

That The World May Know – Prophets and Kings – Session 3: Who Is God?

Israel's Growing Confusion About God

1. Shortly before his death, Joshua reviewed Israel's history, highlighting all that God had done for them. Then he asked the people to make a commitment to God. What was their response?
Joshua 24:14 – 25
2. What was Solomon's commitment to follow God? What were consequences of his decision?
1 Kings 11:6 – 11
3. What role did Jeroboam, the first king of the northern kingdom of Israel, play in leading the people away from God?
1 Kings 12:25 – 33

What was God's response?
1 Kings 13:1 – 3
1 Kings 13:33 – 34
4. What impact did the kings' spiritual commitment have on the people of Israel?
1 Kings 18:17 – 21

The Role of God's Prophets

1. Through Moses, God promised that He would send prophets to help His people remain faithful to Him in a pagan world. The prophets would call people back to God's words and ways and communicate Yahweh's demand for total allegiance. What do these verses say about God's prophets?
 - Deuteronomy 18:14
 - Deuteronomy 18:15
 - Deuteronomy 18:18
 - Deuteronomy 18:19
 - Deuteronomy 18:20
2. What messages did God give to Elijah to give to Ahab? What was the purpose of those messages?
1 Kings 17:1 – 3
1 Kings 18:1 – 2
1 Kings 18:17 – 18
3. After God used Elijah to convince the Israelites of their sinfulness in worshiping Baal, you might think Elijah would have an easier life. What happened soon afterward? What does that reveal about the role of Elijah?
1 Kings 19:1 – 10

The Significance of Biblical Names

In biblical times, people understood that a name expressed the essence or identity of a person. A good name thus meant more than even a good reputation because it identified the character of its owner.

1. The word *Elijah* is composed of two Hebrew words: *El*, which means "god"; and, *Jah* which is one part of the Yahweh and represents the most holy name of God. Why is Elijah's name so significant in light of what he said to the Hebrews?
1 Kings 18:21

How does what Elijah said in his prayer relate to the meaning of his name?
1 Kings 18:36 – 37
2. What did God demonstrate when He changed Abram's name to Abraham?
Genesis 17:1 – 5

What did Pharaoh demonstrate when he renamed Joseph?
Genesis 41:45
3. In the Near East, a person's name identified something about the person's character or circumstances such as birth or family. Why did Sarah and Abraham name their son "Isaac," which means "he laughs?"
Genesis 17:17

Why did Moses receive his name, which meant "to draw out?" Exodus 2:1 – 10
4. An angel told Joseph that Mary would give birth to a son, and that Joseph was to give the baby a specific name. What was the name and why was it given?
Matthew 1:20 – 21

High Places

1. God allowed His people to employ cultural practices and ideas if they had no pagan content and were used only in God's service. Since the people of the ancient Near East honored their gods by worshiping them on high places, God allowed His people to build altars to Him—and Him alone—on high places. He also communicated with His people on high places. What were appropriate uses of high places?
 - Genesis 22:1 -14
 - Exodus 19:20 – 22
 - Exodus 31:18
 - Numbers 22:41
 - Numbers 23:1 – 5
 - Deuteronomy 27:1 – 7
 - Joshua 8:30 – 31
 - Judges 6:25 – 27
 - 1 Samuel 9:10 – 14
 - 1 Chronicles 21:18 – 26
 - 2 Chronicles 3:1
2. What did God tell the Hebrews to do with the high places where the Canaanites worshiped?
Deuteronomy 7:5
Numbers 33:52
3. The Hebrews did not follow God's commands concerning high places. What, in fact, did the Hebrews do in the high places? What was the result?
2 Kings 17:6 – 12

How God Reveals That He Is God

1. What does God use in our world today to reveal that He is God
Isaiah 43:11 – 12
2. How did God prove Himself to Pharaoh?
Exodus 7:17 – 20
3. How did God prove Himself and His might power to “all the people of the earth”?
Joshua 4:21 – 24
4. What did Solomon say in front of the entire assembly of Israel?
1 Kings 8:59 – 60
5. Why did David fight Goliath?
1 Samuel 17:45 – 47
6. What had God done to demonstrate Himself to the Canaanites, including Rahab, the prostitute who lived in Jericho?
Joshua 2:8 – 11
7. What did Hezekiah pray after being challenged by the powerful Assyrian King?
Isaiah 37:18 – 20
8. What did God do for Namaan to cause him to bless God? And what did Namaan affirm afterward?
2 Kings 5:13 – 15

References

Genesis 17	1 Kings 13
Genesis 22	1 Kings 16
Genesis 41	1 Kings 17
Exodus 2	1 Kings 18
Exodus 7	1 Kings 19
Exodus 17	2 Kings 5
Exodus 19	2 Kings 10
Exodus 31	2 Kings 13
Exodus 33	2 Kings 14
Numbers 22	2 Kings 15
Numbers 23	2 Kings 17
Numbers 33	1 Chronicles 21
Deuteronomy 7	2 Chronicles 3
Deuteronomy 18	Isaiah 33
Deuteronomy 27	Isaiah 35
Joshua 2	Isaiah 37
Joshua 4	Isaiah 43
Joshua 8	Amos 1
Joshua 24	Amos 3
Judges 6	Amos 5
1 Samuel 9	Amos 8
1 Samuel 17	Nahum 1
1 Kings 8	Matthew 1
1 Kings 11	Matthew 6
1 Kings 12	

