

King

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I. God is King

King over the nations

2 Chr 20:6 and he said, "O LORD, the God of our fathers, are You not God in the heavens? And are You not ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? Power and might are in Your hand so that no one can stand against You. (Ps 47:8; 96:10; Jer 10:7; 46:18; 48:15; 51:57; Mal 1:14; Mt 5:35)

King at the flood

Ps 29:10-11 The LORD sat as King at the flood; Yes, the LORD sits as king forever. 11 The LORD will give strength to His people; the LORD will bless His people with peace.

King over all the earth

Ps 47:2-4 For the LORD Most High is to be feared, a great King over all the earth. 3 He subdues peoples under us and nations under our feet. 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, the glory of Jacob whom He loves. Selah. (Zech 14:9, 16-17)

The LORD reigns

Ps 93:1 The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD has clothed and girded Himself with strength; Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved. (Ps 97:1; 99:1)

King of all kings

1 Ti 6:15-16 which He will bring about at the proper time—He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

The Lord is King & is to be praised

Ps 48:2 Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, His holy mountain. 2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion in the far north, the city of the great King. (Ps 68:24; 84:3; 89:18; 95:3; 98:6; 145:1; 149:2; Isa 6:5; 33:17)

Eternal King

Ex 15:18 "The LORD shall reign forever and ever." (Ps 10:16; Jer 10:10; 1 Ti 1:17)

The King of Israel

Jdg 8:23 But Gideon said to them, "I will not rule over you, nor shall my son rule over you; the LORD shall rule over you." (1 Sa 8:7; 10:9; 12:12; 2 Chr 20:6; Isa 41:21; 43:15; 44:6; Zeph 3:15)

King of glory

Ps 24:7-10 Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! 8 Who is the King of glory? the LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. 9 Lift up your heads, O gates, and lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! 10 Who is this King of glory? the LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah. (Isa 6:5; Rev 15:3; 19:6)

King - who answers prayer

Ps 20:9 Save, O LORD; May the King answer us in the day we call.
(Ps 5:2; 44:4-8; 74:12; Isa 33:22; 44:6)

II. The expectation of a future king like David

David's righteous Branch

Jer 23:5-6 "Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "When I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; And He will reign as king and act wisely And do justice and righteousness in the

land. 6 "In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell securely; And this is His name by which He will be called, 'The LORD our righteousness.'" (Jer 33:15)

A child reigning on the throne of David

Isa 9:6-7 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. 7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

Shoot from the stem of Jesse

Isa 11:1-5 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. 3 And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear; 4 But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked. 5 Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.

A Judge/King sitting in the tent of David

Isa 16:5 A throne will even be established in lovingkindness, And a judge will sit on it in faithfulness in the tent of David; Moreover, he will seek justice And be prompt in righteousness.

The coming King (David)

Jer 30:8-9 'It shall come about on that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'that I will break his yoke from off their neck and will tear off their bonds; and strangers will no longer make them their slaves. 9 'But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.

The coming Shepherd (David)

Ezk 34:23-24 "Then I will set over them one shepherd, My servant David, and he will feed them; he will feed them himself and be their shepherd. 24 "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David will be prince among them; I the LORD have spoken.

The coming King and Shepherd (David)

Ezk 37:24-25 "My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances and keep My statutes and observe them. 25 "They will live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant will be their prince forever.

The booth of David

Amos 9:11 "In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, And wall up its breaches; I will also raise up its ruins And rebuild it as in the days of old;

The coming Ruler born in Bethlehem

Mic 5:2-5 "But as for you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, From you One will go forth for Me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, From the days of eternity." 3 Therefore He will give them up until the time When she who is in labor has borne a child. Then the remainder of His brethren Will return to the sons of Israel. 4 And He will arise and shepherd His flock In the strength of the LORD, In the majesty of the name of the LORD His God. And they will remain, Because at that time He will be great To the ends of the earth. 5 This One will be our peace. When the Assyrian invades our land, When he tramples on our citadels, Then we will raise against him Seven shepherds and eight leaders of men.

The coming kingdom will overthrow all other kingdoms

Hag 2:20-23 Then the word of the LORD came a second time to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month, saying, 21 "Speak to Zerubbabel governor of Judah, saying, 'I am going to shake the heavens and the earth. 22 'I will overthrow the thrones of kingdoms and destroy the power of the

kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots and their riders, and the horses and their riders will go down, everyone by the sword of another.' 23 'On that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, My servant,' declares the LORD, 'and I will make you like a signet ring, for I have chosen you,' " declares the LORD of hosts.

Royal Psalms - These Psalms, although used in honor of the king of the day, possibly at his coronation, share the expectation of a greater king. The NT regards them as fulfilled in Jesus Christ:

Ps 2:6-9 "But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain." 7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. 8 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Your possession. 9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.' "

Ps 45:1 My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

Ps 72:1 Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king's son.

Ps 110:1 The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

Ps 132:10 For the sake of David Your servant, Do not turn away the face of Your anointed.

III. Jesus is King

Jesus Christ is declared king at his birth: he descends from the royal line of David. People rejected his kingly claims at his crucifixion but God exalted him to his rightful place of power and majesty. At the end of time Jesus Christ will rule the nations forever.

A. Jesus fulfils the expectation of a son of David who will be a king like David

Lk 1:32-33 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." (Lk 1:69; Ac 13:22-23; Rom 1:3; 2 Tim 2:8; Rev 5:5; 22:16)

B. Jesus is the true King of Israel and of the world

1 Cor 15:25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

Heb 1:8 But of the Son He says, "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM. (Jn 1:49; Mt 27:37; Mk 15:26; Lk 23:38; Mt 21:5; Mk 15:2; Mt 27:11; Lk 23:3; Jn 18:36-37; Ac 17:7; Ps 45:6; Rev 17:14; 19:16)

C. Jesus descends from the royal line of David

The Messiah was expected to come from David's line.

1. The genealogy of Jesus follows the royal line of the kings descended from David.

Mt 1:1-17 The genealogy of Jesus in Matthew; from Abraham to David, from David to the deportation to Babylon, from the deportation of Babylon to Jesus

Mt 1:1 The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Lk 3:23-38 The genealogy of Jesus in Luke; goes back to David and then Adam.

Lk 3:23 When He began His ministry, Jesus Himself was about thirty years of age, being, as was supposed, the son of Joseph, the son of Eli,

2. He is the Son of David

Mt 9:27 As Jesus went on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out, "Have mercy on us, Son of David!"

Mt 12:22-23 Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and mute was brought to Jesus, and He healed him, so that the mute man spoke and saw. 23 All the crowds were amazed, and were saying, "This man cannot be the Son of David, can he?"

Mt 15:22 And a Canaanite woman from that region came out and began to cry out, saying, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is cruelly demon-possessed."

Lk 1:32-33 "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; 33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end."

Lk 2:4-5 Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, 5 in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.

3. He was born in Bethlehem, the town of David

Lk 2:15-16 When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to Bethlehem then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us." So they came in a hurry and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger. (Jn 7:42)

Mt 2:3-6 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 Gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for this is what has been written by the prophet: 6 'AND YOU, BETHLEHEM, LAND OF JUDAH, ARE BY NO MEANS LEAST AMONG THE LEADERS OF JUDAH; FOR OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH A RULER WHO WILL SHEPHERD MY PEOPLE ISRAEL.'" (Mic 5:2)

4. Jesus is regarded as king

By Nathanael

Jn 1:49 Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel."

By the Magi

Mt 2:1-2 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, 2 "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him."

By the crowds;

Jn 6:15 So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.

By Jason of Thessalonica

Ac 17:6-7 These men who have upset the world have come here also; 7 and Jason has welcomed them, and they all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus."

5. Jesus refused worldly kingdoms

Jn 18:36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." (see also Jn 6:15; Mt 4:8-10; Lk 4:5-8)

6. Jesus entered Jerusalem as a king

Jn 12:12-15 On the next day the large crowd who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took the branches of the palm trees and went out to meet Him, and began to shout, "Hosanna! BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD, even the King of Israel." 14 Jesus, finding a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written, 15 "FEAR NOT, DAUGHTER OF ZION; BEHOLD, YOUR KING IS COMING, SEATED ON A DONKEY'S COLT." (Zec 9:9; Mt 21:1-9)

7. Jesus' kingship is an issue at his trial; Pilate questions Jesus; his first words to Jesus are the same in all the Gospels.

Jn 18:33-37 Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?" 35 Pilate answered, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm." 37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, "So You are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." (Lk 23:2-3; Mt 27:11, 42; Mk 15:2)

8. Jesus claims to be a spiritual king

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9. Pilate appeals to the crowd to accept Jesus as their king

Jn 18:39 "But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover; do you wish then that I release for you the King of the Jews?" (Mk 15:9)

10. The crowd reject Jesus as king

Mk 15:12-13 Answering again, Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?" 13 They shouted back, "Crucify Him!" (Jn 19:12-15)

11. Jesus is mocked as king

Jn 19:1-5 Pilate then took Jesus and scourged Him. 2 And the soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and put a purple robe on Him; 3 and they began to come up to Him and say, "Hail, King of the Jews!" and to give Him slaps in the face. 4 Pilate came out again and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you so that you may know that I find no guilt in Him." 5 Jesus then came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. Pilate said to them, "Behold, the Man!" (Mt 27:27-30; Mk 15:16-20)

12. Jesus is declared king at his crucifixion - Jesus' claim to be king was the "crime" for which he was executed.

Jn 19:19-22 Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It was written, "JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS." 20 Therefore many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Latin and in Greek. 21 So the chief priests of the Jews were saying to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews'; but that He said, 'I am King of the Jews.'" 22 Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." (Mt 27:37; Mk 15:26; Lk 23:38)

D. God has exalted Jesus to His rightful place as king

Heb 12:2 fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. (See also Heb 1:3; 8:1; Rev 5:6; 7:17; 15:3-4; 17:14; 19:6, 16; 22:1-3)

E. Jesus is a King/priest according to the order of Melchizedek Heb 6:20, 7:1-3

Heb 6:20 where Jesus has entered as a forerunner for us, having become a high priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

7:1-3 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham as he was returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also Abraham apportioned a tenth part of all the spoils, was first of all, by the translation of his name, king of righteousness, and then also king of Salem, which is king of peace. 3 Without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, he remains a priest perpetually.

F. As King, Jesus welcomes believers into his kingdom

2Ti 4:18 The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed, and will bring me safely to His heavenly kingdom; to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Lk 23:42-43; Rev 3:20-21)

G. Jesus Christ is king of all kings

He will rule over the nations

Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth ... (Ps 2:7-9; Dan 7:13-14; Mt 19:28; 25:31-32)

1Co 15:25 For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. (Ro 15:12; Phil 2:9-10)

Rev 17:14 "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful." (Rev 12:5; 19:11-16)

He is king forever

Lk 1:33 and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end." (Rev 11:15; Isa 9:7)

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