

First words:

A. The LORD is the \_\_\_\_\_ over all the kingdom and kings of the earth

**Daniel 4:34–35** - *At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and praised and honored him who lives forever, for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; <sup>35</sup> all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”*

**Psalms 22:27–28** - *All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. <sup>28</sup> For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.*

**Acts 17:26** - *And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place...*

B. The LORD \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ kings and kingdom

1. We elect but God \_\_\_\_\_ leaders - **Daniel 2:20–22** - *Daniel answered and said: “Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, to whom belong wisdom and might. <sup>21</sup> He changes times and seasons; he removes kings and sets up kings; he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding; <sup>22</sup> he reveals deep and hidden things; he knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with him.*

2. We applaud but God \_\_\_\_\_ - **Job 12:23–25** - *He makes nations great, and he destroys them; he enlarges nations, and leads them away. <sup>24</sup> He takes away understanding from the chiefs of the people of the earth and makes them wander in a trackless waste. <sup>25</sup> They grope in the dark without light, and he makes them stagger like a drunken man. \_\_\_\_*

C. The LORD has an \_\_\_\_\_ for kingdoms and kings

1. For nations - **Proverbs 14:34** - *Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.*

2. For kings - **Daniel 5:24–28** - *“Then from his presence the hand was sent, and this writing was inscribed. <sup>25</sup> And this is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN. <sup>26</sup> This is the interpretation of the matter: MENE, God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end; <sup>27</sup> TEKEL, you have been weighed in the balances and found wanting; <sup>28</sup> PERES, your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians.”*

D. The LORD holds kingdoms and kings \_\_\_\_\_

1. To Nations - **Psalms 107:33–35** - *He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground, <sup>34</sup> a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the evil of its inhabitants. <sup>35</sup> He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.*

2. To Rulers - **Psalms 94:20–23** - *Can wicked rulers be allied with you, those who frame injustice by statute? <sup>21</sup> They band together against the life of the righteous and condemn the innocent to death. <sup>22</sup> But the LORD has become my stronghold, and my God the rock of my refuge. <sup>23</sup> He will bring back on them their iniquity and wipe them out for their wickedness; the LORD our God will wipe them out.*

E. The LORD \_\_\_\_\_ kingdoms and kings - **Lev 18:24–28**

1. A reason a nation falls or is driven out of their land is because of \_\_\_\_\_ behavior

- **Leviticus 18:6**
- **Leviticus 18:21**
- **Leviticus 18:22**
- **Leviticus 18:23**

2. A reason a nation fails or is driven out of their land is how they treat God's \_\_\_\_\_— See also **Psalm 137:7-9**

**Genesis 12:3** - *“I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”*

3. A reason a nation fails or is driven out of their land is \_\_\_\_\_ of the land regarding innocent blood

**Numbers 35:33–34** - *You shall not pollute the land in which you live, for blood pollutes the land, and no atonement can be made for the land for the blood that is shed in it, except by the blood of the one who shed it. <sup>34</sup> You shall not defile the land in which you live, in the midst of which I dwell, for I the LORD dwell in the midst of the people of Israel.”*

4. A reason a nation fails or is driven out is because of \_\_\_\_\_

**Daniel 4:37** - *Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, for all his works are right and his ways are just; and those who walk in pride he is able to humble.*

F. The LORD responds to the \_\_\_\_\_ of a kingdom and its kings

**Jeremiah 18:7** - *If at any time I declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup> and if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I intended to do to it.*

**Jonah 3:9–10** - *Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.” <sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.*

G. The LORD blesses kingdoms and kings that are \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Timothy 2:1–2** - *First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. - See **Proverbs 21:1***

