



The Israelites reject God as their king. God chooses King David and promises that through his family, he will establish his kingdom forever. David's son will build the Temple and be the kind of king God is, reflecting and representing his rule. God's promises are significantly fulfilled through King Solomon.

## Video Summary

The Israelites demand a king. Although they do need a leader, their request is effectively a rejection of God as their king. Saul is Israel's first king. He has the same problems as the people — he doesn't live life in the way God defines, doesn't submit to and trust God. He spirals downward towards self-destruction. The people need a king who will reflect and represent God.

God gives the people the king they need. He chooses David to be Israel's second king. David is a man after God's own heart. He wants his rule to mirror God's because he recognises this kingdom is God's kingdom. He accepts God's definition of how to live. He obeys and enforces the law God gave Israel at Mount Sinai.

King David wants to upgrade the Tabernacle where God lives and build a temple. God says instead, he will build David a dynasty. God promises David that he will have a successor, a son. This son will do what humans are meant to do — join in with what God is doing, reflect and represent God. This son will build God a place to live. God will permanently establish this son's kingdom and it will stand forever.

The reign of King Solomon, David's son, is a high point in Israel's history. He builds the Temple for God to live in. Israel sees peace and prosperity like never before. This is the most God's promises have seen fulfilment — God's people have become a great nation in God's place, blessed under God's rule, with God living with his people.

## **Discussion Questions**

- 1** The Israelites wanted a human king partly because they wanted to be like other nations. In what areas are we tempted to act and think like the people around us, instead of trusting God?
- 2** What does God promise King David's son will be like and what will he do?
- 3** How does the promise to David connect to the promise to Abraham? How does it connect to the original plan for the world?

## **Bible Passages for Further Study**

1 Samuel 8 — The people request a human king, rejecting God as their king

1 Samuel 16:1-13 — God chooses David as king

2 Samuel 7:1-17 — God's promise to David in response to David planning to build God a house



1 Kings 8:1-21 — The building of the Temple is completed