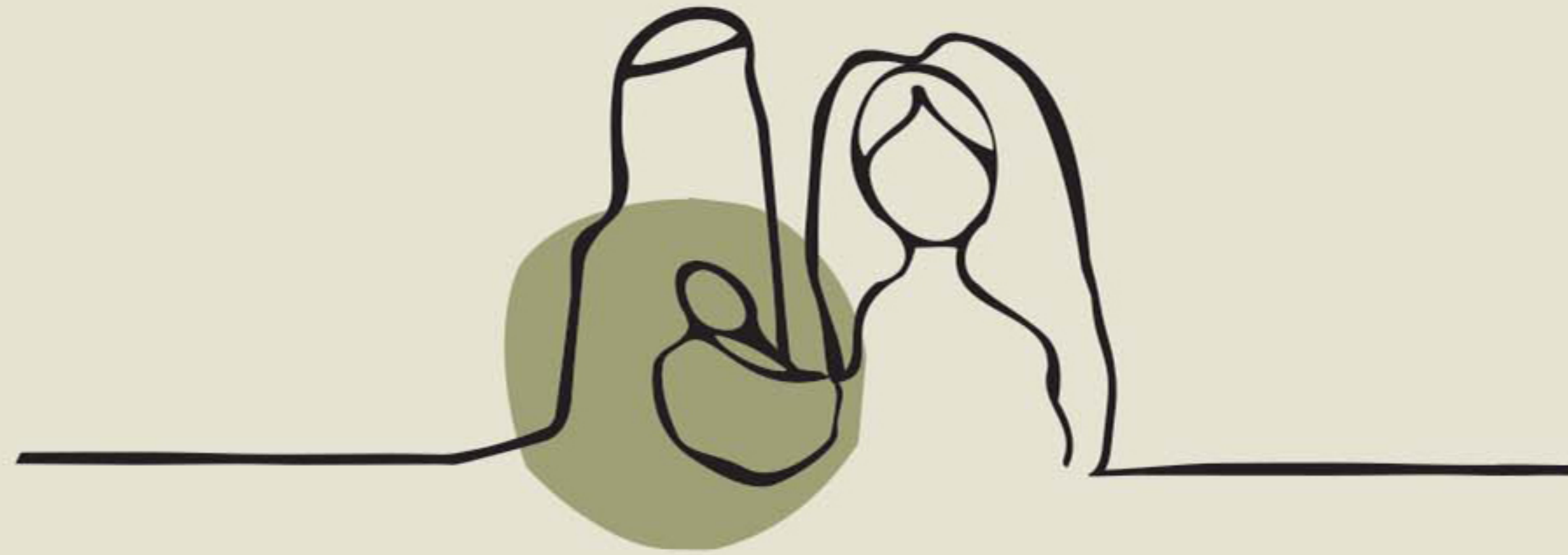


BORN IS THE
KING





What is a king and what does he do?

The king was the central ruler of the nation. He was responsible to keep the **peace**, administer **justice**, uphold the **law**, and centralize the **power**. Biblical kings were called to recognize God as King (Ex.15:18) and that their rule *over* Israel was *under* God.



23 King Solomon was greater in riches and wisdom than all the other kings of the earth. **24** The whole world sought audience with Solomon to hear the wisdom God had put in his heart. **25** Year after year, everyone who came brought a gift—articles of silver and gold, robes, weapons and spices, and horses and mules.

1 Kings 10:23-25



6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. **7** For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. **8** But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. **9** Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. **10** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

1 Timothy 6:6-10



Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

Matthew 6:21

Seek the Kingdom of God[e] above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Matthew 6:33



SOLOMON CHOSE WISDOM FROM GOD

10 The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for wisdom. **11** So God replied, “Because you have asked for wisdom in governing my people with justice and have not asked for a long life or wealth or the death of your enemies— **12** I will give you what you asked for! I will give you a wise and understanding heart such as no one else has had or ever will have! **13** And I will also give you what you did not ask for—riches and fame! No other king in all the world will be compared to you for the rest of your life! **14** And if you follow me and obey my decrees and my commands as your father, David, did, I will give you a long life.”

1 KINGS 3:10-14



SOLOMON BUILT THE TEMPLE OF GOD

So Solomon finished building the Temple of the Lord, as well as the royal palace. He completed everything he had planned to do. **2** Then the Lord appeared to Solomon a second time, as he had done before at Gibeon. **3** The Lord said to him, “I have heard your prayer and your petition. I have set this Temple apart to be holy—this place you have built where my name will be honored forever. I will always watch over it, for it is dear to my heart.

1 KINGS 9:1-3



IN THE END GOD IS THE TEMPLE OF GOD

“I saw no temple in the city, for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.”

REVELATION 21:22



SOLOMON ENDED IN SPIRITUAL INFIDELITY

4 In Solomon's old age, they [his many foreign wives] turned his heart to worship other gods instead of being completely faithful to the Lord his God, as his father, David, had been. **5** Solomon worshiped Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidonians, and Molech, the detestable god of the Ammonites. **6** In this way, Solomon did what was evil in the Lord's sight; he refused to follow the Lord completely, as his father, David, had done.

1 KINGS 11:4-6



“Christ himself...
In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.”
COLOSSIANS 2:3