***The Hope of Every Nation and Every Person is the Coming Prophet, Priest, King***

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**A Brief History of the Kings:**

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Jehu: Around 850 BC  
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**Scripture Reading and Prayer…Leslie Evans (Psalm 103)**

**More than A King, He is OUR Majestic Sovereign (Header Slide)**

* **Slide 2**
* **A Prophet – One who speaks for God to us**
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* **The merger of these 2 offices, Priest who is also a king, is our focus today**
* **Read : (Slide 10)**

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* **Read Luke 2: (Slide )**
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* **How far does this sovereign rule extend?**
* **In other words, how much of our lives fall under the sovereignty of Christ?**
* **“Every idle word…”**
* **Hebrews 4:12 “**
* **II Corinthians “take every thought captive…”**