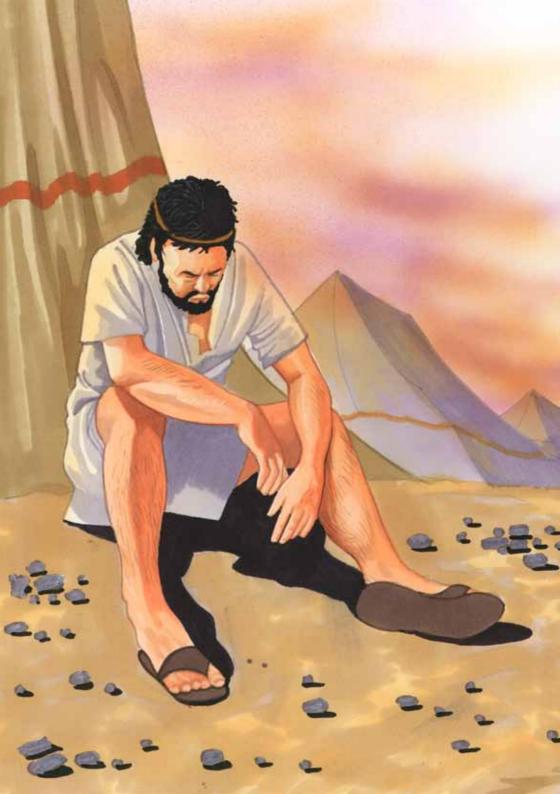


David had been anointed as the future king of Israel by Samuel the prophet. He had to wait patiently until God's time for him to become king.

King Saul and his son Jonathan (David's best friend) were both killed in battle against the Philistines on Mount Gilboa.





When the news came to David, he was very sad. He wept and fasted all day. David wrote a special song of lament which was to be taught to the people.

David then asked God what he should do.

"Go to Hebron," God told him.

David obeyed.

