

Deuteronomy 17:14-20 **Rules for a King of Israel**

14 "When you come to the land which the LORD your God is giving you, and possess it and dwell in it, and say, 'I will set a king over me like all the nations that are around me,' 15 "you shall surely set a king over you whom the LORD your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.

16 But he shall not multiply horses for himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses, for the LORD has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.' 17 "Neither shall he multiply wives for himself, lest his heart turn away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.

18 "Also it shall be, when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of this law in a book, from the one before the priests, the Levites. 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the LORD his God and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes, 20 that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren, that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left, and that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

Choosing a king [Deuteronomy 17:14-15]

- ✧ When you are dwelling in the Land Yehowah Eloheyk is giving you to possess.
- ✧ When you call for a king to be set over you like all the nations that are around you.
 - ◇ You shall surely set a king over you whom Yehowah Eloheyk chooses from among your brethren.
 - ◇ You shall not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother.

Rules for the king [Deuteronomy 17:18-20]

- ✧ The King shall write a copy of the laws of God from the one before the Priests and Levites in a book for himself.
- ✧ He shall read it all the days of his life;
 - ◇ That he may fear Yehowah Elohey and be careful to observe all the words of this law and these statutes.
 - ◇ That his heart may not be lifted above his brethren.
 - ◇ That he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left.
 - ◇ That he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children in the midst of Israel.

Rules for the king [Deuteronomy 17:16-17]

- ✧ He shall not multiply horses for himself.
- ✧ He shall not cause the people to return to Egypt to multiply horses.
 - ◇ For the LORD has said to you, 'You shall not return that way again.'
- ✧ He shall not multiply wives for himself.
 - ◇ Lest his heart turn away.
- ✧ He shall not greatly multiply silver and gold for himself.

(All of these rules the Great King Solomon failed to follow).