



19-Minute Studies: Grand Themes Key Words

Old Testament Themes & Words

Angel of the LORD
Circumcision
Fasting
Line of the Savior
LORD
Sabbath
Tithes and Firstfruits
Zion

New Testament Themes & Words

Apostles
Body of Christ
Children of God
Gospel
Kingdom of God
Persecution
Reconciliation
Repentance

Figures of Christ

David's Son
King
Priest
Prophet
Rock
Shepherd and Sheep
Slaves and Servants
Son of Man

Salvation Words

Covenant
Faith
Glory of the Lord
Grace
Holiness
Redemption
Resurrection
Righteousness
Sacrifice for Sin

Important Symbols

Anointing
Fire
Idolatry and Adultery
Light and Darkness
Seven
Twelve
Water
Wind and Spirit
Yeast

Christian Life Themes & Words

Abraham's Children
False Teaching
Holy Spirit's Presence
Law
Miracles, Signs, Wonders
Names
Presence of Christ
Retribution and Restitution
Testing Faith
Witnesses

King

Deuteronomy 17:15-19—Be sure to appoint over you the king the LORD your God chooses. He must be from among your own brothers. . . . The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt. . . . He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold. . . . He is to read it [a copy of this law] all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God."

1. During the four centuries between Moses and Israel's first king, Saul, Israel was a nation with no monarch. What was God trying to convey to his people? How does that apply to us in the New Testament church?

2. What were God's written regulations for his Old Testament kings? What was the purpose of each of those regulations?

2 Samuel 5:2—The LORD said to you [David], "You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler."

3. Why should Israel's king also be a shepherd? What about the King of all Christians today?

Isaiah 9:7—He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.

Jeremiah 23:5—"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land."

Ezekiel 37:24—My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd.

Helps

(1.) God always intended his people to view him as their monarch. Although God has given his church various people to organize and administer the affairs of his people, we Christians still view God as our supreme ruler and listen to his Word to guide us. (2.) He had to be an Israelite so that God's people would be ruled by a person from the chosen nation. He should not gather many horses lest he rely on his own military power. He was not to lead the people to look for "greener pastures" in the land of Egypt, thus forsaking the land God had given them. He was not to marry many wives, lest he become devoted to their gods. He was not to gather great wealth lest he lose sight of the fact that God was his most valuable treasure. He was to be well acquainted with the Scriptures so he would be able to rule in a godly spirit. (3.) A good king should not lord it over his people but lead them gently, as a shepherd leads his flock. That is how Jesus rules over us. (4.) They refer to Jesus. He is just. He forgives our sins for his sake and allows God to be loving and just at the same time. In righteousness he did the "right" thing according to God's will by winning our salvation and considering us righteous for his sake. (5.) His right to rule does not come from an earthly source of power but from God in heaven. He is the King of truth. (6.) Pilate created the sign to mock the Jews. The Jewish leaders had no idea about the real nature of God's King. But we know it is true.

4. To whom do the previous prophecies refer? Describe the justice and righteousness we have under our King.

John 18:37—You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.

5. What do we learn about Jesus' royalty from his response to Pontius Pilate?

John 19:19—Pilate had a notice prepared and fastened to the cross. It read: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS.

6. Did Pilate believe what he had written? Did the Jewish leaders believe this? Was it true?

Hymn

O Jesus, Shepherd, Guardian, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring. (CW 358:5)

Prayer

King Jesus, thank you for telling us the truth, namely, that we are sinners and that you sacrificed yourself for us. Good Shepherd, enable us to follow you carefully, as faithful subjects obey a kind and gracious ruler. Amen.