

6. Leadership in Israel: David and Solomon

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(c) Ways in which Christians show their trust in God are:-

- *Christians show their trust in God by obeying God's word and commandments*
- *By believing His promises*
- *By trusting the scriptures as God given*
- *By praying to God for their needs*
- *They put up places of worship where people can worship God*
- *By assisting the needy in society* (Any 5= 5x1=5mks)

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5. *The contributions made by King David to the Development of Israel as a nation*

- He was God's appointee filled with God's Holy spirit*
- He recognized God's supremacy in his leadership respecting Prophets and consulting them before He acted*
- Captured the city of Jerusalem from Jebusites and made it his Administration headquarter*
- He made Jerusalem a religious centre by bringing the Ark of the covenant*
- He recognized the unity of Israel by uniting twelve tribes together*
- He initiated the idea of building the temple in Jerusalem*
- He was knowledgeable , eloquent, generous, patient and kind to his people*
- He established a powerful nation, though military conquest and boundary expansion*
- He was a diplomat who established good international relations with her neighbours*
- He increased state wealth y promoting local and regional trade*

- xi. *He composed and recited the psalms which was adopted in scriptures used for worship*
- xii. *He was a charismatic leader and shrewd administrator who sought advice from wise men.*
- xiii. *He established the longest serving dynasty in Israel lasted for over 400 years*

6. a) *7 failures of King Saul as the first king of Israel*

- i. *He was impatient and offered the sacrifice instead of waiting for Samuel*
- ii. *He disobeyed God's command of total destruction of a conquered enemy i.e. law of Herem*
- iii. *He disobeyed God's prophets*
- iv. *He was jealous and plotted to kill David*
- v. *He counted a medium/ sac lad faith in God*
- vi. *He was possessed by an evil spirit which tormented hence made him unable to rule effectively*
- vii. *He spared King Agag of the Amalakites*
- viii. *He spared the fatty animal for himself and sacrificed the thin ones to God*

b) *Factors that led to David's successor's failure in their leadership*

- i. *Lacks faith in God*
- ii. *Dishonest and never committed God before undertaking their activities*
- iii. *Married foreign wives who brought foreign influence*
- iv. *Disobeyed God's command by marrying foreign wives*
- v. *Practiced idolatry*
- vi. *Oppressed the poor thus destroying the law of brotherhood*
- vii. *Subjected the Israelites to forced labor and slavery*
- viii. *Did not go according to the law of Moses*
- ix. *Took part in Pagan feasts festivals*
- x. *Encouraged syncretism*
- xi. *Built temples for worshipping idols*
- xii. *Shed innocent blood*

7. a) *6 promises that God gave to King David*

- i. *God promised to protect him and his descendants*
- ii. *God would give his descendants land*
- iii. *One of his sons would build a temple for God*
- iv. *God would raise up a heir for throne*
- v. *God promises to establish an everlasting kingdom for him*
- vi. *David's name would be famous*
- vii. *God's relationship with his son would be like that of a father to his son*

b) *8 reasons why King David is referred as the greatest king of Israel*

- i. *He was chosen and anointed by God*
- ii. *He had outstanding leadership qualities i.e. he was patient, brave e.t.c.*
- iii. *Expanded Israel's territorial boundaries by conquering the enemies of Israel*
- iv. *Honoured God by bringing the ark of the covenant to Jerusalem*
- v. *He was a military commander – he fought many successful battles*
- vi. *Consulted God's servants whenever he wanted to undertake something*
- vii. *He was a skilled Musician, composed Psalms*
- viii. *Established Davidic dynasty which lasted 400 years*
- ix. *He organized the administrative system of Israel by choosing wise elders in charge of various departments*

c) *6 lessons that modern Christian leaders can learn from the leadership of King David*

- i. *Modern leaders should learn to appreciate that all authority is from God*

- ii. *Leaders should foster unity in their countries*
- iii. *Leaders should protect their states from external aggression*
- iv. *Political and religious leaders should respect one another*
- v. *Acknowledge God in all the achievements*
- vi. *Choose wise advisors in administrative issues*
- vii. *Respect religious leaders and consult them whenever necessary*
- viii. *Accepting correction when they make mistakes*
- ix. *Trust in God*
- x. *Obey the commandments of God*
- xi. *Be brave and courageous*
- xii. *Seek God's guidance for leadership*

8. (a) *Promises of God to David through Prophet Nathan*

- *God will make his Name great*
- *God will give Israel land*
- *God will establish David's kingdom on earth*
- *His son will build the temple for God*
- *David will have an everlasting dynasty*

(b) *Ways used by Israelites Kings to bring people back to God*

- *Destroying altars of idols*
- *repenting their sins when warned by Kings*
- *Restoring temple worship*
- *Renewal of the covenant*
- *Repairing the temple*
- *Destroying the bronze serpent which Moses had made*
- *Not forming political alliances with neighboring Kings.*

(c) *8 ways in which national unity can be promoted by leaders of today*

- *Promote inter-tribal activities*
- *Promote inter marriages*
- *Encourage inter-ethnic schools*
- *Employment promotion on merit*
- *Promote cultural exchange programmes or visits*
- *Promote national /official language-workplace + speech*
- *Encourage inter-denomination forums + worship + religion*
- *Equal distribution of resources nationally*
- *Encourage national political parties*

9. (a) *6 reasons for Kingship in Israel (1Sam 8:1-9) are:*

- ◆ *The weakness of Samuel's sons/they were corrupt*
- ◆ *They wanted to be like other nations*
- ◆ *They needed a leader for political stabilities*
- ◆ *Samuel had grown old/weak and hence could not lead*
- ◆ *They needed a human leader/one whom they can see*
- ◆ *They wanted someone to lead them in battles /ward*
- ◆ *They needed a leader to guide them in justice /political government*

(b) *Four ways in which King David promoted the worship of Yahweh in Israel were:-*

- ◆ *David brought the Ark of the covenant in Jerusalem*
- ◆ *He made Jerusalem a Holy city by centralizing worship*

- ◆ *He composed songs and psalms used in worship*
- ◆ *He respected prophets of God e.g. Prophet Nathan*
- ◆ *He repented his sins to God whenever he made mistakes*
- ◆ *He called himself the servant of Yahweh/God*
- ◆ *He had the initial plan of God to build the temple For God*
- ◆ *He advised his son Solomon to obey he commandments of God*
- ◆ *He prayed to God before carrying out any task/exercise*
- ◆ *He was chosen by God through public ministry*

(c) Political leaders in Kenya have failed to perform their duties effectively is because of:

- ◆ *Struggle for power/leadership wrangles*
- ◆ *Materialism/wealth accumulation*
- ◆ *Greed/selfishness*
- ◆ *Tribalism/ethnicity*
- ◆ *Laxity on the government to punish law breakers/ineffective judicial system*
- ◆ *Failure by politicians to act independently/control by higher authority*
- ◆ *Lack of leadership skills by some politicians*
- ◆ *Illiteracy*

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- iii. *He would protect David from his enemies.*
- iv. *David's son will build temple for God.*
- v. *God would remain a father to David's son.*
- vi. *David's Dynasty would rule forever.*
- vii. *God would raise an heir from David's lineage to establish an ever lasting kingdom.*
- viii. *God would support David's Son.*
- ix. *God would keep the Kingdom strong for David's son.*

11. *The success of King David*

- i. *He made Jerusalem a religious centre*
- ii. *He composed psalms which were used in worship by the Israelites*
- iii. *He showed respect to the prophets of Yahweh/ listened to their messages*
- iv. *When David made mistakes, he repented*
- v. *David humbled himself before Yahweh, he called himself the servant of Yahweh*
- vi. *He consistently prayed to God*
- vii. *He wanted to build a temple for God*
- viii. *He conquered the enemies of Israel so that they would live in peace*

12. *The duties of Samuel as prophet of God.*

- *He anointed the first two kings of Israel, Saul and David.*
- *He judged the people and settled disputes.*
- *He foretold what would happen to the Israelites.*
- *He reminded the people of God's ways.*
- *He acted as a mediator between God and the people.*
- *He condemned social injustices.*
- *He brought to the king's attention their mistakes.*
- *He condemned idolatry and promoted monotheism.*
- *He offered sacrifices to God on behalf of the people.*

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