

Overview of Israel Desiring a King

Deuteronomy 17:14-15

- **Deuteronomy 17:14-15** – God prophesied that Israel would want a king.
- **1 Samuel 8:4-7** – Elders gathered at Ramah and told Samuel they wanted a king. This was a rejection of the Divine King over Israel, God.
 - Saul
 - David
 - Solomon
- **Kingdom became Divided. 1 Kings 11:31** – “And he said to Jeroboam, ‘Take for yourself ten pieces, for thus says the LORD , the God of Israel: ‘Behold, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to you.’”
- **Destruction of the Northern Kingdom. 1 Kings 14:15-16** - “Then the LORD will shake Israel like a reed whipped about in a stream. He will uproot the people of Israel from this good land that he gave their ancestors and will scatter them beyond the Euphrates River, for they have angered the LORD by worshiping Asherah poles. He will abandon Israel because Jeroboam sinned and made all of Israel sin along with him”
 - **2 Kings 17:24** – “The king of Assyria brought people from Babylon, Cutha, Avva, Hamath and Sepharvaim and settled them in the towns of Samaria to replace the Israelites. They took over Samaria and lived in their towns.”
 - **626 B.C.** – **96** years after Assyria conquered the Northern Kingdom of Israel, Babylon rebelled against Assyria,
 - **612 B.C.** – **16** years later, Babylon overthrew Nineveh, the capital city of Assyria.
 Note: This takes place about **150** years after Nineveh had been spared from the destruction, having repented at the preaching of Jonah in about **762** B.C.
605 B.C. – **7** years later, the armies of Babylon defeated the armies of Egypt at Carchemish, thus positioning itself as a world empire.
 - Until that happened, the Assyrians dominated Babylon and the Babylonians.
- **Destruction of the Southern Kingdom. 2 Kings 23:26-27** – “Nevertheless, the LORD did not turn away from the heat of his fierce anger, which burned against Judah because of all that Manasseh had done to provoke him to anger. So the LORD said, ‘I will remove Judah also from my presence as I removed Israel, and I will reject Jerusalem, the city I chose, and this temple, about which I said, ‘There shall my Name be.’”

- **Jeremiah 25:11** – “. . . And these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years . . .”
- **Daniel 2:21** – “. . . He sets us kings, and He removes kings . . .”
- **Ezekiel 12:1-3** – “The word of the LORD came to me:
‘Son of man, you are living among a rebellious people. They have eyes to see but do not see and ears to hear but do not hear, for they are a rebellious people.
‘Therefore, son of man, pack your belongings for exile . . .’” (“prepare your belongings for captivity”, NKJ)
- **Psalms 16:4** – “The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods . . .”
- **Psalms 9:15-17** – “The nations have fallen into the pit they have dug; their feet are caught in the net they have hidden.
The LORD is known by his justice; the wicked are ensnared by the work of their hands.
The wicked return to the grave, all the nations that forget God.”
- **Psalms 9:10** – “Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.”