



Chess is one of those board games that some people enjoy playing. However, because there are so many different pieces and moves involved, others have no interest whatsoever. Non-Chess players can only watch on in bemusement as opponents take turns to move around the board taking piece after piece from each another, as they battle it out. Now, there is one rule in Chess that those who don't play might not know about and it is this: the king is the only piece that cannot be killed or removed from the game.

In real life, there was a time when most countries were ruled by kings. In today's world, most kings are now gone. They have been removed in battle by kings greater than themselves or deposed of by their citizens in political uprisings. At present, including our monarchy, there are only about 25 royal families left in the whole world.

In the Bible, you will find many stories relating to the removal of various kings, especially in the Old Testament. Among these kings, some did right in the eyes of God and others did not. Some kings reigned for decades while others like wicked King Zimri only lasted a few days. All of those kings are now all gone. Some died while others were removed by force. There is however one exception, one king that

has never been nor ever will be removed from His throne. Many attempts were made to take His crown but they all failed. Who is this king? He is the King of Glory, the Lord Jesus Christ.

IN THE CRIB. King Herod, when he called for all the baby boys in the region to be put to death, tried but failed to prevent this newborn king from being raised.

"...behold thy King cometh..."

John 12:5

ON THE CROSS. The soldiers mocked His kingship. He was arrayed in a purple robe. A crown of thorns was placed on His brow. An inscription saying "This is the King of the Jews" was placed on the cross upon which He died. However, on the third day, He rose again.

AT HIS COMING. The Lord Jesus will be returning as the victorious king. Revelation 19:16 says that written upon His thigh are the words "King of kings and Lord of lords." In Romans 14 the Bible says that on that day, "Every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that he is Lord." Just as in Chess, this King cannot be removed or defeated.

I wonder in closing, is the Lord Jesus King of your life today? I hope and trust that He is. ■



There are many kings mentioned by name in the Bible. Complete the word search below. Then using the letters that remain, spell out a word that describes where kings might typically live.



P	H	A	S	L	J	D	A	S	A
J	E	R	O	B	O	A	M	U	B
O	R	J	L	S	A	V	A	Z	A
T	O	E	O	A	S	I	H	Z	A
H	D	H	M	U	H	D	A	I	S
A	A	U	O	L	O	G	B	A	H
M	E	S	N	A	M	O	N	H	A
C	J	E	H	O	I	C	H	I	N

Answer:



DAVID
BAASHA
SOLOMON
HEROD
SAUL
AHAB
JEHU
JOASH



JEROBOAM
UZZIAH
JEHOICIN
JOTHAM
ASA
AMON
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