

# 3 Kings (1 Samuel – 2 Kings)

- The Best Type of Government Structure?
- The Power of others Opinions of us?
- Take Lessons from 3 Earthly Kings on how WE can become a King!

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(Bruce R. McConkie, Mormon Doctrine, 2nd ed., pp. 322-323)

## Questions:

1. Why did the Children of Israel desire to have a King against the Prophets counsel?
2. Which King was the very best? King Saul? King David? Or King Solomon?
3. What is the best type of government structure to have? Why?

## (1 Samuel – 2 Kings)

- 3 Kings in Israel (1 Samuel – 2 Kings)
  - a. Israelites desire a King (1 Samuel 8:5,7,19-22)
    - i. D&C 121:39
  - b. Saul & "*The Fall of Saul*" tragic...lessons for us? (1 Sam 9-31)
    - i. The Fall of Saul
  - c. David (see chart below)
    - i. Goliath (1 Sam 17)
    - ii. Spares Saul @ Ein-Gedi (1 Sam 24) **VT (Ein-Gedi)**
    - iii. King David (2 Sam 2:4; 5:3, 6-10; 7:15-16; 8:14-15)
    - iv. Morality & the cover up, begins with Thoughts (2 Sam 11)
      1. Boyd K. Packer Quote
      2. Joseph Smith quote
  - d. Solomon (see chart below)
    - i. Wisdom (1 Kings 3:5-14; 4:29-32)
    - ii. Wealth (1 Kings 10:14)
      1. Brigham Young quote (greatest fear)
      2. Matt 6:24 "Cannot serve 2 Masters"
    - iii. Wives (1 Kings 11) & the
    - iv. **TEMPLE** (1 Kings 6)

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#### **Elder Boyd K. Packer “Cleanse the Inner Vessel”**

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## **QUOTES:**

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"The plaguing sin of this generation is sexual immorality. This, the Prophet Joseph said, would be the source of more temptations, more buffetings, and more difficulties for the elders of Israel than any other."

"Cleansing the Inner Vessel," *Ensign*, May 1986, 4; the statement by Joseph Smith is quoted in Brigham Young, "Instructions to Missionaries," *Deseret News*, June 13, 1860, 113.

“To be entrusted with the power to create life carries with it the greatest of joys and dangerous temptations. The gift of mortal life and the capacity to kindle other lives is a supernal blessing. Through the righteous exercise of this power, as in nothing else, we may come close to our Father in Heaven and experience a fulness of joy. This power is not an incidental part of the plan of happiness. It is the key—the very key.

Whether we use this power as the eternal laws require or reject its divine purpose will forever determine what we will become. “Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?”<sup>7</sup>

There is something very liberating when an individual determines of his or her own free will to be obedient to our Father and our God and expresses that willingness to Him in prayer.” (Elder Boyd K. Packer “Cleanse the Inner Vessel” General Conference, Oct. 2010)

“Every generation has its tests and its chance to stand and prove itself. Would you like to know of one of our toughest tests? Hear the warning words of **President Brigham Young**: “The worst fear I have about this people is that they will get rich in this country, forget God and His people, wax fat, and kick themselves out of the Church and go to hell. This people will stand mobbing, robbing, poverty and all manner of persecution and be true. But my greatest fear is that they cannot stand wealth.” ...Do you know what peace and prosperity can do to a people--it can put them to sleep.”

(Pres. Benson, to Regional Representatives on Sept. 30, 1977)

## **“The Fall of Saul”**

### **Before:**

1 Sam 9:2 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sam 10:9-11 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sam 11:6, 13 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Downfall:**

1 Sam 15:22 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sam 15:17 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sam 16:14-15, ch18:10, ch19:9 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sam 18:6-9, 28-29 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sam 22:8 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sam 18:11, ch19:1, 9-10, ch20:32-33, ch22:7-21, ch23:14 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sam 28 (ch. heading) \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sam 31:3-5 \_\_\_\_\_

## **“The Fall of David”**

### **Before:**

1 Sam 13:14 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sam 16:18 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sam 18:12, 14 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Sam 5:10 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Sam 6:5, 16 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Sam 7:16 \_\_\_\_\_

2 Sam 8:6, 14 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sam 17:49-51 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Sam 24:1-5, ch.26:9 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Downfall:**

At what point did David Sin? (Put an X)

\_\_\_ 2 Sam 11:1 “At the time when kings go forth to battle...David tarried still at Jerusalem”

\_\_\_ 2 Sam 11:2 “David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof...”

\_\_\_ 2 Sam 11:2 “David walked on the roof and saw a woman washing herself”

\_\_\_ 2 Sam 11:2 David noticed that “...the woman was very beautiful to look upon”

\_\_\_ 2 Sam 11:3 “David sent and enquired after the woman”

\_\_\_ 2 Sam 11:4 “David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him”

\_\_\_ 2 Sam 11:4 “...and he (David) lay with her”

\_\_\_ 2 Sam 11:6-8 David called Uriah out of battle to spent the night at home with his wife

\_\_\_ 2 Sam 11:14-17 David sent Uriah to the frontlines of the hottest battle and he died in battle

## **“The Fall of Solomon”**

### **Before:**

2 Sam 12:24 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 3:5-14 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 4:21 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 4:29-32 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 9:2 \_\_\_\_\_

1 Kings 10:12 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Downfall:**

1 Kings 11:1-13 \_\_\_\_\_