

God Times V.14. Kings bible study & 1961 trivia & more.

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God Times is a Faith based, social, memory enhancement tool for Seniors, Veterans & disabled individuals, as well as all individuals looking for a daily lift in heart, mind & spirit, from some true friends through Christ. We hope to assist all people, including Christians & non-Christians alike, in realizing that we are never truly alone, regardless of what our lying thoughts, beliefs & feelings tell us.

We are all navigating through this overly prideful broken world together, while keeping faith, patience & hope alive for all, including those who have entrusted their spirit to an eternal loving Father, through Christ, as well as those who exercise their right to dismiss God & hold onto other personal beliefs, as we all have the right to be loved, respected & cared about & for, regardless of individual or societal knowledge bases of learned beliefs, that seem to lack the empathy that once made us a strong nation & family of loving, caring, God filled, God trusting people.

We must love all, regardless of life, religious & political beliefs, that we all differ on. Free will gives us the right to think & be different, while still being friends. You have the right to personal beliefs, just as I have mine & at the end of the day, it's not our jobs to judge each other, as life can be lived in peace with friends who think differently, dismissing those who think that one way, their way, is the only way?

Let's respect each other's right to personal beliefs, while enjoying some social time & maybe learning some important truths together, as we leave judgements up to the One, who has already filled that position & needs no help from us, lest we be judged, as we judge others.

Forgive & it will be forgiven you, forgive not & your Heavenly Father will no longer forgive your trespasses, Matt. 6:14

1961 Trivia.

01. This project split Germany in half?
02. This pack of English dogs refused the idea of being a fur coat?
03. This buggy British Liverpool rock group brought mania to the U.S.?
04. Coca-Cola Company introduced this elfish 7up competitor?
05. Three Primette's members sign with Motown as this group?
06. The world's first revolving restaurant opened UP here?
07. This Roman Catholic, youngest ever President of U.S. took office?
08. This colorful Elvis album hit #1 for 20 weeks?
09. President Kennedy established this new agency in the Department of State?
10. This unsuccessful invasion to overthrow Fidel Castro in Cuba took place?

What was life like, for you, in '61.

What age group were you 0-9, 10-17, 18+, if in school what grade? If you were not born yet use your 1st memories of '71 or '81.

What were your thoughts & dreams when younger, were you able to fulfill some of them? What would you change, or do differently, if you could?

What's some differences compared to that age group from then & now?

What is the biggest differences that you see between family life then & now?

What memories do you have of social activities with family & friends?

Were you able to stay in touch with any school friends once adult life started?

Did you have children & if so, did you raise them by the standards you were raised by, or did you ease up with the changing world?

What's some things that you were glad to see change, or invented?

As a loving Father, God is patient, not wanting any to perish, but for all to repent, 2 Peter 3:9 & He spends time on us, to give us the chance to see the goodness & blessings of His ways, but time will eventually run out, so reach out to Him, while you can. Lord, I thank you for allowing me the wisdom to walk in faith, knowing that you are always with me & always in control, even when I am spinning out of control, battling the floods of doubt, sin, helplessness & weakness, which is where in all your Holiness, you always step in & rescue me from myself & give me love, rest, faith & hope.

Lord I pray that you use me to guide more lost souls to you, that they too may be engulfed in seeking your eternal hope.

Kings 1&2 Summary

Success is always about, “Who do you worship!”

The books of the Kings of Israel & Judah, shows how the welfare of Israel is fully dependent on submission & obedience to God’s rules & show how faithful God is to His people, from His extreme blessing under Solomon, to utter desolation & captivity in her later pagan years. The books of Kings shows what happens when God is ignored & what happens when men’s rule, of God’s kingdom, takes God out of the equation, as God’s promised land plummeted through 400 years of mostly bad kings & so the book of 1 Kings records the division of the kingdom & 2 Kings records the collapse, captivity & exile of both kingdoms, due to men’s futility.

Solomon started off well, asking the Lord for wisdom to lead & receiving wisdom & wealth beyond belief, but soon fell to his own temporary, eternal life changing, sinful desires, by disobeying His eternal life giving God, by marrying foreign women, worshipping their gods, collecting earthly possessions etc., all in direct defiance to the word of God & and due to this, the Lord tore the kingdom out of his son’s hand & the people of Israel divided into two nations, Israel & Judah.

This is the story of Israel’s decline, as Solomon was punished for his marriage to foreign woman & his over taxation of the people, which along with many other following kings, led Israel to a division & falling into the hands of the enemies.

Kings picks up where Samuel left off, with Israel united under King David, whose son Solomon reigned after him. Solomon was blessed by God & charged with building God’s temple, but Solomon became unfaithful to God in later years & after his death God divided the kingdom. The Northern 10 tribes followed the warrior, Jeroboam & the Southern tribes of Judah & Benjamin remained loyal to the throne of David.

God told Solomon; walk before Me in integrity & doing all that I have commanded & keep My statutes & ordinances, then I will establish your throne in Israel forever, but if you, or your sons, turn away from Me & serve other gods, then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given & the house which was consecrated for Me, I will cast out of my sight, 1 Kings 9:4–7.

Neither Kingdom, Israel (Northern), nor Judah (Southern), kept the Law of Moses, to only worship God & so God allowed their enemies to take them captive. Israel was taken by Assyria, 2 Kgs 17:6–23 & Judah fell to Babylon, 2 Kgs 25:1–26, which God had said would happen if they disobeyed, Dt 28:36. During the time of Judah's captivity in Babylon, the temple of God was destroyed, Jerusalem was in ruins & the tribes of Judah were serving pagan kings, as both kingdoms degenerated & were looking like the pagan nations that were in the land before them 2 Kings 17:8.

The role of prophets, i.e. Elijah & Elisha (1 Kings 17-19; 2 Kings 1-8) was detrimental, as they were zealous for God & performed many miracles, proving the power of God, so the prophet's job was to deliver God's word, as well as of warning & judgement, to the King. A good king would seek the advice & intercession of a prophet, like Elijah, or Elisha, but much of their prophetic word fell on deaf ears with these people & so God raised up the enemy nations, to invade Israel & Judah. God moves hearts for His causes, but He also moves nations to accomplish His will, as He used Assyria & Babylon to bring judgement upon the people of Israel & Judah.

Solomon strayed from God's commands & let his heart be influenced by his ungodly pagan wives, which led to his downfall. It is likely that he reasoned that he was just being like all the other kings around him, or that God would approve of his behavior, since He had appeared to him, but his compromise came at a high price, for himself, his subjects & future generations. God had the absolute right to tear the kingdom apart & yet if they would have called on the Lord with all their heart, He would've been faithful to protect & bless them.

Kings shows how far man rise & fall, based on their relationship with God. King Solomon was greatly blessed by God, yet he allowed compromise to ruin him & his testimony. Most of the kings after him failed to serve God with all their hearts as well, which led to the bringing down of the nation. This shows how important it is to read & meditate upon God's Word & to obey it at all costs, or we will end up making excuses, like Solomon, while doing those things that do not please God. Kings causes us to marvel at God's plan of bringing Jesus to the world through the line of David. Israel is all but destroyed. They are out of their land, living as refugees. yet they are not without hope. They have failed & fallen to such a degree that there survival is a miracle, which is the point, God kept them alive & together in such a way that the One from the line of David will still come & be the perfect chosen King.

Let's discuss some 1961 entertainment options.

Lets look at some of the many entertainment options that were available in '61 & what some of them meant to you? Did you like any of the following Popular Tv. Shows; e.g. Dr. Kildare, Hazel, Ben Casey, Dick Van Dyke Show, Mr. Ed, Bob Newhart, Wagon Train, Bonanza, Gunsmoke, Hazel, Perry Mason, Red Skelton, Andy Griffith, Danny Thomas Show, or Candid Camera.

Did you get to see any of the top films? Like 101 Dalmatians, West Side Story, Guns of Navarone, The Absent Minded Professor, The Parent Trap, Gone with the Wind, King of Kings, Come September, Flower Drum Song, Blue Hawaii, Babes in Toyland, Return to Peyton Place, Fanny, Breakfast at Tiffany's, The Misfits (both Clark Gable & Marilyn Monroe's last film), The Hustler, how about West Side Story? What about the Horror films of the year? Were you a fan? The Innocents, Mother Joan, Pit & the Pendulum, Scream of Fear, Homicidal, The Curse of the Werewolf, Mr. Sardonicus, Hercules in the Haunted World, Dead Eyes of London, Night Tide.

With transistor & car radios, there was now music & news on the go. Stations diversified on music, with rock, classical, folk, country & top 40, did you enjoy the music from any of the following top pop artists? Bobby Rydell, Brenda Lee, Chubby Checker, Connie Francis, The Dovells, Elvis Presley, Etta James, The Everly Brothers, Fats Domino, Ike & Tina Turner, Jackie Wilson, James Brown, Jimmy Reed, Linda Scott, Ray Charles, Ricky Nelson, The Shirelles.

How about these top songs/ artists; Elvis Presley/ Are You Lonesome Tonight. The Shirelles/ Will You Love Me Tomorrow. Chubby Checker/ Pony Time. Elvis/ Surrender. The Marcels/ Blue Moon. Del Shannon/ Runaway. Ricky Nelson/ Travelin' Man. Roy Orbison/ Running Scared. Pat Boone/ Moody River. Gary US Bonds/ Quarter to Three. Bobby Lewis/ Tossin' & Turnin. Bobby Vee/ Take Good Care of My Baby. Ray Charles/ Hit the Road Jack. Dion/ Runaround Sue. Jimmy Dean/ Big Bad John. Marvelettes/ Please Mr. Postman. The Tokens/ The Lion Sleeps Tonight

Or did you still like the radio shows? Did you enjoy any of these top radio programs? Bing Crosby Rosemary Clooney Show, Don McNeill's Breakfast Club, Midwestern Hayride, Moon River, Ranger Bill, Young Doctor Malone, Yours Truly, John Dollar.

Trivia answers. 1- berlin wall. 2-101dalmations. 3-beatles 4-sprite 5-supremes. 6-atop Seattle's Space Needle. 7-jfk. 8-blue Hawaii. 9-peace corps. 10-bay of pigs.

Can I prove that God is real, absolutely NOT.

When asked if I could prove that God exists, all's I could say was, I know that He does; I have felt Him, seen Him, talked with Him, heard Him & witnessed His presence, signs & wonders, so many times, in so many things. So, I know that He is real & He is everything that He says He is. But my knowing Him, is not proof, for you, so I prayed, can I prove God is real? & the spirit told me "absolutely not"? Which stunned me & then was explained to me; why I could not prove this.

God says to prove all things, 1Thess.5:21, as there are many evil spirits working to keep us from His truth. He also says that those who are blinded & who doubt Him; cannot see, nor understand & will not turn to Him for truth, or healing, as He has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel, 2Corin. 4:4.

So, God only reveals Himself, to those who truly have faith in their need for Him; forcing none to believe, as He wants to be loved for who He truly is; a loving Father, not because of what He can do.

So to prove God exists, it can be done, but no one can do it for you. Only God can prove Himself to you, when you truly seek Him. God says to test Him; So, tell Him that you don't believe & ask that if He is real, for Him to prove Himself to you & then be patient & prepare. Study the bible, pray, talk to believers & prepare, as He is waiting for all to call on Him. God wants your faith, love & trust, as He wants to give you an inner life change unlike anything you have ever imagined, as He loves & believes in you & says in Math. 7:7-11, ask & it shall be given, seek, & ye shall find, knock & it shall be opened. For whosoever asks, receives & he that seeks, finds & to him that knocks, it shall be opened.

For what man is there among you, if your son asks for bread, would you give him a stone? If ye then, which are evil, can give to your children good gifts, how much more shall your Father in heaven, give good things to them that ask Him?

So open your heart, listen & follow His plans for your life & come to see how real He truly is. Open your eyes, heart & mind, as God has revealed Himself in all Creation, in His living powerful eternal Word & in His Son; the Heavens proclaim His mighty works, Psalm 19:1.

The universe, where He hung the Sun, moon & stars, declares His glory.

So, can I prove to you, that God is real, no but you can! just by asking, believing, watching & waiting, as the time is coming, when you will be glad that you joined with God, in spirit, love & truth. So call on Him today & prove for yourself that He does indeed exist & does love you & wants you in His eternal Kingdom, with Him.