Kings and Leaders of the Bible Quiz

17 questions. Choose the best answer for each question. The answer key is on the last pages.

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1. Which leader of Israel was known for his wisdom and built the Temple in Jerusalem?

Ⓐ Solomon
Ⓑ Rehoboam
Ⓒ Hezekiah
Ⓓ David

2. Who was the Babylonian king who conquered Jerusalem and destroyed Solomon's Temple?

Ⓐ Darius
Ⓑ Belshazzar
Ⓒ Cyrus
Ⓓ Nebuchadnezzar

3. Which Roman procurator presided over Jesus' trial and authorized his crucifixion?

Ⓐ Felix
Ⓑ Pontius Pilate
Ⓒ Festus
Ⓓ Herod Antipas

4. Who was anointed as Israel's first king?

Ⓐ Saul
Ⓑ Solomon
Ⓒ Rehoboam
Ⓓ David

5. Which judge defeated the Midianites with only 300 men blowing trumpets?

Ⓐ Samson
Ⓑ Jephthah
Ⓒ Gideon
Ⓓ Barak

6. Which New Testament leader was known for his role in the early Christian church and was a missionary to the Gentiles?

Ⓐ Peter
Ⓑ John
Ⓒ James
Ⓓ Paul

7. Which prophet anointed both Saul and David as kings of Israel?

Ⓐ Samuel
Ⓑ Elijah
Ⓒ Elisha
Ⓓ Nathan

8. Which Roman governor presided over Jesus' trial and authorized his crucifixion?

Ⓐ Felix
Ⓑ Festus
Ⓒ Herod
Ⓓ Pilate

9. Who was the prophet who confronted King David over his sin with Bathsheba?

Ⓐ Nathan
Ⓑ Elijah
Ⓒ Samuel
Ⓓ Elisha

10. Which king of Judah was famous for his religious reforms and finding the Book of the Law?

Ⓐ Josiah
Ⓑ Manasseh
Ⓒ Jehoiakim
Ⓓ Hezekiah

11. Which Herodian king attempted to kill the infant Jesus according to Matthew?

Ⓐ Herod Agrippa
Ⓑ Herod Antipas
Ⓒ Herod Philip
Ⓓ Herod the Great

12. Who was the king of Persia who freed the Jews and allowed them to rebuild the Temple, as recorded in the Book of Ezra?

Ⓐ Darius
Ⓑ Xerxes
Ⓒ Cyrus
Ⓓ Artaxerxes

13. Which king of Judah was known for his religious reforms and trusting in God during the Assyrian siege?

Ⓐ Jehoshaphat
Ⓑ Hezekiah
Ⓒ Josiah
Ⓓ Manasseh

14. Who was the first king of Israel after the united kingdom split into Israel and Judah?

Ⓐ Rehoboam
Ⓑ Omri
Ⓒ Ahab
Ⓓ Jeroboam

15. Which prophet confronted King Ahab about his idolatry and predicted drought and famine?

Ⓐ Isaiah
Ⓑ Elisha
Ⓒ Moses
Ⓓ Elijah

16. Who was the king of Judah during the Babylonian conquest and the destruction of Jerusalem?

Ⓐ Zedekiah
Ⓑ Jehoiakim
Ⓒ Hezekiah
Ⓓ Jehoiachin

17. Which king of Judah was known for his lengthy reign and military successes, but also for his pride and downfall?

Ⓐ Uzziah

Ⓑ Hezekiah

Ⓒ Josiah

Ⓓ Manasseh

Answer key: Kings and Leaders of the Bible Quiz

Each answer has a short explanation and the Bible passage to read.

1. **A. Solomon**

King Solomon is renowned for his wisdom and for constructing the First Temple in Jerusalem (1 Kings 6).

2. **D. Nebuchadnezzar**

Nebuchadnezzar II led the Babylonians in the destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BC and exiled many Israelites (2 Kings 24-25).

3. **B. Pontius Pilate**

Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor who sentenced Jesus to death, as described in the Gospels (Matthew 27, Mark 15, Luke 23, John 18-19).

4. **A. Saul**

Samuel anointed Saul, and Saul was presented to the people as king.
1 Samuel 10:1; 10:24

5. **C. Gideon**

Judges 7:7 – The LORD saved Israel by Gideon’s 300.

6. **D. Paul**

Paul the Apostle was instrumental in spreading Christianity among Gentiles and authored many New Testament letters (Acts 13-28).

7. **A. Samuel**

Samuel, the prophet, anointed Saul and later David as kings, serving as God's appointed leader (1 Samuel 9-16).

8. **D. Pilate**

Pontius Pilate was the Roman governor who sentenced Jesus to crucifixion after questioning him (Matthew 27:11-26).

9. **A. Nathan**

Nathan, the prophet, rebuked David with a parable, leading to David’s repentance (2 Samuel 12).

10. **A. Josiah**

King Josiah discovered the Book of the Law in the temple and led major religious reforms (2 Kings 22-23).

11. **D. Herod the Great**
Herod the Great ordered the slaughter of infants in Bethlehem to eliminate the newborn King (Matthew 2:16).

12. **C. Cyrus**
Cyrus the Great issued the decree that enabled the return of exiled Jews to Jerusalem and supported the rebuilding of the Temple (Ezra 1).

13. **B. Hezekiah**
King Hezekiah is celebrated for his religious reforms and his faith in God, particularly during the Assyrian invasion led by Sennacherib (2 Kings 18-19).

14. **D. Jeroboam**
Jeroboam became the first king of the northern kingdom of Israel after the split, establishing golden calves in Bethel and Dan (1 Kings 11-12).

15. **D. Elijah**
Elijah the prophet challenged Ahab and the prophets of Baal, calling down fire from heaven and predicting drought (1 Kings 17-19).

16. **A. Zedekiah**
Zedekiah was the last king of Judah before Jerusalem's fall to Nebuchadnezzar in 586 BC (2 Kings 24-25).

17. **A. Uzziah**
Uzziah was a successful king but famously struck with leprosy for unlawfully offering incense in the temple (2 Chronicles 26).

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