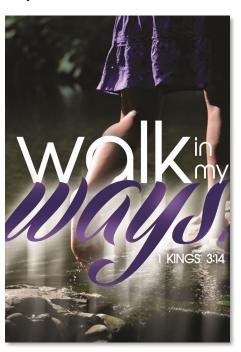


# Good kings, bad kings

If you've ever read the Old Testament, you've no doubt seen that ancient Israel (and Judah) had many kings over the course of thousands of years. As expected, some were good and some were bad. Some were noted for being really evil. And others, such as Solomon was noted for his wisdom.



King David, in particular, was a noteworthy person. He started out as a humble shepherd. David was very talented. He was a poet. You can read his poetry in many of the chapters of the book of Psalms. He was also very brave even as a youth. He slew the champion of the Philistines, Goliath. Goliath was a giant and greatly feared among the people. It surprised everyone when the young man, David, killed him with a slingshot.

There are other interesting facts about the kings of Israel and Judah. For instance, Josiah became king when he was only eight years old! Imagine being king when you are only a young child.

In the Bible, we also read about the kings of other nations. For instance, King Nebuchadnezzar was the king of Babylon. At one point, he was so arrogant that Yahweh humbled him by making him eat grass like an animal for seven years.

It must be mentioned that Yahweh never wanted His people to be ruled by kings. He knew that the lives of the people would be very hard under the rulership of mortal man. Yahweh Himself wanted to be their only King. But the people insisted on having a king like all the other nations. So Yahweh allowed it, and Saul had become the first king of Israel.

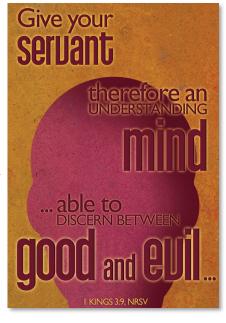
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# Do you know?

- 1. What was King Solomon known for?
- A. Wisdom.
- B. Stupidity.
- C. Unbelief.
- D. Hobbies.
- 2. Which is true?
- A. Ancient Israel had many kings over the course of thousands of years.
- B. All the kings of Israel and Judah were evil.
- C. Some kings were good, and some bad.
- D. Only A. and C. are true.
- 3. Who was the champion of the Philistines?
- A. George.
- B. Gilgamesh.
- C. Goliath.
- D. Garfield.
- 4. What is true of King David?
- A. He was a shepherd in his youth.
- B. He was brave.
- C. He was talented.
- D. All of the above.
- 5. At what age did Josiah become king?
- A. 12.
- B. 30.
- C. 14.
- D. 8.
- 6. How many years did King Nebuchadnezzar eat grass like an animal?
- A. 7.
- B. 3.
- C. 30.
- D. 2.
- 7. Why did Yahweh humble King Nebuchadnezzar?
- A. Nebuchadnezzar was arrogant.
- B. Nebuchadnezzar was a great architect.
- C. Nebuchadnezzar ruled with honesty and integrity.
- D. Nebuchadnezzar wanted to eat only salads.







### **SOME KINGS IN THE BIBLE**

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## Name the King

- 1. Name the king who was only eight years old when he began to reign. (2 Chronicles 34:1)
- 2. Name the shepherd who became king. (2 Samuel 5:1-5)
- 3. Name the wisest king. (1 Kings 4:29-34)
- 4. Which king had to eat grass like an animal because of his arrogance? (Daniel 4:25-35)
- 5. Who was the king who married Esther? (Esther 2:16)
- 6. Who was Jezebel married to? (1 Kings 16:33)
- 7. Name the first King of Israel. (1 Samuel 10:26)
- 8. Name of a very evil king. (1 Kings 11:26)
- 9. Name a good king in the Bible. (1 Kings 15:9-10)
- 10. Name a king whose name begins with a "z." (2 Kings 9:31)
- 11. Name the king found in 2 Kings 9:6.



