



# ***STRENGTH SERMONS***





# King-Sized Commands

**Deuteronomy 17:14-20**

(April 6 reading)



**Read the Law,  
Avoid the Fall**

- **THE KING**



- **THE COMMANDS**



- **THE COPY**



- 14 "When you enter the land which the Lord your God gives you, and you possess it and live in it, and **you say, ' I will set a king over me like all the nations who are around me,'** 15 you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses, one from among your countrymen you shall set as king over yourselves; you may not put a foreigner over yourselves who is not your countryman.



Deut 17:14-15 (NASB)

## **THE KING**

- 4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah; 5 and they said to him, "Behold, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations." 6 But the thing was displeasing in the sight of Samuel when they said, **"Give us a king to judge us."** And Samuel prayed to the Lord. 7 The Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, **for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them.** 8 Like all the deeds which they have done since the day that I brought them up from Egypt even to this day—in that they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also. 1 Sam 8:4-8 (NASB)

**1050 B.C.**

- **16 Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.”**  
**17 In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.**
- **2 Sam 7:16-17 (NASB)**

1010 B.C.

- 16 Moreover, he shall not multiply **horses** for himself, nor shall he cause the people to return to **Egypt** to multiply horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You shall never again return that way.' 17 He shall not multiply **wives** for himself, or else his heart will turn away; nor shall he greatly increase **silver and gold** for himself.
- Deut 17:16-17 (NASB)



## **THE COMMANDS**



- **14 Solomon amassed chariots and horsemen. He had 1,400 chariots and 12,000 horsemen, and he stationed them in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem. 15 The king made silver and gold as plentiful in Jerusalem as stones, and he made cedars as plentiful as sycamores in the lowland. 16 Solomon's horses were imported from Egypt and from Kue; the king's traders procured them from Kue for a price. 17 They imported chariots from Egypt for 600 shekels of silver apiece and horses for 150 apiece, and by the same means they exported them to all the kings of the Hittites and the kings of Aram. 2 Chron 1:14-17 (NASB)**

970-930 B.C.

- **3 He had** seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines, **and his wives turned his heart away. 4 For when Solomon was old, his wives turned his heart away after other gods; and his heart was not wholly devoted to the Lord his God, as the heart of David his father had been.**
- **1 Kings 11:3-4 (NASB)**

970-930 B.C.

# THE COPY



- 18 "Now it shall come about when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, **he shall write for himself a copy of this law** on a scroll in the presence of the Levitical priests. 19 It shall be with him and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to **fear** the Lord his God, by carefully **observing** all the words of this law and these statutes, 20 that his heart may **not be lifted up** above his countrymen and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, to the right or the left, so that he and his sons may continue long in his kingdom in the midst of Israel.

- Deut 17:18-20 (NASB)

- **8** Then Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, " I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord." **And Hilkiah gave the book to Shaphan who read it. 9** Shaphan the scribe came to the king and brought back word to the king and said, "Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the Lord." **10** Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, "Hilkiah the priest has given me a book." **And Shaphan read it in the presence of the king.**
- **11** When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes.
- **2 Kings 22:8-11 (NASB)**

**640-609 B.C.**



**Read the Law,  
Avoid the Fall**

- **POWER** of God can work through mistakes
  - **PAIN** comes when leaders (and all people) focus on themselves
  - **PROSPERITY** comes to those who know and obey God's Word
- 
- **Do we have the Word close to us?**





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