

The Coming King

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Politically our nation was founded as a republic. At its inception our forefathers rejected the oppressive taxation and draconian measures leveled against them under the monarchical rule of King George III. In forming a new government, our forefathers rejected both Monarchical and Democratic Rule and instead chose to be governed by the checks and balance of Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches governed by a constitution.

They concluded that a nation ruled by the masses always ends in excessive factionalism and brings with it the rise of corruption, incompetence, and demagoguery. John Adams wrote, “Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There never was a democracy yet that did not commit suicide.”

I find this interesting today, when I consider a recent poll made in America which indicates that 37% of Americans have lost faith in democracy and shockingly one in six are ready for a military dictatorship. (The Octavian Report by Richard Hurowitz).

Nothing is new. Immediately following America’s victory over the British at Yorktown our newly formed country suddenly was brought to the brink of anarchy.

Under the Articles of Confederation and the extremely weak Continental Congress our nation’s leaders had become so dysfunctional that they alone could’ve lost the war themselves. The chaos of governing was becoming too much for them. The most serious of their crisis culminated when the unpaid revolutionary war veterans sought to march against them. The mob rule horrified the leaders.

So they sought to strengthen the executive powers of the nation by bringing in a monarchy. A sovereign who could cut through the red tape and take charge.

In 1786, the president of the Continental Congress, Nathan Gorham, wrote on behalf of our government to prince Henry, the younger brother of the Prussian king, Frederick the Great inviting him to cross the Atlantic and become the king of the newly formed America.

He was to head a constitutional monarchy modeled on the very same British system that the colonies had fought a desperate battle to overthrow.

Fortunately for us the prince declined.

It is strangely reminiscent when we examine the troubling times in our day with the polarization in fractions facing our country. With an increasingly dysfunctional Legislative branch our leaders have tolerated the growing rule by executive order. It began under the 44th President and has increasingly been used by the 45th and 46th president.

Man's tendency to seek the charms of authoritarian rule to solve the immediate problems often forget that the frailties of fallen man will lead to much worse conditions.

The good news is that one day there will be a king that will rule. But unlike mortal kings He will be a righteous and a just king.

Isaiah 9:6 tells us

“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.”

Some details of the coming king are found in - 2 Samuel 7:12-16

There David desired to build a temple for the Lord to replace the Mosaic tabernacle. But God revealed that He had something far greater in mind for David – A descendant will be seated on His throne forever.

This is revealed in a special covenant God made with David.

First a descendant of David would succeed him and establish his kingdom. — 2 Sam. 7:12

“And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom forever.”

In 2 Samuel 7:16 God promises that David's house, throne, and kingdom would be established forever (2 Sam. 7:16-17).

“And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever. ¹⁷ According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.”

However, the covenant did not guarantee an uninterrupted rule by David’s family though it did promise that the right to rule would always remain with David’s dynasty. The Babylonian Captivity did, of course, interrupt the Davidic rule.

The Old Testament Confirmation of the Davidic Covenant

All Old Testament passages which describe the Messiah as King and His coming kingdom confirm the promises of the Davidic Covenant. All the royal Psalms give more information about the Davidic Kingdom.

Psalm 2:6-11

“Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. ⁷ I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. ⁸ Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. ⁹ Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel. ¹⁰ Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him.

Psalm 89:3-4, 19-37 provides strong confirmation that this covenant is unchangeable.

“I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, ⁴ Thy seed will I establish forever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.”

Psalm 89:19-37

“Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people. ²⁰ I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: ²¹ With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him.

²⁹ His seed also will I make to endure forever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

³⁴ My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. ³⁵ Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. ³⁶ His seed shall endure forever, and his throne as the sun before me. ³⁷ It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

Isaiah 11:1-10

“And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: ² And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; ³ And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears: ⁴ But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked. ⁵ And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins. ⁶ The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice’ den. ⁹ They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

The Implications of these promises

This covenant establishes the legality and reality of Jesus’ future rule over Israel from David’s throne. While this title gives the Lord Jesus the right to rule over Israel.

It does not authorize Him to rule over the earth. His right to rule over the earth is implied in that He created all things for Himself.

By Implication

Colossians 1:16-17

“For by Him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by Him, and for Him: ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist.”

Colossians 1:20

“And, having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.”

1 Corinthians 15:24-28

Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith, all things are put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. ²⁸ And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

By Inheritance

Jesus' right to rule was given Him as an inheritance.

John 3:35

“The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand.”

John 13:3

“Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God”

By Divine Appointment

Psalms 2:6-9

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thee. ⁸ Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. ⁹ Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

Revelation 19:11-16

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. ¹² His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. ¹³ And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. ¹⁴ And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. ¹⁶ And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 20:4, 6

Rev. 20:4 - "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."

Rev. 20:6 - "Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

Revelation 22:12-17, 20

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. ¹³ I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. ¹⁴ Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. ¹⁵ For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie. ¹⁶ 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.”

Rev. 22:20 – “He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.”