

Age of the Kingdom

Biblical Drama TV Series

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"A" Story: A metalsmith from Mizpah distinguishes himself in battle, but his sons clash over divided loyalties until one dies trying to save the king he loves.

"B" Story: A cursed family of priests faces annihilation more than once, but a remnant survives each time.

"C" Story: A Dynasty of Philistine kings has a series of rocky interactions with Israel's kings, leading to their downfall.

"D" Story: Israel's first king fails because he regards the kingdom as his instead of God's. The night before his death, the king seeks counsel from the ghost of the prophet who rejected him.

"E" Story: A young shepherd threatens the dynasty of Israel's first king, rising to take the throne though refusing to use violence, but his reign is immediately threatened by civil war.

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- Season 1: Saul's Reign
- Season 2: David's Reign
- Season 3: Solomon's Reign

Major Characters in the Pilot

Eldad of Mizpah*

The eldest of two brothers and a metalsmith by trade, Eldad answers the call of the shofar, but barely escapes with his life during the battle of Ebenezer. His generational arc will be followed for multiple seasons.

Azarel**

After witnessing the capture of the Ark and the death of two priests, Azarel decides Yahweh must have chosen him to take the bad news from the battle to Shiloh, but he is distressed when his news causes the death of the high priest, Eli.

Raquel* Wife of Hophni

When the disastrous battle of Ebenezer leads to the deaths of four adult members of the priestly family, including her husband, Raquel must rescue the young heirs of the priesthood as the Philistines destroy Shiloh.

Samuel

Prophet, priest and judge Samuel believes he heard from the Lord that Israel would prevail at Ebenezer, but the reality of the disaster, in which 40,000 Israelites die, challenges his faith.

Maoch

The Philistine king of Gath commands his army in the field. With its superior weapons and tactics, he is able to route and destroy the Israelite army, especially after he deploys his secret weapon.

*Fictional character **Character mentioned in the Bible, but not named.

Season One: Saul's Reign and the Rise of David

S01E01: (Pilot) "The Glory Is Departed."

In a disastrous battle with the Philistines, a metalsmith from Mizpah barely escapes with his life and four members of a cursed family of priests die, but a courageous young woman rescues a boy and his infant brother in the priestly line so the religion of Yahweh continues.

S01E02: "Return To Mizpah."

The smith, Eldad, returns to his wife in Mizpah to find the town under the iron heel of the Philistines. When she is almost raped by Philistine soldiers, he must act decisively to save her, then work with the prophet Samuel to drive out the occupiers.

S01E03: "Long Live the King."

When Israel, now free again, demands the prophet give them a king like other nations, God tells him to select Saul, an imposing but green member of Eldad's tribe. Eldad marches into battle with the new king, but will Saul pass the first terrifying test of his monarchy?

S01E04: "Rejected."

When Saul's son, Jonathan, assassinates the Philistine governor, an army of 20,000 Philistines marches against them. Saul raises a small army, including Eldad and his young son Jeriah, and Jonathan leads them to victory, but will Saul fail anyway?

S01E05: "To Kill a King."

Jeriah's first campaign in the standing army is to annihilate the Amalekites because, according to Samuel, they hindered Israel during the Exodus, but when Saul fails to carry out God's command to the letter, Samuel rejects him once and for all, telling him God has chosen another.

Season One (continued)

S01E06: "The Vale of Elah."

Israel, including Jeriah and his brother Azel, battles the Philistines again, but Saul is paralyzed when the Philistines reveal Goliath, their 9-foot champion. A civilian named David defeats the giant no one else faced, but this drives a wedge between Jeriah and Azel.

S01E07: "Exile."

Saul reneges on the prizes meant for the person who vanquished Goliath, certain that David will supplant him. Even though Saul is now his father-in-law, David must flee for his life. Azel deserts and he and his family join David in hiding. Saul massacres the priests because one aided David, except young Abiather who joins the outcasts with David.

S01E08: "Cross Purposes."

When Saul nearly catches David, he and his refugees disappear into Philistia. King Achish welcomes him to Gath, but others doubt his loyalty. Before a battle, David and his men are sent home to find Amalekites have burned their city and taken their women and children.

S01E09: "Tracks in the Desert."

David and his men pursue the Amalekites deep into the Negev to rescue their families. Azel recovers his wife and child unharmed. Meanwhile, Saul prepares for battle with the Philistines again, but he is desperate to hear from God, so Jeriah accompanies him as he consults a witch, who conjures up the ghost of the late prophet Samuel, who gives Saul bad news.

S01E10: "Death On the Mountain"

Israel's army is routed in the battle of Gilboa and Saul and his sons die. Jeriah dies trying to save Saul. When David hears the news, he mourns the death of "the Lord's Anointed." With Saul dead, the tribe of Judah finally crowns David king, but civil war is on the horizon.

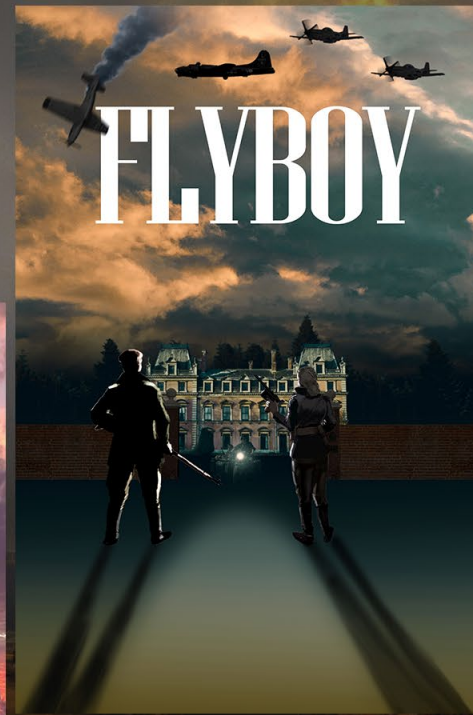
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