

Made to Be Kings...

A Description of the “No Kings” Protest

- The “No Kings” theme was orchestrated by the 50501 Movement, a national movement made up of everyday Americans who stand for democracy and against what they call the **authoritarian actions** of the Trump administration. The name **50501 stands for 50 states, 50 protests, one movement**.
- Protesters have called for Trump to be “dethroned” as they compare his actions to that of a king and not a democratically elected president.
- The No Kings Day of Defiance has been organized to reject **authoritarianism...**
- “The flag doesn’t belong to President Trump. It belongs to us,” the “No Kings” website says. “On June 14th, we’re showing up everywhere he isn’t — to say **no thrones, no crowns, no kings.**”
- The **No Kings Day of Defiance** is expected to be the largest single-day mobilization since Trump returned to office, organizers said. Organizers said they are preparing for millions of people to take to the streets across all 50 states and commonwealths.

Definition of a King

- A king is fundamentally a ruler who exercises dominion and authority on behalf of God.
- Kingship is at the heart of the commission that God gives to Adam.
 - He is granted dominion over all animal life on the earth (1:26)
 - He is told to have many children in order to subdue the earth and take dominion over it (1:28). This establishes that kingship, at its core, involves exercising God-given authority to **rule, govern, and have dominion** over creation.
- A biblical king serves as God's representative on earth, exercising authority not for personal gain but as a steward of divine power. God's kingship implies His authority and power to fight the forces of evil, to liberate and lead his people and to control the events of history.

The Role and Functions of Kings in the Old Testament

-The Original Kingship Mandate

Genesis 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. ²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and **subdue** it: and have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over **every living thing that moveth upon the earth**.

- The concept of kingship begins in Genesis with the creation mandate. God designed humanity from the beginning to function as His royal representatives on earth.

- The dominion mandate given to Adam and Eve represents the original expression of human kingship under God's ultimate sovereignty.

-Theocratic Kingship- God as the Ultimate King Partnering with Earthly Kings as His Representatives

Psalm 47:2, 7-8 For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a **great King over all the earth... For God is the King of all the earth:** sing ye praises with understanding. God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

2 Samuel 7:8-9 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth."

2 Samuel 7:16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever."

Psalm 89:3-4 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations."

Functions of Kings in the Old Testament

Military Leadership: Protecting God's People from Enemies

-King David

2 Samuel 5:17-20 But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David; and David heard of it, and went down to the hold. The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. And David enquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the Lord said unto David, Go up: for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into thine hand. And David came to Baalperazim, and David smote them there, and said, The Lord hath broken forth upon mine enemies before me, as the breach of waters.

2 Samuel 8:1-2 And after this it came to pass that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took Methegammah out of the hand of the Philistines. And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground; even with two lines measured he to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And so the Moabites became David's servants, and brought gifts.

-King Jehoshaphat

2 Chronicles 20:15-17 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. To morrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the brook, before the wilderness of Jeruel. Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the

Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you.

Judicial Authority: Administering Justice According to God's Law

-King Solomon

1 Kings 3:16-28 The famous account of Solomon's wisdom in judging between two women claiming the same baby, concluding with: "And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment.

1 Kings 7:7 Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other."

-King David

2 Samuel 8:15 And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgment and justice unto all his people.

1 Chronicles 18:14 So David reigned over all Israel, and executed judgment and justice among all his people.

-King Jehoshaphat

2 Chronicles 19:5-7 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city, And said to the judges, Take heed what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the Lord, who is with you in the judgment. Wherefore now let the fear of the Lord be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the Lord our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

Spiritual Leadership: Leading the People in Covenant Faithfulness

-King David - David Bringing the Ark to Jerusalem

2 Samuel 6:12-15 And it was told king David, saying, The Lord hath blessed the house of Obededom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obededom into the city of David with gladness... And David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was girded with a linen ephod.

1 Chronicles 16:4-7 And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the Lord, and to record, and to thank and praise the Lord God of Israel... Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the Lord into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

-King Solomon - Solomon's Prayer at the Temple Dedication

1 Kings 8:22-24 And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven: And he said, Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with

thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart: Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him.

-King Josiah

2 Kings 23:1-3 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the Lord. And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

Economic Stewardship: Managing the Resources of the Kingdom Wisely

-King Solomon - Provision

1 Kings 4:22-23 And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal, Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallowdeer, and fatted fowl.

1 Kings 10:14-15 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold, Beside that he had of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country."

-King David – David's Preparation for the Temple

1 Chronicles 29:2-5 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistering stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal: The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the Lord?

King Hezekiah

2 Chronicles 32:27-29 And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of pleasant jewels; Storehouses also for the increase of corn, and wine, and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and cotes for flocks. Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much.

King Uzziah

2 Chronicles 26:9-10 Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them. Also he built towers in the desert, and digged many wells: for he had much cattle, both in the low country, and in the plains: husbandmen also, and vine dressers in the mountains, and in Carmel: for he loved husbandry.

No King and Every Man Does What is Right in Their Own Eyes

Judges 17:6 In those days there was **no king in Israel**, but **every man did that which was right in his own eyes**.

Judges 21:25 In those days there was **no king in Israel**: every man **did** that which was **right in his own eyes**.

Demonic Kings

-Levithan – King of All the Children of Pride

Job 41:34 He beholdeth all high things: he is a **king** over all the children of pride.

-Abaddon/Apollyon – Angel of the Bottomless Pit

Revelation 9:11 And they [locusts on the earth] had a **king** over them, which is the **angel of the bottomless pit**, whose name in the Hebrew tongue is **Abaddon**, but in the Greek tongue hath **his name Apollyon**.

-Three Unclean Spirits/Spirits of Devils Targeting the Kings of the Earth

Revelation 16:12 And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared. ¹³ And I saw **three [demonic representative of the trinity] unclean spirits** like frogs come out of the mouth of the **dragon**, and out of the mouth of the **beast**, and out of the mouth of the **false prophet**. ¹⁴ For they are the **spirits of devils**, working miracles, which go forth unto the **kings of the earth** and of the **whole world**, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty. ¹⁵ Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. ¹⁶ And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

The Role and Functions of Kings in the New Testament

-Christ as the Perfect King/King of kings

Revelation 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and **King of kings**: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Revelation 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS**.

-Identity as Kings and Priests

Revelation 1:6: ⁵ And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the **prince of the kings of the earth**. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, ⁶ And hath **made us kings** and priests [kings and priests simultaneously] **unto God and his Father**; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

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

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, **a royal priesthood**, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Made to Be Kings

-Restoration of Original Design

Followers of Jesus are to live as royal priests, reclaiming the lost calling God gave humanity to represent him and rule the world on his behalf. Through Christ, believers are restored to their original purpose as God's royal representatives on earth.

-New Covenant Kingship

At His crucifixion, Jesus destroyed the old system of Levitical priesthood and established a new system where all who followed Him would be royal priests. In the New Covenant we are not physically born into the priesthood. Instead, when we receive Jesus, we are spiritually born into this status.

-Present and Future Dimensions of Kingly Identity

Present Reality

- Believers exercise spiritual authority through prayer, worship, intercession, and spiritual warfare
- We rule over sin and temptation through Christ's power
- We have authority to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples
- We serve as God's representatives in our spheres of influence

Future Fulfillment

- All believers will one day participate in God's kingdom that will one day come to earth
- We will reign with Christ in the eternal kingdom
- Our royal priesthood will be fully realized in the new heavens and new earth

-The Practical Outworking

Manifestation of the Kingly Calling

- **Worship and Intercession** - Our Priestly Function
- **Governance and Leadership** - Our kingly Function
- **Evangelism and Discipleship** - Expanding God's Kingdom
- **Stewardship of Creation** - Fulfilling the Dominion Mandate
- **Justice and Righteousness** - Reflecting God's character

Practical Functions of Spiritual Kings

In Prayer and Intercession

- Standing in the gap for others
- Pleading God's promises
- Warring against spiritual opposition

In Daily Life

- Exercising dominion over circumstances through faith
- Speaking God's Word with authority
- Refusing to be ruled by fear, sin, or circumstances

In Ministry

- Casting out demons
- Healing the sick
- Setting captives free
- Discipling others in kingdom principles

In Spiritual Warfare

- Pulling down strongholds
- Breaking generational curses
- Establishing God's righteousness in territories

The Source and Limits of This Authority

John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

- Our spiritual authority comes from Christ and operates under His authority.

- We function as His representatives, not independent rulers. It denotes the authoritative influence over spiritual matters and creation but always in submission to God's will and Word.
- The key is understanding that we reign with Christ, not apart from Him, exercising the authority He has delegated to us as His kings and priests in the earth.

A Mockery of Kingship

Matthew 27:28 And they stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. ²⁹ And when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put **it** upon his head, and a reed in his right hand: and they bowed the knee before him, and **mocked** him, **saying**, Hail, **King** of the Jews! ³⁰ And they spit upon him, and took the reed, and smote him on the head.

Prophetic Ministry to Kings

Revelation 10:8 And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the **little book** which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. ⁹ And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the **little book**. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey. ¹⁰ And I took the **little book** out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter. ¹¹ And he said unto me, Thou must **prophesy** again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and **kings**.

Final Remarks

- God's people are "Made to Be Kings" because this was His original design from creation.
- Through Christ's redemptive work, believers are restored to their royal calling as a "royal priesthood." This is not about earthly power or prestige, but about representing God's kingdom on earth, exercising spiritual authority, and preparing for our eternal reign with Christ.
- Every believer carries this royal DNA and is called to live out their identity as kings and priests unto God.