

Kings of Judah and Israel

Summary and Main Themes



BACKGROUND

History and Stats



DECREE

Decree Given to the Kings by God



HEART

Desire to obey God's will / decree



SINS

Failures in following the decree

God's Plan for Ruling Israel

Common Types of Government

Monarchy	Rule by one person – king/queen
Oligarchy	Rule by a few - elite
Fascism	Rule through values - cultural
Communism	Rule of the state on behalf of the people
Socialism	Rule of the state to achieve equity for the people
Democracy	Rule of the people
Republic	Indirect rule of the people through representatives

God's Plan for Israel – Theocracy

Exodus 19:4-6

4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and **brought you to Myself**.

5 Now then, if you will indeed **obey My voice and keep My covenant**, then you shall be **My own possession** among all the peoples, for **all the earth is Mine**;

6 and you shall be **to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation**.'...

Isaiah 44:6

6 "Thus says the Lord, **the King of Israel** and his **Redeemer**, the **Lord of hosts**: 'I am the first and I am the last, and there is no God besides Me.'

Reasons for Kings

The People Wanted It

1 Samuel 8:4-5, 20

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah;

5 and they said to him, “Behold, you have grown old, and **your sons do not walk in your ways**. Now appoint a king for us **to judge us like all the nations**.”

20 that we also may **be like all the nations**, that our king may judge us and **fight our battles**.”

God Allowed It

1 Samuel 8:7

7 The Lord said to Samuel, “**Listen to the voice of the people** in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but **they have rejected Me from being king over them**.”

God Planned for It

Deuteronomy 17:14-15

14 “**When you enter that land** which the Lord your God gives you, and you possess it and live in it, and you say, ‘I will set a king over me like all the nations who are around me,’

15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the **Lord your God chooses**...

Time Period

1050

About 450 years

550

**United
Israel**
(1040-930)

Judah (Rehoboam to Zedekiah)

About 350 years (930-580)

Israel (Jeroboam to Hoshea)

About 200 years (930-720)

- ❖ Saul
- ❖ David
- ❖ Ishbosheth
- ❖ Solomon

Notable Prophets

During Kings

Elijah | Elisha | Obadiah | Joel | Jonah | Amos | Hosea | Isaiah |
Micah | Nahum | Zephaniah | Jeremiah | Habakkuk

After Kings

Daniel | Ezekiel | Zechariah | Haggai | Malachi

Why United Israel Split

Solomon's Disobedience

1 Kings 11:9-13

9 Now the Lord was angry with Solomon because **his heart was turned away from the Lord**, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice

10 and had commanded him concerning this thing, that **he should not go after other gods**; but he did not observe what the Lord had commanded.

11 So the Lord said to Solomon, "Because you have done this, and **you have not kept My covenant and My statutes**, which I have commanded you, I will surely **tear the kingdom from you**, and will give it to your servant

12 Nevertheless I will not do it in your days for the sake of your father David, but I will tear it out of the hand of your son.

13 However, I will not tear away all the kingdom, but **I will give one tribe to your son** for the sake of My servant David and for the sake of Jerusalem which I have chosen."

He went after other gods
AND
Did not keep God's covenant and statutes

Judah given to Rehoboam
Other tribes given to Jeroboam

Kings of the Divided Kingdom

Judah	Years
Rehoboam	17
Abijam (Abijah)	3
Asa	41
Jehoshaphat	25
Joram (Jehoram)	8
Ahaziah (Jehoahaz)	1
Athaliah	7
Joash (Jehoash)	40
Amaziah	29
Uzziah (Azariah)	52
Jotham	16
Ahaz	16
Hezekiah	29
Manasseh	55
Amon	2
Josiah	31
Jehoahaz	1 3 months
Jehoiakim	11
Jehoiachin	1 3 months
Zedekiah	11

<1 YEAR

DYNASTY

GOOD

VERY BAD

To Jesus
Matthew 1:12

Israel	Years
Jeroboam	22
Nadab	2
Baasha	24
Elah	2
Zimri	1 7 days
Tibni	3
Omri	11
Ahab	22
Ahaziah	2
Joram (Jehoram)	12
Jehu	28
Jehoahaz	17
Joash (Jehoash)	16
Jeroboam II	41
Zechariah	1 6 months
Shallum	1 1 month
Menahem	10
Pekahiah	2
Pekah	20
Hoshea	10

Books of the Kings

1 SAMUEL

Saul | David's Early Years

2 SAMUEL

Ishbosheth | David

1 KINGS

Solomon | Kings of Judah | Kings of Israel

2 KINGS

Kings of Judah | Kings of Israel

1 CHRONICLES

Saul (limited) | David

2 CHRONICLES

Solomon | Kings of Judah

God's Decree to the Kings

Deuteronomy 17:18-20

Deuteronomy 17:16-17

Write the law

Read the law

Obey the law

Do's Don'ts

Multiply horses

Multiply wives

Multiply wealth

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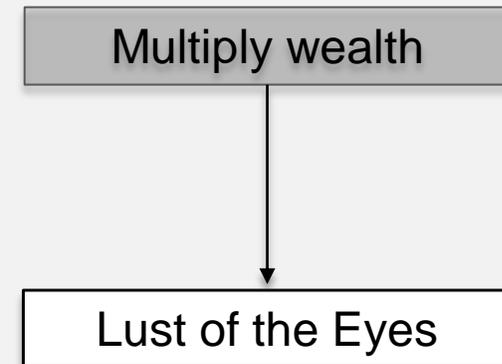
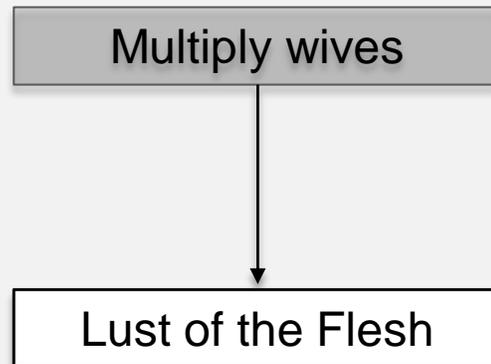
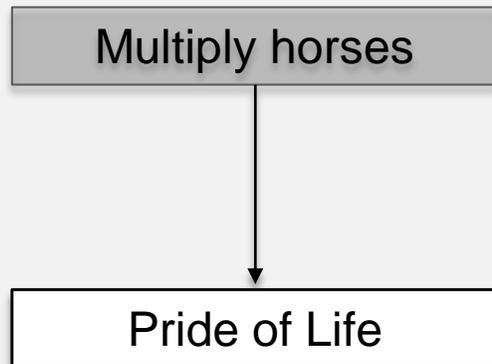
Don'ts

Multiply Horses | Wives | Wealth

Deuteronomy 17:16-17

16 Moreover, he shall not **multiply horses** for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to Egypt to **multiply horses**, since the Lord has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.'

17 He shall not **multiply wives** for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he **greatly increase silver and gold** for himself



Don'ts – Common Theme Through Time

From Creation

Genesis 3:3-4, 6

3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or **you will die.**' ”

4 The serpent said to the woman, “**You surely will not die!**”

6 When the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, and that it was a **delight to the eyes**, and that the tree was **desirable to make one wise**, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate.



To Now

1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the **world** nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the **world**, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that is in the **world**, the **lust of the flesh** and the **lust of the eyes** and the **boastful pride of life**, **is not from the Father**, but is from the world.

17 The **world is passing away**, and also its lusts; but the **one who does the will of God lives forever.**

Good for food

Lust of the Flesh

Delight to the eyes

Lust of the Eyes

Desirable to make wise

Pride of Life

World vs God

Temporary vs Eternal

Do's

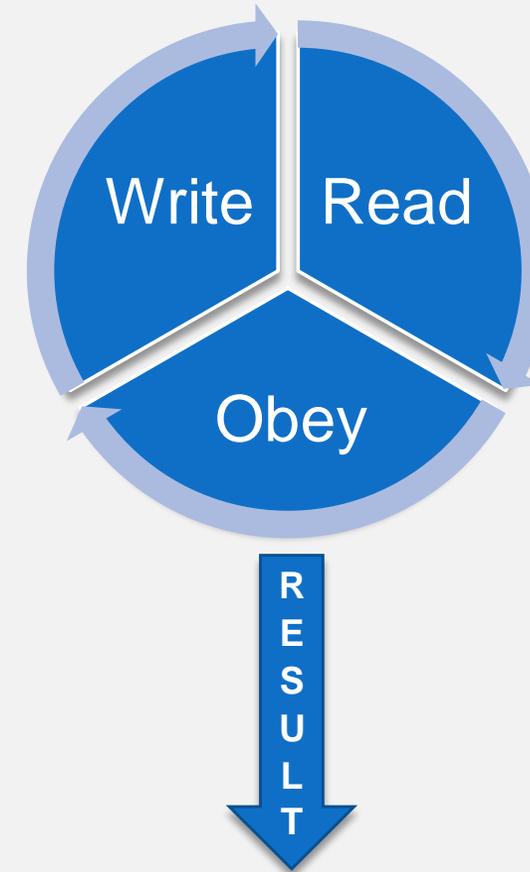
Write the Law | Read the Law | Obey the Law

Deuteronomy 17:18-20

18 “Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall **write for himself a copy of this law** on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests.

19 It shall be with him and he shall **read it all the days of his life**, that he may **learn to fear the Lord his God**, by carefully **observing all the words of this law and these statutes**,

20 that **his heart may not be lifted up** above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that **he and his sons may continue long** in his kingdom in the midst of Israel



Learn to fear God

Have a heart dedicated to God

Blessings from God

Do's – Psalm 119

Blessings from God

1 How **blessed** are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord.

2 How **blessed** are those who observe His testimonies, who seek Him with all their heart.

18 Open my eyes, that I may **behold wonderful things** from Your law.

24 Your testimonies also are my **delight**; They are my counselors.

28 My soul weeps because of grief; **strengthen** me according to Your word.

40 Behold, I long for Your precepts; **revive** me through Your righteousness.

98 Your commandments make me **wiser** than my enemies, for they are ever mine.

165 Those who love Your law have **great peace**, and nothing causes them to stumble.

Learn to fear God

9 How can a young man keep his way **pure**? By keeping it according to Your word.

15 I will meditate on Your precepts and **regard Your ways**.

21 **You rebuke** the arrogant, the cursed, who wander from Your commandments.

38 Establish Your word to Your servant, as that which produces **reverence** for You.

59 I considered my ways and **turned** my feet to Your testimonies.

74 May those who fear You see me and be glad, because I **wait** for Your word.

80 May my heart be **blameless** in Your statutes, so that I will not be ashamed.

120 My flesh **trembles** for fear of You, and I am afraid of Your judgments.

Have a heart dedicated to God

10 With all my heart I have **sought** You; Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

11 Your word I have **treasured** in my heart, That I may not sin against You.

36 **Incline** my heart to Your testimonies and not to dishonest gain.

58 I have **sought** Your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to Your word.

69 The arrogant have forged a lie against me; with all my heart I will **observe** your precepts.

97 O how I **love** Your law! It is my meditation all the day.

112 I have **inclined** my heart to perform Your statutes; forever, even to the end.

129 Your testimonies are **wonderful**; therefore my soul observes them.