

# Bible Overview Series

Week 2: The main character—the King.

Other than God (Father, Son & Spirit), who do you think is the most important character in the Bible, and why?

## Read Exodus 14:28-31, 15:1 & v. 12-18.

1. In these verses, **who** is the King of Israel?

2. How is his rule seen?

## Read Judges 8:18-23.

3. In this part of *Judges*, Gideon has defeated the Midianite raiders Zebah and Zalmunnah. What did Israel seek to do with him as a result (22)?

4. Why did Gideon refuse their request (23)?

## Read 1 Samuel 8:1-9 & v. 18-22.

5. In these verses, why did Israel ask for a king (4)?

6. How did God view their request for a king (7-8)?

7. What would it mean for them to have an earthly king (18)?

## Read 2 Samuel 7:1-4 & 12-16.

8. Israel's first king (Saul) didn't pan out. In fact, none of their kings were perfect. But David was the best of the bunch: "a man after God's own heart" (Acts 13:22). In God's promise to David, what does God say He will do for David's future son?

## Read Matthew 1:1 & 2:1-6.

9. In 1:1, how is Jesus related to David and the promise that God had made in 2 Samuel 7—the part we just read?

10. If Jesus is the "Son of David" (1:1), "king of the Jews" (2:2) and the "ruler who will shepherd Israel", what does this mean for God's kingship?

## Read Hebrews 1:1-5.

In these verses, who is Jesus seen to be, and how does it relate to previous verses?

## Implications.

If Jesus is the true king of God's people, what does that mean for our relationship to the Crown, or to the State?

If Jesus is God's chosen king, what bearing should that have on our lives?