

GOD WITH US

Session Six: In the Temple

Central to the relationship of God and Israel is the temple in Jerusalem. In Jewish thinking, the sweep of Biblical history is defined in terms of the temple, and three figures: the prophet, the priest and the king play key roles.



1. Biblical Hebrew has no word for 'history'. Instead, they use the word 'memory'. What is the difference between viewing the Bible as just 'history' and viewing it as 'memory'?

2. On what basis were kings in Israel to be appointed? (see Deuteronomy 17:15)



3. When a king took the throne, what was the first task required of him? (see Deuteronomy 17:18-20)

4. What was the primary role of the king?



5. To whom does the teaching about kingship point? (see Psalm 2:6-8; Revelation 11:15)

6. Read Psalm 2:1-3: How do the 'kings of the earth' react to God's anointed king? Do we still see this reaction today?

7. What was the role of the prophet?



8. If the prophets were alive among us today, what would they identify as our idols?

Home Study: Read Isaiah 39; Jeremiah 1 and 2; Lamentations 3-4; 2 Chronicles 36:15-23; 2 Kings 24:18—25:30