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God is our King Pt 1 Israel rejected God as their king

This is our first study on the topic – God is our King. In this teaching we establish four points – (1) God, whose name is the Lord of hosts, is the King, (2) Israel rejected God as their king, and sought a king like unto the nations, (3) God warned Israel what would come of them under their king, and (4) God rejects their king when their king rejects the word of the Lord.

Our four points established from the scriptures –

1. God, whose name is the Lord of hosts, is the King

“And I will make drunk her princes, and her wise men, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is the Lord of hosts” (Jer.51: 57).

2. Israel rejected God has their king and sought a king like the nations

“But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord. And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them” (1 Sam.8: 6 & 7).

3, God warned Israel of what they would encounter in having a king

“And Samuel told all the words of the Lord unto the people that asked of him a king” (1Sam.8: 10).

4. God rejects Israel’s king when the king rejects the word of the Lord

“Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king. And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord hath rejected thee from being king over Israel” (1 Sam.15: 23, 26).

Illustration

Queen Elizabeth ii is the longest reigning British Monarch and I remember in one of her Christmas speeches that she mentioned the Authorised Bible. Hence she is an example of a monarch that stands on the word of God and does not reject the word of the Lord! But since that nation abandoned the Book, since the English church rejected the word of the Lord they were plunged into two consecutive wars.

Question to think about.

Why did God give Israel a king when He was their king?

Answer from the scriptures

* that their lusts would be satisfied– Ps.78: 29–31– “So they did eat, and were well filled: for he gave them their own desire; They were not estranged from their lust. But while their meat was yet in their mouths, The wrath of God came upon them...”

* that they would see their sin and turn back to Him – 1 Kg.8: 47.

But first He solemnly protested at their request, then He warned them of what they will have to give up to their king in serving him, then He handed them over to their hearts desires. It is no different for us today when we lust after that which is not of God! He often hands us over to our lusts that we would see our sin and turn to Him. Israel wanted to be like the other nations and have a king – in doing so they rejected God as king! Nevertheless, He rules from “His throne in the heavens” as our King!

Additional verses from our searching the scriptures –

The role of a “king” according to the scriptures – ruler, judge, protector, provider, leader, and is captain over the people.

* The king is captain over his people

1Sam 13:14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him [to be] captain over his people, because thou hast not kept [that] which the Lord commanded thee.

* A king rules over his people – Is.19: 4 “And the Egyptians will I give over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them” .

* **The king has a throne** and he rules over his kingdom

2Chr 7:18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man [to be] ruler in Israel.

* A king judges the people – 1Sam 8:6 But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us.

The king – leads and brings in Israel, and feeds the Lord’s people

1Chr 11:2 And moreover in time past, even when Saul was king, thou [wast] he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the Lord thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ruler over my people Israel.

* As king the Lord saved His people

1Sam 10:19 And ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations;

* The king has authority to loose those who are bound

Pss 105:20 The king sent and loosed him; [even] the ruler of the people, and let him go free.

The people are to obey the commandments of the king

2Chr 31:13 And Jehiel, and Azaziah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, [were] overseers under the hand of Cononiah and Shimei his brother, at the commandment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God.

God sets men to rule over Israel (hence he sets kings)

1Kgs 1:35 Then ye shall come up after him, that he may come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah.

God promised David that there shall not fail a man to be a ruler in Israel

2Chr 7:18 Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man [to be] ruler in Israel.

The kings of the earth set themselves against the Lord

Pss 2:2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, [saying],

A king shall reign in righteousness

Isa 32:1 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment.