



KING OF KINGS

He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

1 Timothy 6:15-16

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The King In Prophecy

Read each prophecy and answer the questions.

1. 2 Samuel 7:12–17

- A. What is said of this passage in Acts 2:29–33?
- B. Who does the prophecy refer to (Hebrews 1:5–8)?

2. Jeremiah 23:5–6

- A. Who is the righteous branch of David that will reign as king (Luke 1:32–33)?
- B. What is significant about Him being called “*the Lord [Jehovah] our righteousness*” (1 Corinthians 1:30)?

3. Jeremiah 33:15

- A. What will be the purpose of His reign?

4. Isaiah 9:6–7

- A. What words or phrases in these verses point to Him being a King?

5. Isaiah 11:1–10

- A. Many point to this passage speaking of a future time when the Kingdom will be established. How does Romans 15:7–13 say it was fulfilled?
- B. How does Ephesians 2:13–18 support or verify this?

6. Daniel 7:13–14

- A. Who is “the Ancient of Days”? Who is “like a Son of Man”?
- B. What was going to be given to Him?

7. Zechariah 6:12–13

- A. What is meant by “He will branch out from where He is” (Isaiah 53:2)?
- B. What was the “temple” He would build?
- C. How was He to become a King and a Priest on His throne (Hebrews 7:15–17; 8:1–2)?
- D. How was the counsel of peace going to be between His two offices?

Jesus' Claims Of Kingship And Rule

1. **Matthew 21:1–11**
 - A. Why did Jesus enter Jerusalem on a colt?

 - B. Why didn't Jesus stop people from treating Him as a king?

2. **Did Jesus correct those who spoke to Him as a king?**
 - A. Matt 27:11; Luke 23:1–3

 - B. John 18:37

 - C. Luke 6:46

3. **What authority did Jesus claim as king?**
 - A. Matthew 26:53

 - B. Luke 22:66–70

 - C. Matthew 28:18

 - D. How did He get this authority (Ephesians 1:20–22)?

4. **What language in Colossians 1:13–20 points to Jesus as King?**

5. **What is the Law of the Kingdom?**
 - A. John 12:48

 - B. John 17:8

 - C. John 1:17

 - D. How does Paul describe those not in the Kingdom in 1 Corinthians 9:21?

6. **What aspect of Jesus' rule is pointed to in 2 Corinthians 5:10?**
How is this further explained in Matthew 25:31–33?

7. **If we understand Jesus' claims of rule and kingship, what should be our reaction/application?**

The Establishment Of The Kingdom

1. When was the kingdom established?

- A. Daniel 7:14
- B. What did Jesus say (Matthew 3:1–2; Mark 1:14–15)?
- C. Mark 9:1
- D. Acts 1:6–8; Acts 2:4
- E. Acts 11:15
- F. What is falsely taught about the kingdom from Revelation 20:1–6?
- G. Hebrews 12:28
- H. 1 Peter 3:22

2. Where was the kingdom established?

- A. Isaiah 2:2–3
- B. Isaiah 59:19–20
- C. Psalm 2:6–9 (see also Acts 13:30–33)
- D. Hebrews 1:3 (see also Hebrews 10:12–13)

3. How was the kingdom established?

- A. Matthew 16:18–19
- B. Acts 2:36–47
- C. Acts 10:34–48

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4. How long will the kingdom last?

- A. 2 Peter 1:11
- B. Matthew 24:35
- C. 1 Corinthians 15:23–26
- D. Revelation 17:14; 19:16

5. How do we enter the kingdom?

- A. John 3:5
- B. 1 Peter 1:17–25
- C. Acts 8:12
- D. Romans 6:4; Galatians 3:27
- E. Colossians 1:13–14

The Nature Of The Kingdom

1. How do the following passages point to the spiritual nature of the kingdom?

A. Romans 14:17

B. 2 Peter 1:11

C. Luke 17:20–21

D. John 6:15

E. John 18:36–37

F. Luke 22:29–30

G. 1 Peter 3:22

2. To what did Jesus compare the kingdom? Explain each comparison.

A. Matthew 13:24–30

B. Matthew 13:31–32

C. Matthew 13:33–35

D. Matthew 13:36–43

E. Matthew 13:44

F. Matthew 13:45–46

G. Matthew 13:47–50

3. What is meant by the phrase “disciple of the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 13:52)?

The Loving King

1. The King loves the undeserving. How does Romans 5:5-10 describe:

- A. Man
- B. God

2. Though He is King, what is said about Jesus' attitude?

- A. John 13:1
- B. John 15:13; 10:15; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 5:2
- C. Luke 7:13; 19:41; Heb 2:17-18; 4:15

3. How was Jesus' love demonstrated in action ?

- A. John 1:14-18; Philippians 2:3-8
- B. Matthew 26:39

4. We are expected to follow Jesus' example. How do the following passages indicate we are to love others?

- A. All men
 - 1. Luke 10:25-28
 - 2. Romans 13:8-10
- B. Brethren
 - 1. John 13:34-35
 - 2. Romans 12:9-10
 - 3. 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10
 - 4. Hebrews 13:1
 - 5. 1 Peter 1:22
 - 6. 1 John 4:7-21
- C. Enemies
 - 1. Matthew 5:43-48

5. In context, what are we to "know" about the "love of Christ," and why? (Ephesians 3:19)

The Demanding King

1. What does Jesus demand of citizens? Explain how to implement each passage in your own life.

- A. Luke 8:8; John 12:48
- B. Luke 13:3
- C. John 3:3–5
- D. John 15:4 (in context)
- E. Matt. 6:33
- F. Luke 9:23
- G. Luke 9:26, 33
- H. Luke 9:59–62
- I. John 13:35
- J. John 4:24
- K. Matthew 5:20
- L. Matthew 6:14–15
- M. Mark 10:23–31; Gal. 2:20

2. Discuss Jesus' expectations of disciples in the following areas. Try to provide a passage to demonstrate your points.

- A. Comittment
- B. Perseverance
- C. Overcoming temptation
- D. Evangelism

3. Describe the attitude of the disciple who listens to Jesus' demands (Rev. 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22).

The Commanding King

Jesus spoke as king when He said, “*Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?*” (Luke 6:46). Some rightly call Jesus “Lord” but their behavior does not demonstrate their belief. More than a source of frustration, for Jesus this was all important: “*If you love Me, you will keep My commandments*” (John 14:15). The apostle John teaches the same principle saying, “*The one who says, ‘I have come to know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him*” (1 John 2:4). Many today want to dismiss Jesus as King by disregarding His commands, while at the same time calling Him “Lord” of their life. We must not deceive ourselves.

1. In what ways was Jesus seen to be a commanding king?

- A. Luke 4:36
- B. Matt 26:53
- C. Mark 9:25
- D. Luke 8:26–33
- E. Matt. 7:29
- F. 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

2. Identify a few of Jesus’ commands. Relate how well we obey the command.

- A. John 15:12; John 13:34; John 15:17; 1 John 3:23
- B. Matthew 5:16
- C. Matthew 19:6
- D. Matthew 28:18–20

Jesus commands through the apostles. The writing of the apostles also refers to this truth. “*For you know what commandments we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus*” (1 Thess. 4:2). “*That you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles*” (2 Peter 3:2). “*If anyone thinks he is a prophet or spiritual, let him recognize that the things which I write to you are the Lord’s commandment*” (1 Cor. 14:37). The apostles doctrine was the doctrine of Christ which came by inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

3. Identify a few of Jesus’ commands through the apostles. Relate how well we obey the command.

- A. 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 (Matt. 26:26-29)
- B. 1 Corinthians 16:1–2
- C. 1 Thessalonians 4:11–12
- D. 2 Thessalonians 3:6
- E. 2 Thessalonians 3:12–13

The Sacrificial King

1. Identify how Jesus is a sacrificial king.

- A. 1 Peter 2:24
- B. John 10:17–18; John 15:13
- C. Matthew 27:45–46
- D. 2 Corinthians 5:21
- E. Hebrews 2:9
- F. Ephesians 5:1–2, 25
- G. Matthew 20:28
- H. 2 Corinthians 8:9

2. Discuss how Jesus sacrificed Himself in suffering.

- A. Matthew 8:20
- B. From Jews (Matt. 26:59-68; John 1:11).
- C. From Romans (Matt. 27:24–29).
- D. What was His attitude in suffering (1 Pet. 2:23)?

3. Though King of Kings, discuss Jesus' attitude in sacrificing self to serve others.

- A. Luke 22:26–27; Matthew 23:11
- B. John 13:14–17
- C. Philippians 2:6–8

Submission To The King

From a young age Jesus understood He was to be in submission to God. When His parents found Him in the Temple He said, “*did you not know that I had to be in My Father’s house?*” (Luke 2:49). He prayed in the garden “*not My will but Thine be done*” (Luke 22:42). Jesus lived in submission to the Father, obedient in all things. So we are to be in submission to Jesus as the King of Kings.

1. Identify how we are to be in submission to Jesus. Put your name into each reference.

A. Ephesians 1:22–23; 1 Peter 3:22

B. James 4:7

C. Rom. 12:1–2

D. Matthew 7:21

E. Romans 6:16–18

F. Ephesians 5:22–24

G. 1 Corinthians 6:19–20

H. 1 Peter 5:6

I. Romans 15:8–9

J. 1 Peter 3:15

2. For each of the hymn-texts below, discuss our submission to Jesus. What are we saying when we sing?

A. Hymn: *Lead Me To Calvary* (by Kirkpatrick and Hussey)

King of my life I crown thee now; Thine shall the glory be. Lest I forget Thy thorn-crowned brow, Lead me to Calvary.

B. Hymn: *I Surrender All* (by Weeden and De Venter)

All to Jesus I surrender; All to Him I freely give. I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

All to Jesus I surrender; Humbly at His feet I bow, Worldly pleasures all forsaken. Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus I surrender; Lord, I give myself to Thee. Fill me with Thy love and power; Let Thy blessing fall on me.

C. Hymn: *He’s My King* (by De Vaughn and Rowe)

He’s my King; and O I dearly love Him; He’s my King, no other is above Him.

All day long enraptured praise I sing He’s my Savior, He’s my King!

D. Hymn: *Majesty* (by Hayford)

Majesty; worship His majesty; Unto Jesus be all glory, honor, and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority Flow from His throne, unto His own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus, the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.

Citizenship In The Kingdom

“For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20). While we are citizens of a nation on earth, our true loyalties lie with the King of Kings and His heavenly Kingdom. We are now citizens, though living in the flesh.

1. What are the attitudes of Kingdom Citizens in this life?

A. Heb. 11:13–16

B. Colossians 3:1

2. How do we become a citizen of Jesus’ Kingdom? (In addition to thoughts from Lesson 3, consider Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:6.)

3. Ephesians 2:19 states, “So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God’s household.” Discuss the blessing of citizenship from the following references.

A. Colossians 1:12

B. Colossians 3:24

C. 1 Peter 1:4

D. Ephesians 1:18

E. Ephesians 5:5

F. Revelation 3:21

4. From 1 Peter 2:9–10 discuss the implications of our being referred to as a “holy nation”.

5. Discuss what is revealed about the crown which Kingdom Citizens will receive.

A. James 1:12

B. Revelation 3:11

C. 2 Timothy 4:8

D. 1 Peter 5:4

E. Revelation 2:10

Living In The Kingdom

1. **What conclusions about living in the Kingdom can be drawn from 2 Corinthians 5:14-15?**
2. **Describe the proper walk of Kingdom Citizens.**
 - A. Ephesians 4:1
 - B. Colossians 1:10
 - C. 1 Thessalonians 2:12
 - D. Philippians 3:17–21
 - E. 1 Peter 1:15–16; 2 Peter 3:11
 - F. Titus 2:12–13
 - G. Matthew 18:3; 19:14
3. **What concepts about the Kingdom help us to live in a proper manner?**
 - A. Romans 14:17
 - B. Hebrews 12:28
 - C. Matthew 6:33
 - D. Matthew 7:21
 - E. Colossians 3:1–4
4. **How does language reveal our citizenship?**
 - A. Matthew 5:33–37
 - B. Ephesians 5:4
 - C. James 3:9–10
 - D. 1 Peter 3:10
 - E. Colossians 3:8–9
5. **How does our wardrobe reveal our citizenship?**
 - A. Proverbs 7:10
 - B. 1 Timothy 2:9–10
6. **How does our heart reveal our citizenship?**
 - A. 1 John 3:18
 - B. Matthew 6:19–21
 - C. Ephesians 4:32
 - D. Ephesians 5:25, 28, 33; Titus 2:4
 - E. 1 Timothy 2:1

Serving In The Kingdom

1. **What are we to learn from Jesus' example (John 13:14–17)?**

2. **In what ways are we expected to serve the King?**
 - A. Luke 22:26–27; Matt. 23:11; Matt 20:26–28

 - B. Romans 12:1–2

 - C. 1 Peter 2:24

 - D. Ephesians 2:10

 - E. Romans 6:18

 - F. Romans 10:14

 - F. 1 Peter 4:14; 1 Peter 2:23; 2 Timothy 3:12

 - G. Galatians 5:13

 - H. Colossians 3:23–24

3. **When will serving the King end (Revelation 7:15; Revelation 22:3)?**

4. **What is to be our attitude in service?**
 - A. Luke 17:10

 - B. Mark 10:15

 - C. James 4:7–10