

David Anointed

Based on 1 Samuel 16:1-13, 2 Samuel 5:4; 7:1-28

God kept his promise to Abraham, and his descendants became a huge people group. God raised up many leaders for his people. One of these leaders was a man named David. This is how he became king.

One day, God said to Samuel, his spokesman, "...go to Bethlehem. Find a certain man who lives there, for I have selected one of his sons to be my new king. Invite him to worship me, and I will show you which of his sons to anoint for me." So the spokesman did as God instructed him and invited them.

When they arrived, God's spokesman took one look at the first son and thought, "Surely this is the one God wants as king!" But God said to him, "...I have rejected him. I do not make decisions the way you do! People judge by outward appearance, but God looks at a person's thoughts and intentions."

All **seven of the sons** were presented to God's spokesman. But the spokesman said, "God has not chosen any of these." Then he asked, "Are these all the sons you have?"

"There is still the youngest," the father replied. "But he's out in the fields watching the **sheep**." When this son was brought in, God told his spokesman, "This is the one I choose."

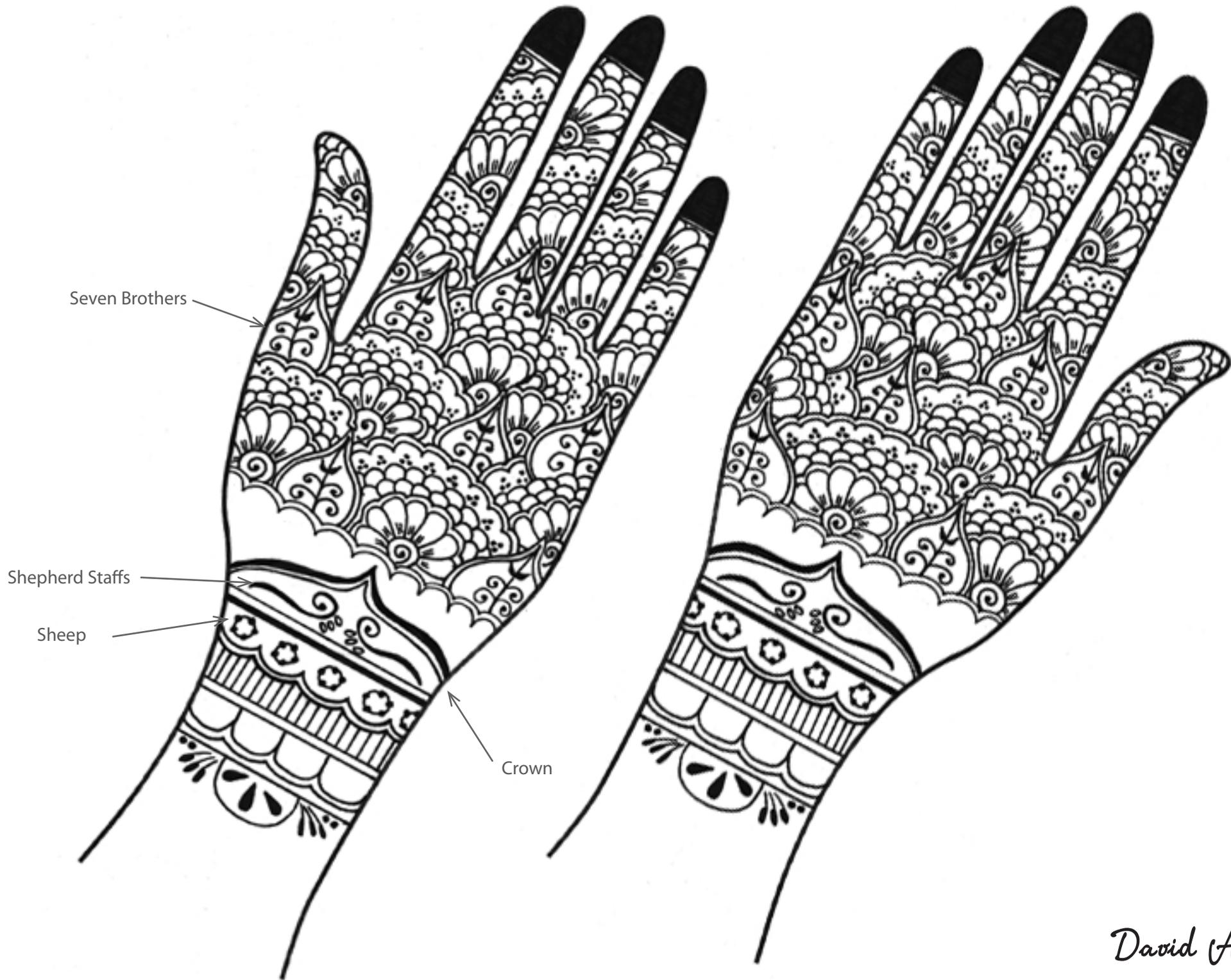
So as David stood there among his brothers, the spokesman anointed his head with oil. And the Spirit of God came on David.

Many years passed and **David did become the new king**. God had brought peace to his land. One day, David summoned Nathan, another of God's spokesmen. God told Nathan to say to David, "I chose you to lead my people when you were just a shepherd boy, tending your sheep out in the pasture. I have destroyed all your enemies. Now I will make you famous throughout the earth! I will build a house for you—a dynasty of kings! One of your descendants will rule and if he sins, I will use other nations to punish him. But my love is unfailing. Your kingdom will continue for all time."

When David heard this message from God, he praised God. He believed God, saying, "O God, do as you have promised for you are God, Your words are truth."

Drawing Elements: Seven Brothers, Sheep, Shepherd Staffs, Crown





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