

Who Really Sits on David's Throne ?

God sent the angel Gabriel to tell the virgin Mary that she was chosen to bear the Christ child, Who would rule forever through king David's throne:

Luke 1:31-33 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt **call his name JESUS.**

32 **He shall be great,** and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and **the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:**

33 **And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.**

Old Testament scripture written about Jesus Christ prophesied His birth and His reign. Christmas cards focus on one aspect and not the other:

Isa 9:6-7 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:

and **the government shall be upon his shoulder:**

and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace.**

7 **Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.** The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

When Jesus came to earth, many Jews did not understand, and neither did His disciples for awhile. They were looking then for 'physical' deliverance.

But He explained these issues. He established a 'spiritual' kingdom:

John 18:36 Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world:** if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.

Jesus brought peace with God (Rom 5:1) not with the world:

John 14:27 **Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you.** (Matt 10:34, Luke 12:51)
Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Prophecies concerning the birth of Jesus also prophesied His reign.

Yet He did not set up a 'visible' kingdom on earth at His 1st advent:

Micah 5:1-5 Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.

4 And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great (Luke 1:32 - that we already read) unto the ends of the earth.

5 And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men.

Dispensationalists think that when Jesus returns to earth at His 2nd advent, it will set up a 'millennial' (thousand year) kingdom, where-in DAVID will be resurrected to be the shepherd the king and the prince. They reject that these prophecies foreshadowed the Person and work of CHRIST:

Ezek 34:23-25 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

24 And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.

25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods.

Ezek 37:24-27 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

(Ezek 37:) 25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever:

and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.

26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

27 My tabernacle also shall be with them; yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (2 Cor 6:16)

David had been dead for around 400 years when Ezekiel wrote those scriptures. From then until now, there has not been an earthly ruler in the Jewish nation of the name of David, whose name means 'beloved'. Because Christ, the 'Beloved' Son (Matt 3:17, 12:18; Luke 1:35) of God was 'physically' descended from David He is also called David's son in Whom all the promises made to David were fulfilled (2 Sam 7:16):

Matt 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Jesus told one of the scribes who answered His question discreetly, that he was "not far from the kingdom of God" (Mark 12:28-34), then He asked:

Mark 12:35-37 And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David?

36 For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, (Psa 110:1)

The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.

37 David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son? And the common people heard him gladly.

David wrote, "The LORD is my shepherd" (Psa 23:1). Jesus Christ said:

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: (Heb 13:20-21, 1 Pet 2:25, 5:4) the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Psalms 47:2 For **the LORD** most high is terrible;

he is a great King over all the earth.

PAUL wrote God-inspired SCRIPTURE that He is the ETERNAL King:

1 Tim 1:17 Now unto **the King eternal**, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. (also 1 Tim 6:15)

When did Jesus 'become' king? When He came to earth, He was born KING:

Matt 2:1-2 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

2 Saying, **Where is he that is born King of the Jews?**

for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

Jesus was born the PRINCE of peace (Isa 9:6-7). He is also the Prince of Life (Acts 3:13-15). He is the Prince of the kings of the earth (Rev 1:5):

Acts 5:30-31 The God of our fathers raised up **Jesus**, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree.

31 **Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince**

and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

On what-is-known-as 'Palm Sunday' Jesus rode into Jerusalem as KING of the earth (Matt 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-44, John 12:12-19).

He was anointed to proclaim liberty and deliverance to the captives (Isa 61:1, Luke 4:18) because of His blood of the new testament (Heb 13:20):

Zech 9:9-11 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of **Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee:** he is just, and **having salvation;** lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

10 And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and **he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even to the ends of the earth.**

11 **As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit** wherein is no water.

As DAVID was shepherd, king, and prince JESUS was 'more' and 'better' and 'enduring' (Heb 1:4, 3:1-6, 7:19,22, 8:6, 9:11-14,23, 10:34, 12:24).

Peter (Acts 2:14) told the audience at Pentecost **frankly that**

David knew that Christ would be resurrected to reign on his throne.

Acts 2:29-36 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of **the patriarch David**, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day.

30 **Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;**

31 **He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ**, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption.

Here is a reference verse for that:

Psa 132:11 The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; **Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.**

32 **This Jesus hath God raised up**, whereof we all are witnesses.

Think about it: **God raised up Christ to sit on David's throne** (vs. 30).

This is what David 'saw' when he wrote of Christ's resurrection (vs. 31),

Where did Christ go after He arose? He ascended into the heavens.

Where did Christ sit? He sat at the right hand of the Father (Col 3:1).

Where is David's throne on which Christ sat when He arose? in the heavens:

33 **Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.**

34 **For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,**

35 **Until I make thy foes thy footstool.** (1 Cor 15:25)

36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Paul (Acts 13:16) preached the same gospel of Christ to Israel and the Gentiles (Acts 13:26, Rom 1:16) as Peter preached:

2 Tim 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel: (Acts 13:22-23)

Acts 13:34-39 And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise,
I will give you the sure mercies of David. (Isa 55:3)

35 Wherefore he saith also in another psalm, (Psa 16:10)

Thou shalt not suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

36 For **David**, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, **fell on sleep**, (he died) and was laid unto his fathers, and saw corruption:

37 But he, (Jesus) whom God raised again, saw no corruption.

38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins:

39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Turn to Isa 55, from which Paul quoted in Acts 13:34, and hold it:

Isa 55:1-12 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters,

The LORD is the fountain of living waters - Jer 17:13.

Jesus offered the Samaritan woman 'living water to drink'
 - John 4:10-14.

Jesus said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water." - John 7:37-38.

Rev 22:16-17 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

(Isa 55:) 2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not **bread**? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.

John 6:35 And Jesus said unto them, **I am the bread of life:** he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and **he that believeth on me shall never thirst.** (John 6:33,48,51)

Psa 34:8 O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. (Heb 6:4-6, 1 Pet 2:3)

3 Incline your ear, and **come unto me:** (Matt 11:28, 19:14; John 6:65) hear, and your soul shall live; and **I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David.** (Paul quoted in Acts 13:34)

4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people.

6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

11 **So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.**

12 For ye shall go out with **joy,** and be led forth with **peace:** the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

God's kingdom is joy and peace, where Christ reigns in power (Matt 28:18):

Rom 14:17 For **the kingdom of God is** not meat and drink; but righteousness, and **peace, and joy** in the Holy Ghost.

Rom 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all **joy and peace** in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Jeremiah prophesied of the time when Christ would be born and rule:

Jer 33:14-16 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. (The days of the NEW covenant, which Christ brought)

15 In those days, and at that time,

will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: (True safety for Jerusalem is only in the 'heavenly' Jerusalem.) and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness.

In Acts 15:1-12, Paul and Barnabas went up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about the question, whether Gentiles had to follow the law of Moses and be circumcised. After much disputing, Peter rose up and told how God chose him at the first to give the gospel of salvation by grace of the Lord Jesus Christ to the Gentiles. Then Paul and Barnabas declared the miracles and wonders among the Gentiles God had worked by them.

Acts 15:13-17 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

14 Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. (Luke 2:25-32, quoting Isa 42:6-7, 49:6, 60:1-3; Isa 9:2 and Matt 4:16; Rom 15:8-12)

15 And to this (to what? to the Light, Who is Jesus Christ (John 8:12), to His gospel going to the world, to all people, to Israel and to the Gentiles as testified in this chapter of Acts 15:1-12, about the events of the time, plus Simeon's prophecy of it, which he made at Jesus' circumcision, when He was 8 days old. It was not a MYSTERY, as dispensationalists falsely claim.)

agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

(The words of the prophets AGREE to this. Then James quoted AMOS):

16 After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

17 That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things.

By inspiration of the Holy Spirit, James said that what Amos wrote was prophecy of what was happening at the time of Acts 15 in that day! God rebuilt the tabernacle of David THEN. It was NOT a 'literal' tabernacle then and it will NOT be a 'literal' tabernacle in the future:

Amos 9:11-12 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old:

12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this.

The **C**unning **R**oyal **J**ester of the 'mid-Acts-hyper-dispensationalists, teaches that Jesus will rule from a throne in Shiloh (he has NO VERSES), and that David will be his regent (a person acting in place of a king or ruler, a person appointed to rule a monarchy when the sovereign is absent) from his own throne in Jerusalem (he has NO VERSES). The **C**unning **R**oyal **J**ester makes up stories, and his listeners are mesmerized by them.

Mid-Acts-ers frown upon any reference to Jesus as KING and would never sing a song about King Jesus even though PAUL called Him the King of Kings just like John did in the Revelation 17:14 and 19:16:

1 Tim 6:13-15 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our **Lord Jesus Christ:**

15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, **the King of kings,** and Lord of lords;

This is David Dowell saying, "Think about it!"

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