

WHO IS QUALIFIED TO RULE MANKIND?

Note to the speaker:

While making it evident that Jehovah's Witnesses are strictly neutral as to the world's politics, explain in practical terms why God's Kingdom is far superior to any human government. Contrast the abilities of Jesus Christ with the limitations of human rulers

WEIGHING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF HUMAN GOVERNMENTS (3 min.)

Aspiring leaders strive to prove their qualifications to rule—some by campaigning, others by force

How effective are human governments in addressing the needs of their subjects?

Monarchies reflect the imperfections of a single ruler (*g90* 8/22 19-20)

Aristocracies—government by the nobility, by a privileged minority, or by an elite class—have rulers based on wealth or blood descent (*g90* 9/8 26-7)

Democracies reflect the limitations of the populace (Ec 7:20; Jer 10:23; *g90* 9/22 13-14)

Every form of authority devised by humans has failed miserably [Read Ecclesiastes 8:9]

WHAT RULE BY CHRIST JESUS WILL ACCOMPLISH (16 min.)

Jesus has proved what he can accomplish as Ruler

In contrast with failures of human rule, the miracles Jesus performed demonstrated his ability to satisfy mankind's needs, foreshadowing blessings under his rule

The Economy

Under human rule, multitudes of children die of hunger each day

Jesus Christ will provide abundant food for all [Read Matthew 14:19-21]

Kingdom rule will furnish every family with excellent housing

There will be no unemployment; all will have rewarding work (Isa 65:21-23)

Disaster Preparedness

Human governments are often ill-equipped to respond, both before and after major storms

Jesus could control the wind and sea by means of God's spirit [Read Mark 4:37-39]

He will control forces of nature for the benefit of humans under his rule

Health Care

Governments face an enormous challenge attempting to provide adequate health care for their subjects

Jesus demonstrated his power over illness [Read Matthew 15:30]

He will heal all maladies and eliminate all diseases—not just chronic ailments but even aches and pains that detract from the enjoyment of life (Isa 33:24)

He will restore the aged to youthful vigor (Job 33:25)

No human ruler can match Jesus' ability to restore life [Read Mark 5:38-42]

Protection

Jesus exerts power over even superhuman spirit creatures [Read Matthew 8:16]

Demons had to accede to Jesus' orders and release people possessed by them (*it-2* 167)

Demons are not only more powerful than humans; they actually back human rulerships (Da 10:13; Lu 4:6; Joh 14:30; Eph 6:12; 1Jo 5:19)

Jesus protects his subjects from demonic control now and will eliminate Satan and all wicked spirits in the future (Re 20:10)

In vanquishing man's real enemies, Jesus will have been used by Jehovah to end all wars (Ps 46:8, 9)

Ecology

Deterioration of the environment has become a matter of serious concern (*g03* 11/22 4-8)

God will empower Jesus to "bring to ruin those ruining the earth" (Re 11:18)

A peaceful relationship between humans and animals will become a reality (Isa 11:6-9)

The earth will be transformed into a paradise

The foregoing are only a small sampling of the blessings the Messianic Kingdom will bring

JESUS CHRIST—EMINENTLY QUALIFIED TO RULE MANKIND (5 min.)

God's Kingdom by Christ Jesus will succeed because it has none of the weaknesses inherent in human rule

All human rulers are limited in knowledge; Jesus Christ possesses "all the treasures of wisdom and of knowledge" (Col 2:3)

Human rulers are hampered by imperfection and often have wrong motives; Jesus is "loyal, guileless, undefiled, separated from the sinners" (Heb 7:26)

Human rulers die and leave their kingdoms to successors; Jesus is immortal and needs no successors (Da 2:44) [Read 1 Timothy 6:15, 16]

Humans are often tempted to use their power for selfish purposes; Jesus never used his God-given power for personal gain, nor did he ever use his authority to mistreat others (Mt 4:1-4; Ro 15:3)

TAKE YOUR STAND FOR THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM (6 min.)

Many believe that Jesus Christ existed, but few demonstrate faith that he is actually ruling as King

Evidence that he has taken power and begun ruling in heaven is abundant (*bh* 84-95)

We urge you to grow in your understanding of these facts

What action should we take concerning the One qualified to rule mankind? [Read Psalm 2:12]

We should warmly welcome him (*w04* 7/15 19-20)

Even kings are commanded to be subject to him (Ps 2:10)

Learn more about God's government in the hands of Christ Jesus, and help others to do the same

Experience the blessings that God's ruling Kingdom will soon bring

(Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School*, pp. 52-4, 116-19)