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Israel would have a king. As much as God warned them against it, they would have a king. Military leaders would lead them on their conquest of the promised land. Judges would rule over them after the land was theirs. But Israel would, eventually, have a king.

“But I am their King,” God says. And truly He was. Yet no matter how many signs and miracles God provided them, no matter how many battles He won for them, no matter how often He forgave them, Israel was stubborn, and Israel would have a king.

And when they did, God warned, they would have to watch out for the natural sins of the Kingly class. Political power always led to certain sins, like stockpiling military might (horses in this case), stockpiling peace pacts with multiple foreign nations (sealed with marriages to many wives), and of course stockpiling wealth.

But even with these warnings, Israel would have a king. And they did. First it was Saul, chosen for his looks and bearing. Then it was David, chosen for his military conquests. And then came Solomon, chosen... well, not chosen at all but elevated as the son of the king to the throne of Israel. And while Saul was a foolish king, and the David was a good but conflicted king, Solomon was the wise king who would fulfill every prophecy Moses just uttered.

In Confirmation class, we study Solomon, and we look at all of these passages and all the ways Solomon fulfilled these warnings. He stockpiled military might, had hundreds of wives from foreign lands, and was notoriously wealthy.

Political powers always fall to certain sins. But not God, our King. So we have to ask ourselves, is God our king? Do we follow God more than any other political leaders? Are we Christians before we are followings of any political power, party, or authority? None of them are worthy, only God.