

# TOPIC NIGHT: THE KING WE ARE WAITING FOR

**A basic point:** The book of Psalms is a book of the Bible.

**A useful point:** The Psalms are being read at a time when there is no King in Israel.

## GENESIS 3:15

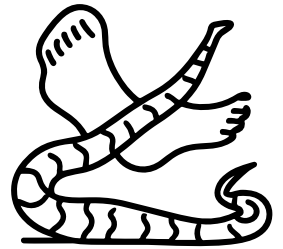
What do we learn about the King we are waiting for?

- There will be enmity between the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent.
- A *singular* son to come will crush *the* head of the serpent.

How does that make a difference?

- We expect to see continual enmity between the seed of the woman, and the seed of the serpent.
- We are waiting for the one to come who will definitively defeat sin, death and the devil.

Their venom is like the venom of a snake, like that of a cobra that has stopped its ears, that will not heed the tune of the charmer, however skilful the enchanter may be. - Psalm 58:4



## GENESIS 49:1, 8-12, 22-26

**What do we learn about the King we are waiting for?**

How does that make a difference?

- We are waiting for the King 'in days to come'.
  - The hope is for the future King - when the times reach their fulfilment.
- We are waiting for the King from Judah.
  - Who will have their hand on the neck of their enemies (v8) - remember Genesis 3:15!
  - Who will reign over the entire world. (v10)
  - Who will bring abundance for his people (v11-12)
- We are waiting for the King like Joseph
  - 'Like a fruitful vine near a spring' (v22)
  - Who goes from being 'in the pit'... (v23)
  - ...to being raised to rule the world.



You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery. - Psalm 2:9

He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. - Psalm 40:2

## NUMBERS 24

What do we learn about the King we are waiting for?

- Ties all the promises so far together into one person.
- We are waiting for a king who will be brought out of Egypt - another Exodus. (v8)
- The blessing to Abraham will come through allegiance to this King. (v9)



How does that make a difference?

- We are waiting for a King who will restore what Adam had.
- We are waiting for a King who is defined by previous events in the Bible's history.

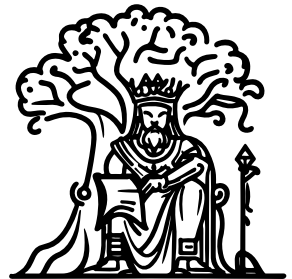
May he rule from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth. - Psalm 72

## DEUTERONOMY 17:14-20

**What do we learn about the King we are waiting for from this passage?**

How does that make a difference?

- The Law and the King go hand-in-hand.
- The King will be a man of God's Law.
- The King will be blessed (and the people too) when the King obeys.
- The hope of Israel is a King to come who will do all these things perfectly.



Blessed is the one... whose delight is in the law of the Lord... who meditates on his law day and night. - Psalm 1

## 2 SAMUEL 7

What do we learn about the King we are waiting for?

- The King will come from David's line. (v12)
- The King will reign forever. (v13)
- The King will fulfil Adam's role. (v19)

How does that make a difference?

- David knows that one of his descendants will be the King.
- The promises are made to David, but are not *about* David.
- We have a lot of clarity on what this King will be like.
- The promises will come about - God has promised it!



The Lord says to my lord. 'Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.' - Psalm 110