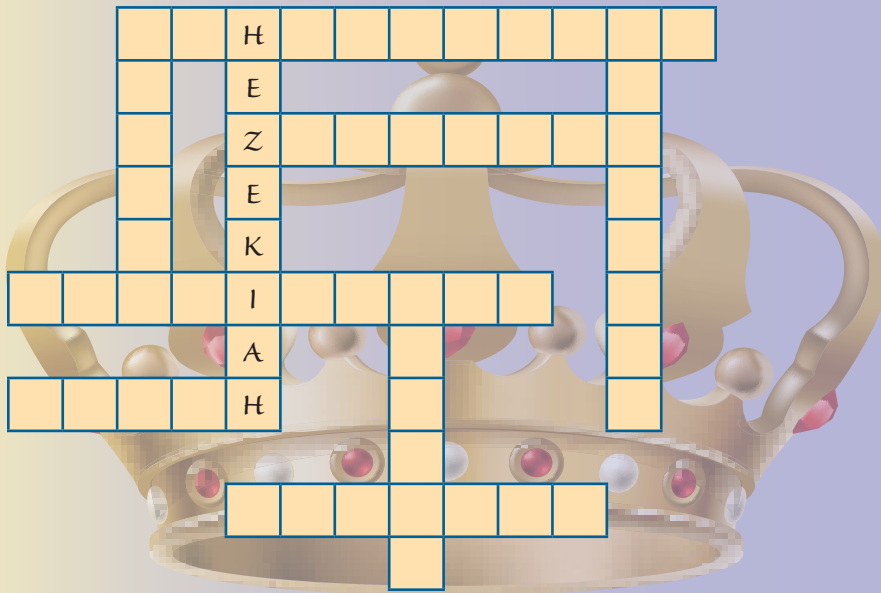


C Puzzle – Kings and Queens

Work out which of the kings and queens of Israel and Judah are mentioned below, and then fit their names into the word grid. One has been done for you.

- 1 A king who asked for a prophet. *2 Kings 3*
- 2 A queen who was eaten by dogs. *2 Kings 9*
- 3 A queen who killed her family. *2 Kings 11*
- 4 A king who was hidden as a little boy. *2 Kings 11*
- 5 A king who was taken captive by the king of Assyria. *2 Kings 17*
- 6 A godly king whose prayer was heard. *2 Kings 19*
- 7 A godly king who repaired the temple. *2 Kings 22*
- 8 A king who ruled when the Babylonians took Judah into captivity. *2 Kings 25*
- 9 A king who was eventually lifted up by the king of Babylon. *2 Kings 25*



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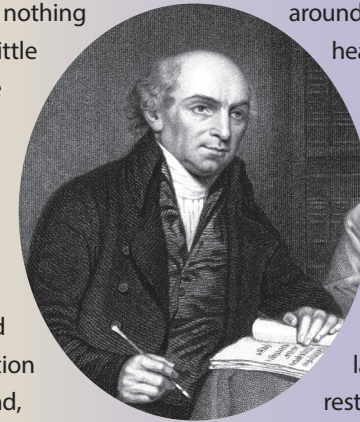
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A William Carey: The Father of Modern Missions

In August 1761 a boy who would grow up to be known as the 'Father of Modern Missions' was born. His name was William Carey. His family were humble weavers, and there was nothing remarkable about this little boy to indicate what he might one day achieve.

When William was 14 years old, he was apprenticed to a shoemaker. While William had been raised with a nominal connection to the Church of England, one of his fellow apprentices

as Hebrew, Italian, Dutch, and French. He also began to preach in local churches and eventually became a pastor. William had an increasing burden for people around the world who had never heard of Christ.



However, William wanted to do more than this. In 1793 he and his family went to India as missionaries, where he laboured for the rest of his life. Initially,

life was very difficult, and

William worked as a manager of an indigo factory while working on translating the Bible into Bengali, an Indian language.

William realised the most pressing need in any missionary field was to have the Bible in the people's own language. The Bible would carry on 'speaking' to the

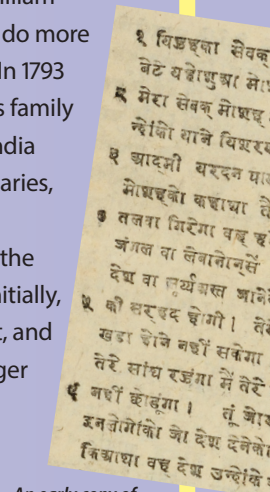
Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.

Isaiah 6.8



was during this time William was converted.

While William made and mended shoes, he taught himself languages such



An early copy of the Bible in Hindi

people long after the missionaries were gone. He said he would work on giving Indians the Word in their own tongue 'till a number of living preachers were created by the Scriptures themselves'. He focused his missionary work on translating the Bible into many of the languages spoken in India, using native speakers who understood the languages and cultures personally to ensure accurate translations.

Eventually more missionaries travelled to India and settled with the Carey family in an area known as Serampore. They bought a house big enough for all their families along with a school. One of the group, William Ward, was a printer, so he

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 28.19–20



set up a printing press and began printing Carey's translation of the Bengali Bible.

Carey wasn't just tied up in translation work, he used his influence with the Governor-General to stop infant sacrifices and the burning of widows, which were customs in India at the time. The mission

also founded Serampore College to train ministers and translators for the growing church in India, and also provide education to anyone regardless of their caste (a form of social position) or background.

In 1834 William Carey died, having spent 41 years in India without a break. He had translated or supervised translations of the Bible into at least 35 languages and dialects from across India. Sometimes he and his team had to develop alphabets, grammar, and dictionaries before they could even start work on a translation!

Carey's work set the pattern for modern missionary work and continues

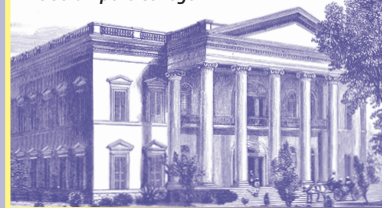
to influence the work of TBS today. India has a population of 1.4 billion people comprising 2,272 people groups speaking 780 different languages. Many of these languages still have no Bible translation at all, and TBS is seeking to continue Carey's labours to provide as many of these people with the Word of God in their own language.

... Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua 1.9



The Serampore College



B About the Bible – 2 Kings

In the Second Book of Kings, Israel remains a divided nation: the northern kingdom of Israel, and the southern kingdom of Judah. This occurred in 1 Kings during the reign of Solomon's son Rehoboam.

1 When the kings and their people served and obeyed God, He helped them. However, when they turned to wickedness, God sent prophets to warn them of His judgment and call them to repentance.

Which prophet was carried away in a whirlwind? _____ 2 Kings 2

Which prophet did Naaman the Syrian visit? _____ 2 Kings 5

2 When the kings and people refused to listen to the prophets God punished them by sending enemies such as the Assyrians and Babylonians to attack them.

'For so it was, that the children of Israel had _____ against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of _____, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, and walked in the statutes of the _____, whom the LORD cast out from before the _____ of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made.' 2 Kings 17.7–8

3 In 2 Kings Israel was eventually destroyed by the Assyrians, and later Judah was destroyed by the Babylonians. Many of the people were taken away in exile to distant countries by their enemies, but God still loved His people.

'Yet the LORD would not destroy _____ for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give him alway a _____, and to his _____.' 2 Kings 8.19