



# Luke 17:20-37

*The Certain Gospel:  
What is the Kingdom of God?  
Part 1/2*

**“If you could choose, who would you prefer to be in charge of your life?”**

- a. Myself
- b. Scientist
- c. Celebrity
- d. Politician
- e. King



# Chapter 1. God is king.

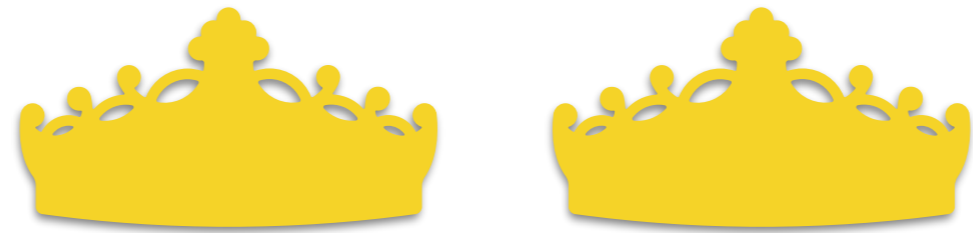
# Genesis 1:1

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (NIV®)

# Psalm 93:1-2

The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;  
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;  
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

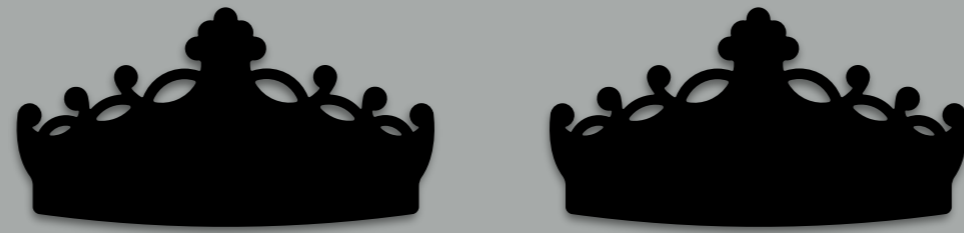
2 Your throne was established long ago;  
you are from all eternity. (NIV®)



# Chapter 2. People are called to rule.

# Genesis 1:26

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” (NIV®)



# Chapter 3. The first rulers fall short.



# The serpent, Satan

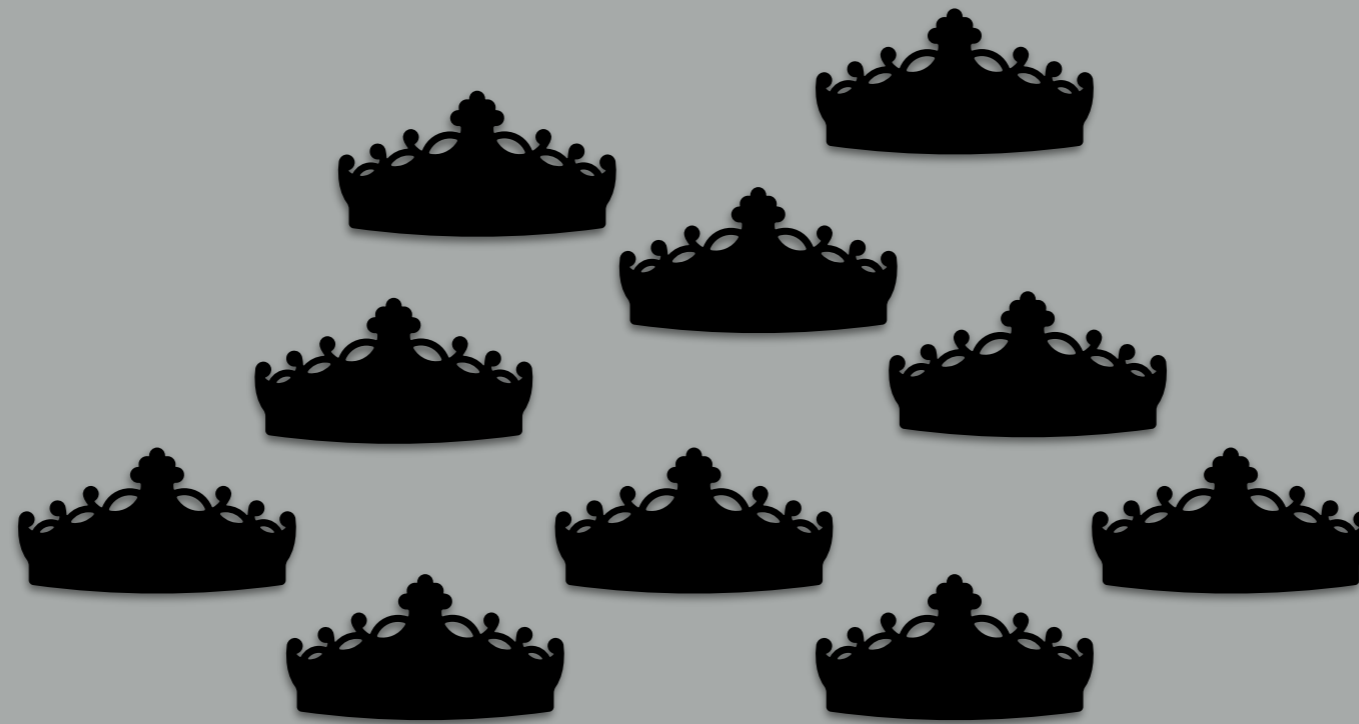
“the prince of this world”  
(John 12:31)

“the ruler of the kingdom of the air”  
(Ephesians 2:2)

“The god of this age”  
(2 Corinthians 4:4)

# Genesis 3:15

And I will put enmity  
between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will crush your head,  
and you will strike his heel.” (NIV®)



# Chapter 4. God gathers a kingdom people.

# Genesis 12:2-3

“I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;  
I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.  
3 I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you.” (NIV®)

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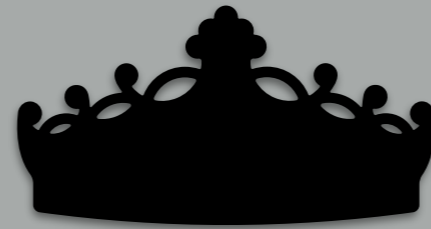
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- 2) **Realm:** God restoring all of creation from the fall.
- 3) **Redemption:** God redeeming his fallen subjects.



# Chapter 5. God provides a human king.



# Deuteronomy 17:16-17

The king, moreover, must not acquire great numbers of horses for himself or make the people return to Egypt to get more of them, for the Lord has told you, “You are not to go back that way again.” 17 He must not take many wives, or his heart will be led astray. He must not accumulate large amounts of silver and gold. (NIV®)

# Deuteronomy 17:18-19

When he takes the throne of his kingdom, he is to write for himself on a scroll a copy of this law, taken from that of the Levitical priests. 19 It is to be with him, and he is to read it all the days of his life so that he may learn to revere the Lord his God and follow carefully all the words of this law and these decrees (NIV®)



# Chapter 6. The human kings fall short.

# 1 Kings 11:6

So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the Lord; he did not follow the Lord completely, as David his father had done. (NIV®)



# Chapter 7. God promises a final king.

# 2 Samuel 7:16

Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.” (NIV®)

# Daniel 7:13-14

“In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. 14 He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all nations and peoples of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed. (NIV®)

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for Part 2!**