# GOD IN THE NATIONAL LIFE OF MAN - KINGS AND RULERS

God is vitally interested in the national life of man. Study the following to see what advice He gives concerning this area of man's life:

### A. The Personal Life of Rulers:

- 1. What four things should rulers avoid in their personal lives? Proverbs 17:7, 28:16b, 31:1-3, 4-5
- 2. What could the last of these cause a ruler to do? Proverbs 31:4-5

### **B.** The Public Life of Rulers:

- 1. What should a king try to avoid completely in his rule of the people? Proverbs 20:8, 16:12a
- 2. What will establish the rule of a king? Proverbs 16:12, 25:4-5, 29:4a, 14, 31:8-9, 20:28
- 3. What will a wise king do? Proverbs 20:26
- 4. What is one of the chief needs of all rulers? Proverbs 11:14, 15:22, 24:5-6, 20:18, 29:8, 28:2, 21:22
- 5. Without this, what will a king's people do? Proverbs 29:18, 11:14a

#### C. The Two Kinds of Rulers:

- 1. What are the two kinds of people who may rule a nation? Proverbs 29:2
- 2. What will righteous leaders bring to their nation?
  - a. Proverbs 29:2a, 11:10a\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Proverbs 14:34a, 11:11a\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Proverbs 28:12a\_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Proverbs 24:25\_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Proverbs 28:2\_\_\_\_\_

## 3. What will wicked leaders bring to their nation?

- a. Proverbs 29:2b, 38:28, 12\_\_\_\_\_
- b. Proverbs 29:16a\_\_\_\_\_
- c. Proverbs 14:34b

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  - d. Proverbs 28:15-16\_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Proverbs 11:11
- 4. What are some of the things wicked leaders will do?
  - a. Proverbs 29:12
  - b. Proverbs 17:15, 26, 18:5b\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Proverbs 18:5a, 24:23, 28:21\_\_\_\_\_
- 5. How will the people feel about such a leader? Proverbs 24:24

#### **D.** Proper Behavior Before Rulers:

1. What two rules should one remember when he appears before rulers? Proverbs 25:6-7, 25:1-3

- 2. What kind of person will please a ruler? Proverbs 25:15, 16:13a, 14:251, 13:17, 25:13
- 3. What should one try to avoid? Proverbs 20:2, 14:35b, 19:12, 16:14-15

#### **E.** The Ruler of All Rulers:

- 1. Who controls all rulers? Proverbs 21:1, 24:21a, 8:15-16
- 2. How can a leader rule his people as he should? Proverbs 28:5, 29:26

## **QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:**

- 1. Do I behave toward my city, county, state, and national leaders as I should?
- 2. How can I help my people to have better leaders? I Timothy 2:1-2