

## Examples of Civil Disobedience in the Bible

### OLD TESTAMENT

- the example of the Hebrew midwives (Exodus 1:15-22)
- the example of Moses' parents when they hid him as a baby (Exodus 2:1-10)
- the example of Moses when he led the people of Israel out of Egypt (Exodus 5-14)
- the example of Rahab when she refused to tell the king of Jericho where the spies were (Joshua 2)
- the example of Obadiah in hiding the prophets of the Lord from Queen Jezebel (1 Kings 18:3-4)
- the example of Elijah when he confronted the prophets of Baal and killed them even though they were favored by Queen Jezebel  
(1 Kings 18:1-40)
- the example of Jehosheba in saving Joash from the slaughter of Queen Athaliah (2 Kings 11:1-3)
- the example of Mordecai when he refused to bow down to Haman (Esther 3:1-6)
- the example of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in refusing to bow before the statue of King Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 3)
- the example of Daniel in his refusal to stop praying (Daniel 6)

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- the example of the magi when they refused to tell Herod where Jesus was born (Matthew 2:1-12)
- the example of Jesus in refusing to keep the Pharisees' traditions concerning what was "not lawful to do on a Sabbath" (Matthew 12:1-14)
- the example of John the Baptist when he confronted King Herod for marrying Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip (Mark 6:14-29)
- the example of Peter and John in continuing to speak about what they had seen and heard about Jesus (Acts 4:13-22)
- the example of Peter and the Apostles when they told the leaders of the Jews that "We must obey God rather than man" (Acts 5:17-32)
- the example of Stephen's defense and consequent stoning before the Sanhedrin (Acts 7)
- the example of Paul's escape from Damascus (Acts 9:23-25)
- the example of James' martyrdom at the hands of King Herod (Acts 12:1-2)
- the example of Peter's escape from prison (Acts 12:1-19)
- the example of Paul and Silas when they were arrested in Philippi for causing a disturbance (Acts 16:14-40)
- the example of those who refuse to worship the image of the beast in the latter days (Revelation 13:11-16)