

Theme 6, Parts 1 and 2

Notes

Loose Ends

To get a sense of the span of the action: Chronology of the Kings and the Fall of Israel and Judah (p. 251)

By the time of the Kings, the VERBS of GOD are becoming the PROSE of god.

1. There grows conflict between monarchy and God's reign.
2. The Kings are a critique of covenant faithfulness: God's (*hesed*) and Israel and Judah's ("Wait on the Lord.").
3. The Kings are a critique of power and power vs. force, of political alliances vs. faith. (Do we have this problem still?) (In OT, "horse" or "horses" mentioned only in 5 psalms, three of those as reference to military power. 139 verses about chariots.) *See below.*
4. The Kings are a critique of nations over the Kingdom of God.
5. The Kings are a critique of time in God's hands and God's patient plan for moving redemption history along: FALL/EXILE then REDEMPTION.

Read "Selected Texts"

"Messiah"

Isaiah 31:1-3 (NRSV)

Alliance with Egypt Is Futile

- 31** Alas for those who go down to Egypt for help
and who rely on horses,
who trust in chariots because they are many
and in horsemen because they are very strong,
but do not look to the Holy One of Israel
or consult the LORD!
- ² Yet he too is wise and brings disaster;
he does not call back his words,
but will rise against the house of the evildoers,
and against the helpers of those who work iniquity.
- ³ The Egyptians are human, and not God;
their horses are flesh, and not spirit.
When the LORD stretches out his hand,
the helper will stumble, and the one helped will fall,
and they will all perish together.

Psalm 20:6-7 (NIV)

- ⁶ Now I know that the LORD saves his anointed;
he answers him from his holy heaven
with the saving power of his right hand.
⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

Psalm 33:16-22 (NRSV)

- ¹⁶ A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
¹⁷ The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.

¹⁸ Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
¹⁹ to deliver their soul from death,
and to keep them alive in famine.

²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and shield.
²¹ Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.
²² Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

Psalm 76 (NRSV or NIV)

Selected Texts

Moses predicts the coming of the kings: Deut 17:14, 15; 28:36 (curse for disobedience)

David

Samuel	1 Sam 16:1-13
Saul	16:14-23
Goliath	17
Jonathan	18-20 (18:7 “Saul has killed his thousands”)
Doeg	21-22 (22:18-19, slaughter of priests and families xref Psalm 52)
Hiding from Saul in the cave	24 xref Psalm 57 David protects Saul from death.
Nathan	2 Sam 7 (a passage of grace; God’s covenant with David: “Build me a house.”)
Mephibosheth	2 Sam 4:4; ch. 9; 16:1-4 treachery; 19:24-25; 21:7 life spared due to covenant)
Bathsheba	11-12 (xref Psalm 52)
Absalom	16-18

David and God 22 (xref Ps 18) Iraenaeus, “the glory of God is a fully alive human being”
David and Abishag 1 Kings 1-2 (not a peaceful death; political and family conflict)

Jeremiah 52:1-16, *The Destruction of Jerusalem*
(What comes after Jeremiah? LAMENTATIONS)