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We have been studying now for a number of weeks on the theme of Jesus being the Messiah. Jesus is the anointed one that was promised to come in the Old Testament, and the New Testament confirms that this anointed one did come, and He is coming again. That person is Jesus of Nazareth.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST IS THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PREDICTED KING OF ISRAEL, QUALIFYING HIM TO BE THE FULFILLMENT OF THE PREDICTED MESSIAH.

Question #1 - What is a king?

A king is a national governmental leader. He is the governing leader of a nation of people. He exercises reign, rule, and authority over the people. His responsibilities include leadership and oversight concerning legislature (law making), civil judgment, the economic well-being of the nation, and all the military activities of the nation. A king has a highly exalted position and on his shoulders rests a heavy weight of responsibility.

Here in the U.S., we don't have a king. We have a president who does what a king would do. The role of a king and a president are very similar, but how one becomes a king is far different than how one becomes a president. As I understand it, any U.S. citizen above the age of 35 has the potential of being elected to the office of president. But for a nation that is ruled by a king, a person has to be born into the royal family in order to become a king.

Question #2 - What role does God play in the life and office of a king?

God is the one who establishes kings. **Daniel 2:21**

God is the one who allows men to become kings. What we learn is that God is in charge of political and governmental leadership. God puts those people into office, and it is God who takes those people out of office. The Bible is clear on many occasions (Isaiah 42:2-4; Daniel 4:31) that it is God who appoints men to political power

God is the one who controls the decisions of kings. **Proverbs 21:1**

What we find, according to the Bible, is that political and governmental leaders of nations are under the sovereign control of God. **God uses human leadership to work things out in this world to fit God's sovereign plan and will.** So, the Biblical significance of a king is huge. According to the Bible, a king is like a puppet in the hand of God.

When we look at a king, whether it be for a nation like Israel, or any other nation, what we are looking at is someone who is God's instrument to carry out His plan in this world.

Question #3 - What does the Old Testament say about the King to come for the nation of Israel?

God has declared in the Old Testament that the nation of Israel will have a King with incredibly unique features as compared with any other king of all time. This theme of a King coming for Israel is a prominent topic of Old Testament prophecy. I'd like to point out 10 unique and prophetic features of that King of Israel.

- #1 - He would be a descendant of David that would reign forever. **2 Samuel 7: 8-16**
- #2 - He would have complete reign and rule over the entire earth. **Psalms 2**
- #3 - He would judge with perfection. **Psalms 72**
- #4 - He will destroy the enemies of God. **Psalms 110:1-5**
- #5 - He would have all government upon His shoulders. **Isaiah 9:6-7**
- #6 - He would have dominion over every nation. **Daniel 7:13-14**
- #7 - He will be worshiped. **Zechariah 14:16**
- #8 - He would come as a humble man. **Zechariah 9:9**
- #9 - He would be rejected and struck down. **Zechariah 13:7**
- #10 - He would return in power. **Zechariah 14:3-9**

There are so many details described of this King of Israel, and what is stated about Him makes Him the most significant and important King of all time.

Question #4 - Did Jesus fulfill the prophecies of that King of Israel described in the O.T.?

Our answer to that question is Yes, and we have plenty of evidence to back that up.

- #1 - Jesus was announced to have the throne of His ancestor David. **Luke 1:32-33**
- #2 - Jesus will reign as King over the entire earth. **Revelation 19:11-16; 20:4**
- #3 - Jesus will judge the world in righteousness. **Acts 17:31**
- #4 - Jesus will come and destroy enemies of God. **Revelation 19:19-21**
- #5 - Jesus will control all the government. **Revelation 19:15**
- #6 - Jesus will one day strike down the nations and rule them. **Revelation 19:15**
- #7 - Jesus was worshiped and will be worshiped. **Philippians 2:10. Luke 24:52**
- #8 - Jesus came to present Himself as King with humility. **Matthew 21:5**
- #9 - Jesus was rejected and struck down. **Matthew 26:31**
- #10 - Jesus will come again and conquer, fulfilling all the prophetic details of his Kingdom reign. **Revelation 22:12**

Those ten texts we just looked at do confirm that the evidence is abundant - Jesus did fulfill the prophecies of the the Old Testament regarding the King to come for Israel. His life and ministry on earth in the past fulfilled what was necessary for Him as King during His first coming, but the

New Testament also reveals that He will finally and fully fulfill every other prophecy spoken of the King of Israel in the future when He comes again.

What we find in the Bible is that Jesus came to earth the first time to present Himself properly as the King of Israel, the King of the Jews. He came and offered the kingdom to Israel at His first coming, but the nation rejected Him. They denied Him to be their King. They killed Him. This all fit perfectly with the prophetic description of King that the Old Testament discussed. The Old Testament also discussed that one day this King that was once rejected and struck down would return again. At His second coming, He will return in power, the nation of Israel will accept Him, He will set up the kingdom for Israel, and He will reign here upon the earth.

Charles Ryrie said, "because the King was rejected, the messianic, Davidic kingdom was (from a human viewpoint) postponed. Though He never ceases to be King and, of course, is King today as always, Christ is never designated as King of the Church (Acts 17:7 and 1 Timothy 1:17 are no exceptions, and Revelation 15:3, 'King of saints,' KJV, is 'King of the nations' in the critical and majority texts). Though Christ is a King today, He does not rule as King. This awaits His second coming. Then, the Davidic Kingdom will be realized (Matt. 25:31; Rev. 19:15; 20). Then, the Priest will sit on His throne, bringing to this earth the long always Golden Age (Ps. 110)."

David Thompson said, "the office of a prophet gives Christ (Messiah) the right to speak to men from God. The office of a priest gives Christ the right to speak to God for men. The office of a king gives Christ the right to reign over all men." I think that is a good summary of these three offices of the anointed Messiah of Israel.

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