

## Trusting the Great King

<b>1</b>	<b>Psalm 2 Why do the nations</b>
	When a new king was crowned in Israel, this psalm was sung at the coronation, or crowning, ceremony. This psalm invites us to step back and look at the kings of our world from God's perspective. This psalm shows us that God is the Great King over all the kings in our world because he is the Great King of heaven and earth.
<b>2</b>	<b>Psalm 23 The Lord is my shepherd</b>
	Not only is God the Great King of heaven and earth, he is also a king who cares deeply about his people. He protects and provides for his people just like a shepherd protects and provides for his sheep. The psalmist's confident trust in God also enables him to look forward to the time when he will live with the Great King forever.
<b>3</b>	<b>Psalm 33 Sing joyfully to the Lord</b>
	What is the Great King of heaven and earth like? This psalm is a praise psalm that tells us why we praise him, what he is like, and what he has done. God is the Great King of heaven and earth. He deserves our best praise.
<b>4</b>	<b>Job 1, 2 But he didn't do anything wrong</b>
	When people suffer and have bad things happen to them, it can be very difficult to understand why it happens, especially if those people are good people and haven't done anything wrong. Job shows us what to do in hard times -we tell our troubles to the Great King. Job brings all his complaints to God.
<b>5</b>	<b>Job 3.20–26 Why me?</b>
	Although Job's friends have tried to help him and show him where he has gone wrong, they end up being no help at all. This is where God steps in. God speaks to Job in beautiful poetry, asking question after question, and by the end of the poem, Job better understands his own place within the world that God has created.
<b>6</b>	<b>Job 38.1–38; 42.1–16 Where is God in all those hard times?</b>
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<b>7</b>	<b>Ezekiel 34.1–16 More shepherds</b>
	Ezekiel speaks God's words to the people of Judah as they live in captivity in Babylon. Ezekiel speaks God's words of judgment against the kings of Israel. The kings of Israel were supposed to represent God's rule to his people. Kings were supposed to care for God's people like a shepherd, but Israel's kings were not like this. God himself will come down to fix the situation and to care for his people.
<b>8</b>	<b>Ezekiel 37.1–14 What can the Great King do with dry bones?</b>
	Although Ezekiel brings God's words of judgement to Judah, he also brings God's words of hope. The exiles in Babylon feel like they have lost everything: their land, their temple and their king are all gone. Is the situation hopeless? Can God do anything when all hope seems lost? Ezekiel's message shows God's re-creative power in redeeming hopeless situations.
<b>9</b>	<b>Habakkuk 1.1–2.4 How can you just sit there and do nothing?</b>
	Habakkuk can see the unfaithfulness of God's people and can't understand why God doesn't do anything to stop it. But judgement is coming for Israel from the hands of wicked people. Habakkuk then wonders why God lets the wicked people win. God explains that Israel's enemies will not survive, but that faithful ones should continue to be faithful.
<b>10</b>	<b>Habakkuk 3 Faithfully following the Great King</b>
	Habakkuk's response to his conversation with the Great King is a psalm where he asks God for mercy in the coming judgement. As he remembers God's mighty acts in the past, Habakkuk can move away from worry and trust that God, the Great King, is always faithful to his people.