

# ZOOM STUDY: IMPORTANT BIBLICAL TERMS

## KING

1.) During the four centuries between Moses and Israel's first king, Saul, Israel was a nation with no monarch. What was God conveying to his people by this arrangement? How does this apply to us in the New Testament Church?

**Palm 78:5-7** He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, <sup>6</sup> so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. <sup>7</sup> Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**Matthew 23:8-10** "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have only one Master and you are all brothers. <sup>9</sup> And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and he is in heaven. <sup>10</sup> Nor are you to be called 'teacher,' for you have one Teacher, the Christ."

**Acts 5:29** "We must obey God rather than men!"

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

**Deuteronomy 17:15-20** "Be sure to appoint over you the king the LORD your God chooses. He must be from among your own brothers. Do not place a foreigner over you, one who is not a brother Israelite. <sup>16</sup> The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the LORD has told you, "You are not to go back that way again." <sup>17</sup> He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold. <sup>18</sup> When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the priests, who are Levites. <sup>19</sup> It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the LORD his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees <sup>20</sup> and not consider himself better than his brothers and turn from the law to the right or to the left. Then he and his descendants will reign a long time over his kingdom in Israel."

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

**2 Samuel 5:2** "The LORD said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'"

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

**John 10:14-16** "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—<sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also."

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

**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. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

**Jeremiah 23:5-6** 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. <sup>6</sup> In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.

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

**John 18:36-37** Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "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."

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

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

7.) The writer to the Hebrews tells us that "at present we do not see everything subject to him [Christ]" (2:8). Yet what will be the final reality?

**1 Corinthians 15:25** For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

**Revelation 19:11-16** I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. <sup>12</sup> His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. <sup>13</sup> He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. <sup>14</sup> The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup> Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. <sup>16</sup> On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

*Closing 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 obeying a kind and gracious ruler. Amen*