

Priests and Kings Session 2:

“Priests and Kings”

**PRIESTS AND KINGS – SESSION 2 KEY POINTS:**

- **Yahweh’s** people are all called to serve Him as priests and kings.
- Our priestly role is one of leading in worship, teaching the Covenant (*Torah*), and of intercession.
- Our kingly role involves working to restore the full dominion of **Yahweh** to fallen Earth. This is a role of spiritual warfare, **Torah** obedience, and keeping all within our realm of authority in subjection to **Yahweh**.
- Our aim and life-prayer is all that **Yahshua** demonstrated in the Lord’s Prayer.
- The work of leadership under **Yahweh’s** supreme Authority is a great blessing, which serves to aid in bringing about the part of the prayer: “Thy Kingdom come. Thy Will be done in earth as it is in Heaven.”
- Righteous, Heaven-appointed leaders are biblically categorized as godly **elohim**.
- False gods are in rebellion against **Yahweh**.

**Key Scriptures: Rev. 5:10, Exodus 19:6, Rev. 22:3-5**

“**And hast made us unto our God kings and priests:** and we shall reign on the earth.” Revelation 5:10

"And **ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests**, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel." Exodus 19:6

"And there shall be no more curse: but **the Throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and His servants shall serve Him**: And they shall see His Face; and His Name shall be in their foreheads. And there shall be no night there... and **they shall reign for ever and ever.**" Revelation 22:3-5

Good vs. Evil Elohim...

As we studied in session 1 of the *Priests and Kings Workshop*, the word, “**God**” is translated from the Hebrew word “**Elohim**”. **Elohim** is a plural word, which is a title, applying to anyone in appointed to:

Understanding that the word translated as “god” in the KJV was actually “**elohim**”, which can apply to anyone in leadership, helps us with a very hard Scripture. If it is wrong (*idolatrous*) for a human or an angel to be an **elohim**, we quickly run up against a Scriptural problem... In Exodus 4:16, **Yahweh** appointed Moses to be an **elohim**.

Read Exodus 4:16, taking note of the words which were wrongly added by Bible translators. Removing these added words, what does the verse actually say?

What does it mean?

“And he (*Aaron*) shall be thy (*Moses*) spokesman unto the people: and he shall be, even he shall be to thee instead of a mouth, **and thou shalt be to him instead of god** (*elohim*).” Exodus 4:16



Elohim (god) is **Strong's Concordance** number H430. In Scripture, who is righteously called an **elohim**, starting with **Yahweh**?

Yahweh is called God (**Elohim**) with a capital E. Why is He called **Elohim**?

Since **Elohim** is a plural word, how is **Yahweh** unique as an **Elohim**? See Psalm 82:1 & 6.

Who are **elohim** in Exodus 21:6?

Who are **elohim** in Psalm 8:5?

The Bible defines a false prophet as being a prophet who speaks lying words, claiming they are from **Yahweh**. Similarly, what is a false god? See Exodus 20:4-5.

In the First Commandment, **Yahweh** doesn't say to disregard all **elohim** other than Himself. After all, He has appointed others as **elohim**. And disrespect of and/or rejection of **Yahweh** appointed leadership is rebellion (*Exodus 22:28*). In Exodus 20:1-3, what does He say?

“Then his master shall bring him unto the **judges** (*elohim*)... and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever.” Exodus 21:6

“For Thou hast made him (*mankind*) a little lower than the **angels** (*elohim*)...” Psalm 8:5

“God standeth in the congregation of the **mighty** (*elohim*); He judgeth among the **gods** (*elohim*)... I (**Yahweh**) have said, Ye are **gods** (*elohim*); and all of you are children of the most High.” Psalm 81:1 & 6

“Thou shalt not revile the **gods** (*elohim*), nor curse the ruler of thy people.” Ex. 22:28

“I Am **Yahweh** thy God... **Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.**” Exodus 20:2-3

“Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in Heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. **Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them:** for I **Yahweh** thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children... of **them that hate Me.**” Exodus 20:4-5

Called as Priests & Kings...

According to Revelation 5:10 and Exodus 19:6, what two roles are the saved people of **Yahweh** called to hold in His service?

Both the priesthood and kingship are positions of Heaven-appointed leadership. What responsibilities are involved in performing these two positions of leadership, in Scripture?

PRIESTS—According to Deut. 10:8 & Leviticus 10:9-11 what are there are three main responsibilities of the priests of **Yahweh**, which are:

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KINGS—Kings are given a realm over which to rule. Under **Yahweh**, the king’s job is to make sure that God’s Will is done among the people of His realm. Our role as kings, under **Yahweh** involves:

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“And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.” Exodus 19:6

“At that time **Yahweh** separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the Ark of the Covenant of **Yahweh**, to stand before **Yahweh** to minister unto Him, and to bless in His Name, unto this day.” Deuteronomy 10:8

“Do not drink wine nor strong drink... when ye go into the Tabernacle of the Congregation... And... put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean... Teach the children of Israel all the Statutes which **Yahweh** hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.” Leviticus 10:9-11



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Priests and Kings - Session 2 Notes:



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Priests and Kings Session 2 - Discussion:

Getting the Point of Reference:

—Read Deuteronomy 17:14-20.

Discussion Questions:

—What lessons can we take from Torah about our priestly role under *Yahweh*?

—What lessons can we take from Deuteronomy 17 about our kingly role under *Yahweh*?

—What is your most memorable “take-away” point from Session 2? Share with the group...



Discussion Scriptures:

“Thou shalt in any wise **set him king over thee, whom *Yahweh* thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren** shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother. But **he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt... Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.** And 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: And it shall be with him, and **he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear *Yahweh* his God, to keep all the words of this Law and these Statutes, to do them: 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.”

Deuteronomy 17:14-20