

JESUS ON THE THRONE OF DAVID

Text: Luke 1:32-33

INTRO: Has God fulfilled this & other promises re establishing the reign of Christ? Is Jesus now on David's throne, or do such promises relate to a literal chair or seat in Jerusalem He must sit in when He reigns?

In a book, Dispensational Truth, Clarence Larkin writes, "There can be no question but what 'Jesus of Nazareth' was the promised 'Son of David.' But being rejected & crucified, & risen from the dead, He now sits on the Father's throne until the time comes for Him to take the Kingdom... The 'Throne of David' is now vacant, & has been for 2500 years..."

Another writer, Dwight Pentecost, in Things To Come, says, "David's son, the Lord Jesus Christ, must return to the earth, bodily & literally, in order to reign over David's covenanted kingdom. The allegation that Christ is seated on the Father's throne reigning over a spiritual kingdom, the church, simply does not fulfill the promises of the covenant."

In this lesson, we will show that God has fulfilled the kingdom promises & that Christ is indeed seated on David's throne, ruling from the heavens.

I. THE MEANING OF THE WORD "THRONE."

- A. A chair of state.
- B. Sovereign power.
- C. A high order of angels.

NOTE: The 2nd of these definitions is the one that relates to the use of the term in Luke 1:32 & similar passages.

D. Consider Solomon's throne.

1. As to authority, it was the "throne of the Lord."
Then Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord as king instead of David his father... (1 Chr 29:33).
2. As to lineage, it was David's throne.
Then Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; & the kingdom was firmly established. (1 Kings 2:12).
3. As to personal reign, it was his own throne.
And moreover the king's servants have gone to bless our lord King David, saying, "May God

make the name of Solomon better than your name, & may He make his throne greater than your throne." (1 Kings 1:47).

4. As to subjects, it was the throne of Israel.
So the Lord has fulfilled His word which He spoke, & I have filled the position of my father David, & sit on the throne of Israel as the Lord promised. (2 Chr 6:10).

NOTE: These verses do not describe 4 different chairs or reigns or sovereignties. They are 4 different ways of describing his rule, depending on the angle from which that rule is viewed.

COMPARE Matt. 23:2, "The scribes & Pharisees sit in Moses' seat..." doesn't mean they were all piled up on some chair Moses once sat in.

- E. The throne of Jesus is the same. The term is not used to describe a literal chair, but the sovereign power Jesus would exercise.
 1. Rev 3:21, To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame & sat down with My Father on His throne.
 2. Throne of David. READ 2 SAMUEL 7:12-17.
 - a. Partially fulfilled in Solomon.
 - b. Greater fulfillment in Christ. Acts 2:29-36
Hebrews 1:5-8
 3. Christ's church is the temple of God in the N.T. age.
1 Cor. 3:16-17; 6:19-20
- C. The notion that Christ's royal reign would take place on earth, centered in an earthly headquarters at Jerusalem is not founded in a proper understanding of Scripture.

1. Christ, like Melchizedek, is a king & priest at the same time. ZECH 6:12-13; HEB 6:20-7:1
2. The Scriptures teach that Christ could not be a priest on earth, Heb. 8:4.
3. The Scriptures also show that Christ could not prosper as a king reigning from Jerusalem in the land of Judah. READ JEREMIAH 22:28-30.

NOTE: Coniah is known in Scripture by 2 other names: Jeconiah, Jehoiachin. In MT 1:12, we learn that Jesus' kingship is derived from David thru Jeconiah, this Jesus could never prosper in an earthly reign from Jerusalem. Jesus presently sits on the throne of David, but not in the land of Judah.

III. WE NEED TO RECOGNIZE THE SPIRITUAL NATURE OF CHRIST'S KINGDOM, & ENTER IT BY THE SPIRITUAL BIRTH OF WHICH JESUS INFORMED NICODEMAS.

John 3:5; Titus 3:5; Rom. 6:3-5; Col. 1:13; Rev 1:9

NOTE: We must come into the kingdom in its present state if we want to be in it eternally in the heavenly realm, 1 Cor 15:54

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