

=KINGS OF THE BIBLE=

Lesson 11

Jesus, the King of Kings

AIM: to teach my pupils about the millennium and that they will not have a part in this one thousand-year period if they are not saved.

POINT OF CONTACT: Discuss for a few moments with the class the subject of teacher-pupil relationship in the classroom. The pupil should show the teacher respect because of the teacher's position. The teacher is superior to the pupil because of greater knowledge about the subject being taught. The teacher would not treat the pupil as if the pupil knows more than the teacher. During the course of time in the classroom, however, another adult comes to the door. The teacher rises to meet him and says, "Yes, sir" and "No, sir" to him. The pupils learn that this second person is a professor in college who had taught their teacher. The professor could be called a "teacher of teachers."

Have the students think of other instances where this same set of relationships would be found. (Citizens, governors of states, President of the United States—"governor of governors." Patients, interns, doctors—"doctor of doctors," etc.)

INTRODUCTION: In the history of the nation of Israel, the Period of the Kings has ended. The Northern Kingdom was taken captive by the Assyrians about 136 years before the Southern Kingdom fell. (Samaria fell about 722 B.C.; Jerusalem was completely sacked in 586 B.C.)

This period of history known as the Period of the Kings was started only because of God's permissive will (I Samuel 8:7-22), and it has now come to a tragic end. The reason that the people first wanted a king is the same reason that God had to allow them to be captured—they had rejected Him and His reign over them. We need to teach that it is so much better to be in God's direct will rather than His permissive will. We need to teach our boys and girls and our young people to seriously and earnestly seek God's will for their lives, and to do it.

I. WE KNOW THAT IT IS JESUS WHO SHALL BE THE KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS.

1. His kingship has been predicted.

- 1) Isaiah told of the coming of One Whose government would have no end. See Isaiah 9:6, 7, especially the words, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end."
- 2) Nebuchadnezzar told of One Whose kingdom would be everlasting. Read Daniel 4:10-37, noting especially verse 34.
- 3) The Psalmist told of the Lord's becoming the Governor among the nations. See Psalm 22:28.
- 4) The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her of the Son Whom she, a virgin, would bear. The angel said that this Son would "reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end," Luke 1:33.
- 5) Revelation 19:11-13 tells of the King Who will come riding a white horse and that His name is "called the Word of God." From John 1:1 and 1:14 we can identify Jesus as being the coming King.
- 6) Jesus called Himself "the King of the Jews." When Jesus stood before Pilate and Caiaphas, He was asked whether He was the king of the Jews. Jesus replied, "Thou sayest."
- 7) Paul called Jesus "the King eternal" in I Timothy 1:17.
- 8) The Apostles called Jesus the King in Acts 17:7.

2. He was born of the royal line of David. A true king is born of a royal line. The earthly line through which Jesus came to earth as a baby was that of King David. Over and over we read in the stories of the kings of Judah that God preserved the kingly line for the "sake of his servant David." God had covenanted with David that his throne should be forever. Whenever God purposes that certain things should come to pass, He watches over all the circumstances and events until His purpose has been fulfilled. Mary was of that royal line of David. See Luke 1:27. Joseph, Jesus' foster father, was of the house of David, Matthew 1:20; Luke 2:4.

- II. JESUS' KINGDOM SHALL BE SET UP ON THE EARTH. Carefully read Revelation 19:11-16; 20:1-6.
1. He is coming to earth on a white horse.
 2. He will conquer all of His foes. The Devil will be cast into Hell.
 3. He will set up His government. Those people who trusted Jesus as their Saviour will rule and reign with Him. Those people who had died but had not trusted Jesus will not have been resurrected from the dead.
 4. He will bring absolute and true peace.
- III. CONTRAST JESUS' REIGN WITH THE REIGN OF THE KINGS WHOM WE HAVE STUDIED. See Isaiah 11:2-4.
1. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him. The Spirit of the Lord will never leave Jesus, for He is the Son of God. Read Colossians 2:9. Contrast this characteristic with King Saul. The Spirit of God came upon Saul after he had been given another heart, but Saul disobeyed God and offered sacrifices as a priest would do; therefore, God lifted His Spirit from Saul. Saul pretended to be a Christian.
 2. Jesus will exhibit full wisdom and understanding. The wisest man who ever lived still was an imperfect king. Solomon allowed false religions to enter his kingdom because of his having many wives who brought their gods with them.
 3. King Jesus will bring perfect counsel and complete might into His kingdom. King Jehoshaphat had seen the hand of the Lord moving in the land of Judah. In spite of God's miraculous victory on behalf of Judah, Jehoshaphat made an alliance with wicked King Ahaziah; they combined their navies for mutual protection. God was all the protection that King Jehoshaphat needed.
 4. King Jesus will be all-knowing and all-powerful. He shall have the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. After being under the influence of Jehoiada, the priest, from the time of his being a little boy, Joash should have been stable in the Lord. He seemed to forget God, however, when he saw the king of Syria coming toward Jerusalem. He began to pay tribute to the king of Syria, taking dedicated things from the temple in order to do this.
 5. King Jesus shall have quick understanding in the fear of the Lord in His Kingdom. Jesus, of course, knows all things and can predict all things. Compare King David's discernment with the discernment of Jesus. David, the man after God's own heart, should have known and understood that leisure time which leaves out God would lead to sin.
 6. Jesus shall not judge in His kingdom by what just meets the eye or the ear. Jesus will not be affected by external impetus (force) nor by fleshly weaknesses. Jeroboam should not have been affected by jealousy when he set up his kingdom. Because he was afraid that his people would go back to Judah to live, he set up false worship in Israel to keep his people away from Jerusalem.
 7. Jesus will judge the poor with righteousness. Of all people, the son of Solomon should have realized that wise counsel is to be heeded. Instead, Rehoboam accepted the counsel of the young and inexperienced and thereby robbed his people with heavy taxation.
 8. Jesus will reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. Inequities will cease. Whatever is not truly "fair" about our society will be changed. All the wrongs of the earth will be righted. King Josiah realized that he needed to reprove his people for their sins after he had heard the Book of the Law read. He should have been willing to heed a reproof which was given to him by the king of Egypt. The king of Egypt had warned him against entering into battle against him, for the hand of the Lord was leading the king of Egypt into this war. Josiah, however, went into the battle, which cost him his life.
 9. Jesus shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked. Revelation 19:11 says that He shall destroy the unholy nations. Jesus is able to speak and destroy the wicked. King Hezekiah had at one time put his trust in God to protect Jerusalem; he had torn down the graven images and cleansed the land from false worship. He succumbed to false pride and showed the enemy the secrets of his land and was thereby destroyed.