

King of Kings

“On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.”

Revelation 19:16 ESV

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Introduction to the *King of Kings* Bible Study

- ✦ *We know the End of the Story-But do we know the Story?*
- ✦ *We must know the story to fully walk and operate in the promises and the gifts that God has ordained for us as believers*
- ✦ *Knowing the History of Israel will help us identify supernatural divine revelations in time and space and promote our faith-Salvation History*
- ✦ *The History of Israel gives ground to our Christian beliefs. If the history of Israel is not true, then our theology based on such history would just be speculation.*
 - ✦ *Faith in the Old Testament: past events-how God dealt with His people*
 - ✦ *Faith in the New Testament: rooted in the resurrection-1 Cor. 15:12-19-Past event with past, present and future results.*
- ✦ *Goal: Build our HISTORICAL FAITH- committing to bible study and learning the reign of God in a variety of seasons so that we can be confident in knowing how God will reign in our present season.*

Introduction to *King of kings*

- ✿ *Identify the government of biblical Israel*
- ✿ *Identify Israel entering the Promise Land-Joshua 5:10-12-faithful march*
- ✿ *Identify Israel's need for Judges 2:16-faithless march*
- ✿ *Identify Israel's need for a physical King-Judges 21:25 and 1Sam 8:19-20*
- ✿ *Identify the physical state of Israel during the reign of Saul, David, and Solomon.*
- ✿ *Identify the physical changes to Israel after the death of Solomon.*
- ✿ *Identify the tribes associated with the Northern and Southern Kingdoms.*

Israelites Entered the Promise Land

- ✦ *The Israelites entered the Promise Land after crossing the Jordan in Joshua 3 and 4.*
- ✦ *There was a continuous conquest of the Promise Land. Even though they “made it” to the Promise Land they still had to fight to continue to conquer the land that God had promised them.*

Israel needed Judges

- ✿ *Judges 2:15-16-While Israel continued to conquer the Promise Land, they began to serve other gods-specifically gods of the surrounding lands and the land they conquered. They began to do evil in the sight of the Lord.*
- ✿ *Dedicated Action! Judges 2:11-12*
- ✿ *How do we see God freeing His people from “Canaanite deities” today?*

Israel Demanded a Physical King

- ✿ *Judges 21:25-every one did what was “right” in his/her own eyes.*
- ✿ *1 Samuel 8:19-22-Israel demanded a King-“Like other nations” “for judgment” and for “fight”*
- ✿ *Identify two observations of Israel’s demand.*

Understanding the Government of Israel

- ✦ *Monarchy- political system based upon the undivided sovereignty or rule of a single person- supreme authority is vested in the **monarch**, an individual ruler who functions as the head of state and who in most cases, achieves his or her position through heredity and being chosen by God through his Prophets*

Biblical Israel was a Monarchy

- ✦ *The united kingdom of Saul, David, and Solomon that was eventually divided into Israel in the north and Judah in the south (I&II Samuel and I&II Kings)*

Prophet Relationship to the King

- ✿ *Prophet had direct revelation from God. “Seer”*
- ✿ *Prophet anointed, appointed, and installed the first king through divine instruction (*and by lot* see 1Sam 10:1, 21-23)*
- ✿ *King was subject to prophetic instruction given by the prophet.*

**THE UNITED KINGDOM
OF ISRAEL**
Around the time of
SAUL AND DAVID
EDOM Vassals and defeated peoples



DIVIDED Kingdom

*Israel and Judah
went on to exist
as independent
kingdoms*



Israel DIVIDED



What are your thoughts? Observations?

- *Saul became unstable mentally when he was king. Is it because he already had a mental condition that was revealed/exacerbated, or because of the spiritual attack he came under as the first king of Israel?*
 - *Consider Saul's responses to Samuel prior to becoming King compared to Saul's responses to Samuel while he was king.*

Saul's Background

- ✦ *Son of Kish*
- ✦ *A Benjaminite*
- ✦ *Tall and Handsome*
- ✦ *Wealthy*
- ✦ *Young*
- ✦ *Key Children: Johnathan and Michal (daughter of Saul)*

Saul's kingship

- ✦ *United Kingdom of Israel*
- ✦ *Duration-1021-1000 BC*
- ✦ *Son of Kish*
- ✦ *Commander- Abner (also Saul's cousin)*
- ✦ *Chief Battle(s): Philistines and Amalekites*
- ✦ *Key Children: Johnathan and Michal (daughter of Saul)*

Observations

Saul's relationship with fear

- ✦ *Pre-Kingship*

- ✦ *Chp9:5- Saul was anxious about his father being anxious about his well being.*
- ✦ *Chp 10:22 When anointed king-Saul was hiding behind baggage*
- ✦ *Before kingship, Saul had a personality that embraced anxiety, fear, and inadequacy.*
- ✦ *anxiety, fear, and inadequacy can drive impatience and self reliance rather than reliance on God our Provider (fireh)*

Observations

Saul's relationship with fear

- ✦ *During Kingship*
 - ✦ *Saul's first battle-Ammonites—the Spirit of God came upon him and he learned how to fight and led with confidence. Chp. 11*
 - ✦ *Saul was always fearful of the Philistines to the point that his son fought the Philistines and defeated them. Chp. 14 (Saul tried to take credit)*
 - ✦ *Saul out of anxiety and fear offered a burnt sacrifice to the Lord, rather than waiting patiently the Lord to provide.*
 - ✦ *What are some spiritual practices we can sometimes do out of fear in place of doing what God told us to do?*

Chief consequences of Saul's relationship with Fear

- ✦ *God Rejected Saul*
- ✦ *God “regretted” that he made Saul King*
- ✦ *Saul's family was placed in Jeopardy*

Saul's Good Intentioned Disobedience

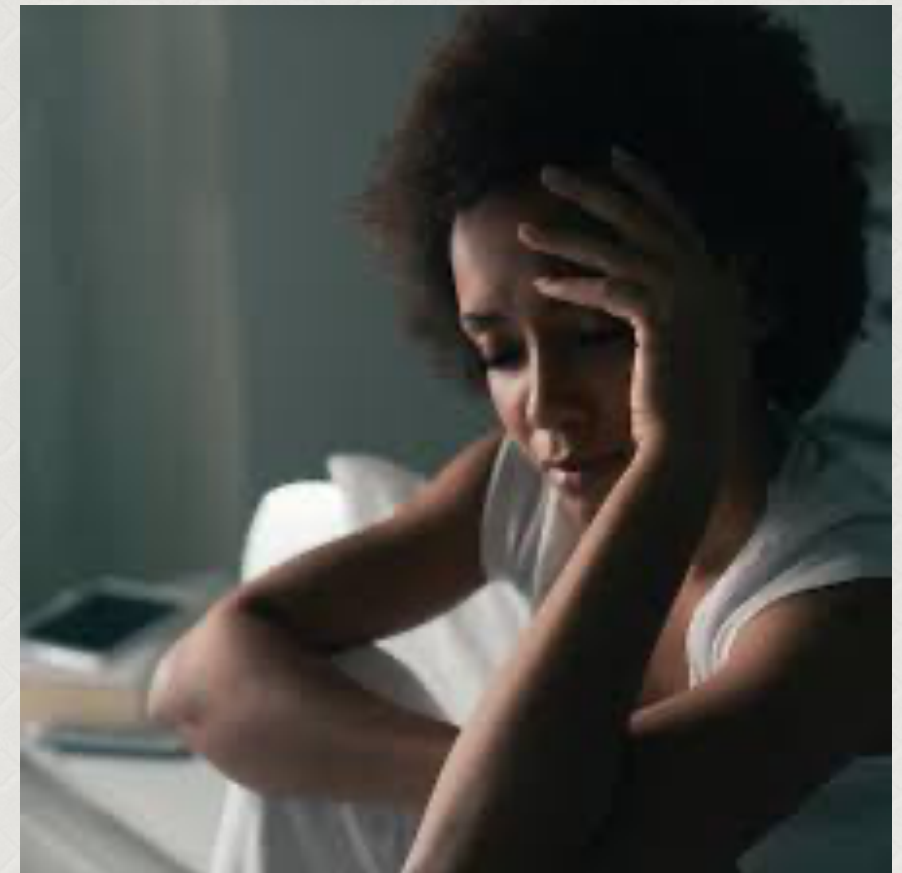
- ✦ *1 Samuel 15*

- ✦ *God instructed Saul to conquer and kill/destroy everyone and everything of the Amalekites.*
- ✦ *Saul conquered*
- ✦ *Saul did not kill and destroy everyone/thing of the Amalekites*
- ✦ *Saul's actions showed self reliance rather than dependence on God His fireh.*
- ✦ *Why did Saul not follow the command of God? 1 Sam. 15:24*
- ✦ *Consequence: Saul's kingship was cut off and Samuel anointed David King.*

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Anointed

The act of “anointing” or “being anointed” is being smeared or rubbed with oil as part of a religious ceremony to make someone or something sacred. There is a divine transfer of power.

Installed

- ✦ One being placed in a position of authority accompanied usually by ceremony

Appointed

- ✿ External party places a particular person in position to complete a duty or task in a specific role.

Saul's Relationship with the Philistines

- ✦ *He was fearful of the Philistines*
- ✦ *Johnathan fought the Philistines on Saul's (His father's) behalf. 1 Samuel 14*
- ✦ *Saul feared and lost faith when his own army ran from the Philistines and Samuel was not with him-1 Samuel 13*
- ✦ *David fought the Philistine Giant not Saul-1 Samuel 17*

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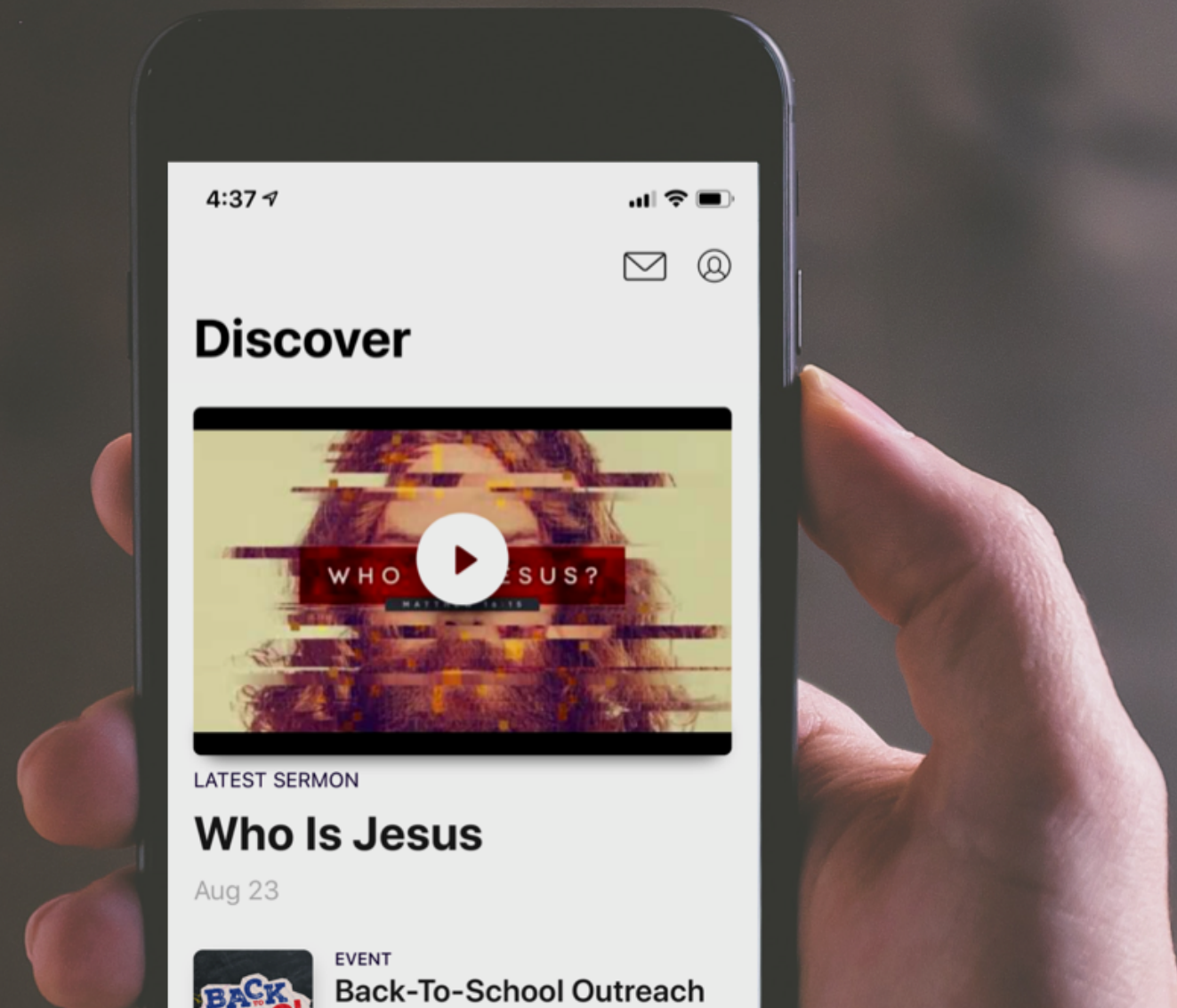
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Saul's Fear produces Jealousy

- ✿ *1 Samuel 18:7-8—Saul continuous tried to kill David simply because of jealousy and fear.*

Saul's Relationship with David

- ✦ *Saul was David's King-David recognized Saul as the anointed king and respected Saul's house. 1 Samuel 26-31*
- ✦ *Saul sought to kill David continuously-1 Samuel 19-24*
- ✦ *Saul gave his daughter to marry David (Michal)-1 Samuel 18*
- ✦ *Saul's son Jonathan was David's right hand (best friend)
2 Samuel 1:26*

Saul Dies

- ✦ *Saul died after being defeated by the Philistines (Fear)*
- ✦ *Saul was shot with an arrow and did not want to suffer.*
- ✦ *He asked his armor-bearer to finish him off but his armor bearer refused.*
- ✦ *Saul then took his own sword and killed himself.*
- ✦ *Jonathan was also killed at this battle. 1 Samuel 31 vs the account given in 2 Samuel 1*

Observations

Why did God want Saul to destroy the Amalekites?

1 Samuel 15:1-3 Exodus 17:8-16



Readings for the next 10 weeks

- ✿ *Lesson 1: I Samuel 7-10*
- ✿ *Lesson 2: I Samuel 13-17*
- ✿ *Lesson 3: I Samuel 18-22*
- ✿ *Lesson 4: I Samuel 23-27*
- ✿ *Lesson 5: I Samuel 28-31*
- ✿ *Lesson 6: II Samuel 1-4*
- ✿ *Lesson 7: II Samuel 5-9*
- ✿ *Lesson 8: II Samuel 10-14*
- ✿ *Lesson 9: II Samuel 15-19*
- ✿ *Lesson 10: II Samuel 20-24*

