

God & Man Lesson 9 – The Kings of Israel



INTRODUCTION:

The nation of Israel had different types of government throughout its history. Read the following highlights from the history of Jewish leaders, then answer the questions.

THE TIME OF JUDGES

After Moses and Joshua died the people of Israel did not have any leaders. They began to forget about God and worshiped false gods. Then their enemies attacked them. Then they got new leaders called judges. **Read [Judges 2:16-19](#)**

1. Who raised up the judges over Israel? Did the people listen to the judges?
2. Were the people obedient to God? Why do you think people find it difficult to obey God?

KING SAUL

Read [I Samuel 8:1-9](#)

3. Why did the people want a king? Who did the people reject when they chose a king?
4. Do you think it is a good idea to have a king? Are leaders generally good or bad?

KING DAVID

King David is one of the most famous kings in history. **Read [II Samuel 5:1-3](#)**

5. Israel chose a king called Saul. He was a morally weak king and was defeated and killed in battle.
6. Who became the king after Saul? Who chose this leader?
7. What did the Lord say that David should do? What is the difference between a shepherd and a ruler?

Read [II Samuel 7:12-16](#)

8. What does God promise David?
9. What does God promise about David's descendant and throne?
10. What does God promise about David's throne?

THE ANCESTRY OF JESUS

Jesus has a fascinating ancestry that sets Him apart from most Jewish people. **Read [Matthew 1:1](#)**

11. Who is Jesus descended from? Why do you think this is important?

THE DEATH OF JESUS & CHARGE AGAINST HIM

Read [Matthew 27:35-38](#)

12. What was the charge the Romans brought against Jesus? Does this surprise you?

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FOR DISCUSSION:

Do you believe Jesus was a king? How might this be important? What would a perfect king be like? Is Jesus your king? What would it mean to you personally if Jesus was your king?

For further study, read [Revelation 19:11-16](#). Here, Jesus is pictured as a future king. How does He seem to be changed from the day of His crucifixion?

FILL IN THE BLANKS.

_____ was Israel's first king.

Jesus is _____ from King David.

David was _____ most famous king.

The Romans _____ Jesus for claiming to be the King of the _____.

TRUE OR FALSE

1. Israel was ruled by judges before they had kings.
2. Israel did not want to have a king.
3. Moses was the first king of Israel.
4. The Jewish people recognized that Jesus was their king.
5. It is predicted that in the future Jesus will appear as a king on a white horse.
6. Jesus is not descended from King David.