

# “KING of Kings!”

Daniel 7:9-14; Ezekiel 37:21-27; Psalm 2

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## Introduction

- The “dirty business” of Politics
- *Is the political system itself corrupt or is it people in charge?*
- **Government was established by God.**
  - Romans 13:1-- *“Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.”*
  - Daniel 4:17b-- *“In order that the living may know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men.”*
  - Romans 13:3-4-- *“For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.”*
- It will take a “perfect king” to form a “perfect government” who will rule “perfectly”!
- **Jesus Christ will rule one day by virtue of...**
  - The **Conquering General** who defeats the armies of this world
  - The **Fulfillment of the Promises and Predictions** of the Old Testament
  - The **only Verifiable Claimant** to the throne of Israel

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### A. Jesus Christ will rule by virtue of the SELECTION by God the Father

- Psalm 2:4-9 -- *“He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure: ‘Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.’ ‘I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me, “‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.”’ ”*
- Daniel 7:9-14-- *“I watched till thrones were put in place, and the Ancient of Days was seated; His garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head was like pure wool. His throne was a fiery flame, its wheels a burning fire; A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands ministered to Him; Ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame. As for the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away, yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.”*

### B. Jesus Christ will rule in a MONARCHIAL form of Government.

1. **Jesus will be ultimately in charge of all three branches of government: the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative.**
  - Isaiah 9:6-- *“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.”*

- Isaiah 33:22-- : *"For the Lord is our Judge, the Lord is our Lawgiver, the Lord is our King; He will save us."*

## 2. Jesus Christ will rule over a well-ordered system of government.

### a. David will rule over Israel as king or prince.

- Ezekiel 37:21-27-- *"Then say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: 'Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God. David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people.'"*

### 1) Is "David" a code name for Jesus Christ, the Messiah?

- a) Jesus is never referred to in Scripture as "David"
- b) "My servant David" is used throughout Scripture to refer to the historical David.
- c) David is distinguished from Jehovah or the Lord Jesus Christ
- d) Statements about "David" inconsistent with the person of Jesus Christ.
  - (1) **Offering of sin sacrifice for himself**
    - Ezekiel 45:22-- *"on that day the prince shall prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull for a sin offering."*
  - (2) **Engages in worship**
    - Ezekiel 46:2-- *"The prince shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gateway from the outside, and stand by the gatepost. The priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings. He shall worship at the threshold of the gate. Then he shall go out, but the gate shall not be shut until evening."*
  - (3) **Divides his inheritance with his sons**
    - Ezekiel 46:16-- *"Thus says the Lord GOD: 'If the prince gives a gift of some of his inheritance to any of his sons, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance.'"*

### 2) David will be raised from the dead at the beginning of the Kingdom.

- Jeremiah 30:9-- *"But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them."*

### b. David will be assisted by other Old Testament saints, who will be princes in the kingdom.

- Isaiah 32:1-- *"Behold, a king will reign in righteousness, and princes will rule with justice."*
- Ezekiel 45:8-- *"The land shall be his possession in Israel; and My princes shall no more oppress My people, but they shall give the rest of the land to the house of Israel, according to their tribes."*
- Haggai 2:21-23-- *"shake heaven and earth. I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms; I will destroy the strength of the Gentile kingdoms. I will overthrow the chariots and those who ride in them; The horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. 'In that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,' says the LORD, 'and will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you,' says the LORD of hosts.'"*

- c. **The 12 disciples will judge the 12 tribes of Israel**
    - Matthew 19:27-28-- *"See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have? So Jesus said to them, 'Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'"*
  - d. **The tribulation saints will be awarded government jobs in the kingdom.**
    - Revelation 20:4-- *"And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years."*
  - e. **You and I will also reign here on earth.**
    - Revelation 5:9-10-- *"And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."*
    - 1 Corinthians 6:2-3-- *"Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?"*
3. **Jesus Christ will establish the LAWS of the kingdom.**
- Jeremiah 31:33-- *"I will put my law in their inward parts, and write in in their hearts; and I will be their God and they shall be my people."*
4. **The Gentile Nations and Kings will be subservient to Israel and to the King of kings!**
- Deuteronomy 28:1-- *"Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth."*
  - Deuteronomy 15:6-- *"For the LORD your God will bless you just as He promised you; you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow; you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you."*

**The Gentile nations and kings will...**

- a. **Worship the same Lord**
  - Micah 4:2-- *" Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."*
- b. **Obey the same Laws**
- c. **Serve the same God**
  - Isaiah 19:21-- *"Then the LORD will be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians will know the LORD in that day, and will make sacrifice and offering; yes, they will make a vow to the LORD and perform it."*
  - Habakkuk 2:14-- *"the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea."*

**C. Jesus Christ will rule in an OPTIMAL Government. It will be a time when...**

- 1. **Righteousness and Justice will prevail**
  - Isaiah 11:3-4a-- *"His delight is in the fear of the LORD, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears; But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth."*

2. **Swift Punishment for sin**

- Psalm 2:9-- *"rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery."*
- Isaiah 29:20-21-- *"For the terrible one is brought to nothing, the scornful one is consumed, and all who watch for iniquity are cut off— who make a man an offender by a word, and lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, and turn aside the just by empty words."*

D. **Our Response to His Rule Today?**

- Psalm 2:10-12-- *"Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him."*
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