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Deuteronomy 17:18-19, “¹⁸And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites. ¹⁹And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them.”

When you think of the duties of a king, you might think about strengthening the army, fortifying the borders, expanding the kingdom, diplomacy, etc. These type of worldly activities are never listed for the future kings of Israel. On the contrary, they were not to even number the people. This would have made them feel their strength was in their numbers and not in the LORD.

The LORD told them when they had a king, he had four duties. These duties relate to the word of God.

1. **The king was to write a copy of the law.** It certainly was not easy to have multiple copies of books and documents. The law no doubt

was referring to the very early part of the Bible. At this time, not nearly as much had been written. Even so, this was a lot to write manually. This would have been slow and meticulous. The materials of the day would have made it difficult. Doing this preserved a copy of the law so the people could hear it. Writing a copy made the king very familiar with the contents. The copy in possession of the king and priests was perhaps the only copy of the word of God available. They had to read it to the people as we see in Nehemiah 8.

2. **The law was to be with the king.** Being with the king would have provided protection from anyone attacking and burning the copy. Ironically, it was the king’s servant in Jeremiah 36:23 who read three or four leaves of the roll that Jeremiah had written, cut it with a pen knife, then burned it. The law being with the king made it always available to provide judgment and see what the LORD had told them to do.

3. **The king was to read the law.** Note that he was not only to read it, but he was to read it all the days of his life. Do we go for days and weeks without reading from the word of God? Each day we miss is one day gone that we can never make up. Though we are not commanded to read the Bible every day, what better thing is there to do each day? We do get busy, but today’s technology provides everyone with a copy of the Bible. We all can easily have a copy on our cell phones and have the Bible read to us as we drive or go about the house. There is no reason to not read the Bible daily. Let’s read it all the days of our life.

This reading would cause the king to learn to fear the LORD. Reading will do the same for us. We will develop the fear and respect of the LORD that will lead to obedience and ultimately our eternal salvation.

4. **He was to keep all the words of the law and statutes.** It is not enough to read and know the Bible, but we are to keep it’s words.

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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Richard Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry.**

Lauren Candela had two surgeries this past week to remove a tumor between her shoulder blades on the spine. The surgeries went well, but she is having a lot of pain and discomfort. **Clay Bozarth**, father of Ruby Edwards, passed out Friday evening and stopped breathing for over a minute. He is currently in a Fayetteville, Arkansas hospital.

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The more we read and study, the more we will know what to do and not to do. There is nothing better than the word of God to study. Certainly the subjects we all have learned in school help us. We read, write, and do basic math every day. These skills will only be used for a few years. The things we learn from the word of God will benefit us eternally.

Note that this commandant regarding the word of God was for the king. The same thing can be said of us today. We are kings here on the earth. Revelation 1:6, “*And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*” Revelation 5:10, “*And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.*”

We are kings unto our God and shall reign on the earth. Revelation 21:24 in referring to Heaven says, “*... the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.*” We are kings here and we’ll take our glory and honor into Heaven.

With us being kings here on earth, we certainly should do no less than the kings of the Israelites were commanded. We might not actually write a copy of the Bible since we have Bibles in abundance. We can “duplicate” it by helping get the Bible to people who are not familiar with its words of hope and eternal salvation. Let’s read the word, keep it near us, and keep its teachings all the days of our lives.

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Sunday, July 16, 2023		
Classes	17	Mark 12:1-27
Preaching	27	Isaiah 9:6
Contribution	\$1012.00	
Evening	7	Habakkuk 2:1-20
Wednesday, July 19, 2023		
Classes	18	II Timothy 2:1-26

Visitors— Jul 16 (AM) Leron & Megan Logsdon (Sonora, KY)

Bible Quiz

The LORD is in His holy what?

Last Week’s Answer—Thy word (Psalm 119:140)

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The end result of the king doing these things is told in Deuteronomy 17:20, “*That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.*” The end result will be the same for us, and lead us unto life everlasting.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)