The story of David is of special interest to us because his name signifies Beloved, and because he typified the Christ Jesus and His faithful brethren, the Church, God's specially beloved, the Elect, who are to inherit the Messianic Kingdom. — David was anointed long years before he became king. So Christ received the anointing of the Holy Spirit at His baptism, and the Church received the anointing at Pentecost — long years before the Messianic Kingdom's establishment. The trials and testing of David were to prepare him for his office as king. And likewise the trials and difficulties of the Christ, Head and Body, fit and prepare them for the Kingdom. — In typical Israel, the priestly office was kept distinctly separate from the kingly office, but in Christ the two offices combine. This was illustrated in the double office of Melchizedek, who was a priest upon his throne, or a royal priest. Similarly, the Christ, Head and Body, will be the antitypical Royal Priesthood, to reign for a thousand years and conquer all the enemies of humanity. (Revelation 20: 6, 5: 10; 1 Peter 2: 9; 1 Corinthians 15: 25-28.)