

Three Kings Reigned – Lesson 10

Samuel – transition from Judges

KEY PRINCIPLE: Israel REJECTED the rule of GOD and His provision of Judges.

- **1 Samuel 8:5-9** And [they] said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: **now make us a king to judge us like all 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.** According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, wherewith they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.
- Read **1 Sa 8:11-22**

ISRAEL'S FIRST KING: SAUL

- **HIS FATHER:**
 - He was the son of KISH
 - “Kish” = “bent” or “snaring” - to lay bait, to lure
 - “Saul” = “desired”
 - Have you ever “desired” something, that ended up being a “snare” to you? That’s what Saul is going to become for the nation of Israel.
- **HIS APPEARANCE:**
 - **1 Sam. 9:1-2** Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiah, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power.² And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.
 - Saul was a mighty man of power. His appearance was striking, being head and shoulders above the people, the finest in Israel.
- **HIS FLOCK:**
 - **1 Sam. 9:3** And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses.
 - Saul sought the “LOST” ASSES of his father.
 - “ASS” in the Bible = pictures an UNSAVED man
- **HIS LEADERSHIP:**
 - Samuel anointed him King, and he started well. God gave him another heart, yet he was a poor leader. He was unprepared . He didn't inspire the people, but he did cause fear. The people lost respect. In judgment he was inconsistent and compromised regarding the commands that God gave him through Samuel.
 - He lacked integrity and discipline and acted impulsively.
 - See **1 Samuel 14:24-27** And the men of Israel were distressed that day: for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until evening, that I may be avenged on mine enemies. **So none of the people tasted any food.**²⁵ And all they of the land came to a wood; and there was honey upon the ground.²⁶ And when the people were come into the wood, behold, **the honey dropped; but no man put his hand to his mouth: for the people feared the oath.**²⁷ But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: **wherefore he put forth the end of the rod**

that was in his hand, and dipped it in an honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened.

- **Saul - “Don’t touch the honey!” ...yet it’s what they NEEDED for enlightened eyes and strength for the battle!**
- **Ps. 19:8-10** The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold:
- **HIS DOWNFALL:**
 - **Foolishly Offering a SACRIFICE in the place of the PRIEST**
 - **1 Sam. 13:8-14** And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.⁹ And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.¹⁰ And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.¹¹ And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;¹² Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the Lord: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.¹³ And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the Lord have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.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.**
 - **Disobedience concerning the AMALEKITES**
 - **1 Sam. 15:1-23 (Read)**
 - Again, he disobeyed by not slaying all the Amalekites, and he kept the spoil and lied about it. 1 Samuel 15:8-9 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly. When Samuel died, and God would not communicate with Saul, he went to the Witch of Endor to get guidance. She brought up a vision of Samuel who told Saul he would die. Saul and Jonathan died the next day in battle when he fell on his own sword . See 1Sa 31.4. He committed suicide after being wounded.

ISRAEL’S SECOND KING: DAVID

- **HIS FATHER:**
 - He was the son of JESSE
 - “Jesse” = “I possess”
 - **1 Sam. 16:1** And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.
- **HIS APPEARANCE:**

- **1 Sam. 16:6-7** And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on Eliab, and said, Surely the Lord's anointed is before him. 7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.
- **1 Sam. 16:11-12** And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. 12 And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he.
 - “Ruddy” = “Reddish”
- **1 Sam. 17:42** And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.
- **HIS FLOCK:**
 - **1 Sam. 16:11** And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, **he keepeth the sheep**. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither.
 - **1 Sam. 17:15** But David went and returned from Saul to **feed his father's sheep** at Bethlehem.
 - While SAUL was searching for his father's lost ASSES - in contrast, DAVID was KEEPING/FEEDING his father's SHEEP.
 - “Sheep” = Picture of God's people/Saved people
- **HIS LEADERSHIP:**
 - **His Anointing:**
 - **1 Samuel 16:13-14** Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.
 - Anointed king - didn't immediately take the throne - Saul was still in power
 - Jesus - king of kings/lord of lords...hasn't assumed the throne yet...”god of this world” (2 Cor. 4:4) is still ruling...
 - **Battle against Goliath:**
 - **1 Sam. 17:29-51**
 - **Fleeing from Saul**
 - **1 Sam. 18:8-9** And Saul was very wroth, and the saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom? 9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.
 - **His Kingdom:**
 - God made an unconditional covenant with David that his seed forever would sit on the throne of Israel. 1 Samuel 7. David was a great leader of the people and a courageous warrior, but he was unable to rule his own house. He had many wives and yet was not satisfied. God judged him for his sin with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband, Uriah. His son, Amnon, raped his daughter, Tamar. Absalom, Tamar's brother, then killed Amnon. Absalom tried to usurp the kingdom when David was old. When David heard this, he named Solomon as king. Adonijah had the audacity to ask Solomon's mother to request King Solomon that Abishag be given to him for a wife. Abishag was David's concubine

who nursed and comforted him in his old age. This request so enraged Solomon, that he commanded Adonijah to be executed immediately. David made all preparations to build a house for the Lord. He was not allowed, because God said he was a bloody man of war. His son would build it.

- **1 Chron. 22:8** But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight.
- **HIS DOWNFALL:**
 - **The sin with Bathsheba**
 - **2 Sam. 11:1-27, 12:1-24**
 - **1 Kings 15:5** Because David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite.

ISRAEL'S THIRD KING: SOLOMON

- **1 Kings 4:29-30** And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea shore. 30 And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt.
- **1 Kings 4:32** And he spake three thousand proverbs: and his songs were a thousand and five.

WHO ACTUALLY IS "SOLOMON?"

His Incredible NAMES

- The name given to him by his father, David: SOLOMON.
 - From the Hebrew root "shalom," meaning "PEACE"
 - "Solomon" = PEACEABLE
- As the son of King David we would say that:
- SOLOMON IS THE PRINCE OF PEACE.
- The name given to him by the prophet, Nathan: JEDIDIAH (2 Sam. 12:25)
 - The Hebrew word "Jedidiah" tells us that:
 - SOLOMON IS THE BELOVED OF JEHOVAH. (God the Father)

His Powerful TITLES

- Proverbs 1:1-
 - SOLOMON IS THE SON OF DAVID.
- 1 Chronicles 28:6-
 - SOLOMON IS THE SON OF JEHOVAH.
- 1 Chronicles 22:9-
 - SOLOMON IS THE MAN OF REST.

His Monumental KINGDOM

- 1 Chronicles 28:5-
 - SOLOMON SAT ON THE THRONE OF THE KINGDOM OF THE LORD.
- 1 Chronicles 22:10-
 - SOLOMON SAT ON THE THRONE OF AN ETERNAL KINGDOM.
- 1 Chronicles 22:9-
 - SOLOMON'S KINGDOM WAS A KINGDOM OF PEACE AND REST.
- 1 Kings 5:4-

- SOLOMON'S KINGDOM WAS A KINGDOM WITH NO ADVERSARY PRESENT.
- 2 Chronicles 9:23-
 - SOLOMON'S PRESENCE WAS SOUGHT BY ALL THE KINGS OF THE EARTH.

*Who do these 10 Characteristics sound like????

In a DOCTRINAL (or PROPHETIC) sense, take special note of WHO Solomon PICTURES:

- Prince of PeaceIsaiah 9:6
- Beloved of Jehovah (the Father).....Matthew 3:17
- Son of David.....Matthew 1:1
- Son of Jehovah (the Highest).....Luke 1:32
- Man of Rest.....Hebrews 4:8-10
- Throne of the Lord.....Revelation 3:21
- Eternal Kingdom.....Isaiah 9:7
- Kingdom of Peace and Rest.....Isaiah 9:7
- Kingdom with no Adversary.....Revelation 20:2-3
- Kings of the earth seeking audience.....Revelation 21:24

HIS DOWNFALL:

- **Multiplying HORSES**
 - **Deut 17:15-20** Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the Lord thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.16 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the Lord hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites:19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.
 - **Ps. 20:7** Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.
- **Multiplying WIVES**
 - **1 Kings 11:2-4** Of the nations concerning which the Lord said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. 3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. 4 For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the Lord his God, as was the heart of David his father.

The “BIG PICTURE” (Doctrinally/Prophetically)

Book of Judges

- **PICTURES - the TRIBULATION PERIOD**

- Jd. 21:25 “**In those days** there was **no king** in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.”
- “Those days” = Tribulation Period...no king...Israel, b/c of their rejection of Christ, will experience TRIBULATION...

1st King of Israel - SAUL

- **PICTURES - the ANTI-CHRIST**
- A king will rise to power...given b/c of rejecting God as their king
- This king (ANTI-CHRIST) will seek to destroy God’s People (Picture by Saul persecuting David), and ultimately offer a SACRIFICE as a PRIEST...in the temple...abomination of desolation.

2nd King of Israel - DAVID

- **PICTURES the LORD JESUS CHRIST at his 2nd COMING**
- rightful king - awaiting his throne.
- When he returns - will be a man of WAR! Rev. 19:11-21 (bloody man!)

3rd King of Israel - SOLOMON

- Pictures the MILLENNIAL REIGN of CHRIST
- No enemies - land will be at REST for 1,000 years - Rev. 20:4-6

3 Kings Reigned

1. The people wanted a king to be like the _____ to judge, to go out before us, and to fight our battles.
2. They rejected the rule of _____ over them.
3. Samuel told the people that a king would take your _____, _____ and a _____ of your seed and sheep for his own use.
4. Saul, the son of Kish, was a mighty man of the tribe of _____
5. Saul was described as a choice, goodly young man (none better) that was _____ and _____ above the people.
6. Saul was a poor _____ because he was impulsive, uninspiring, unprepared, erratic, jealous, lacking integrity, and he caused the people to _____.
7. His worst problem and the one that caused him to lose the kingdom was his _____ shown when he didn't utterly destroy the Amalekites, and when he offered a sacrifice contrary to the law not being a priest.
8. He rejected the _____ of God, so God rejected him and chose _____ instead.
9. God made a covenant with David that his _____ would reign on the throne of Israel forever.
10. David was a man _____ heart.
11. David invented _____ for praise, and also wrote many of the Psalms.
12. David sinned with _____ and had serious family problems as a result.
13. Satan caused David to _____ the people for which God severely punished the people.
14. Solomon asked God for _____ which pleased God so he gave him riches and honor also.
15. David prepared but Solomon _____.
16. Solomon had peace all around but fell into idolatry due to his _____.
17. Solomon failed in the commandment for kings not to _____ horses, wives, and treasure to himself.
18. The split kingdom was the result of Solomon's _____.
19. Solomon's son was _____ who ruled the _____ kingdom.
20. Solomon's servant was _____ who ruled the _____ kingdom.