

## ***Session 3 Jesus Received as King by All Nations (Rev. 5:12)***

### **I. THE FATHER SET JESUS AS KING OVER ALL THE NATIONS**

A. The Father has determined that Jesus be king over all nations. His primary message in Psalm 2 is *"I have set My king on My holy hill"* (v. 6). He sets Jesus on His throne in two phases.

Phase 1: Jesus was enthroned *in heaven* at the Father's right hand *at the resurrection* (Eph. 1:20).

Phase 2: Jesus will be enthroned *on earth* in Jerusalem *at His second coming* (Jer. 3:17).

***<sup>6</sup>I [the Father] have set My King on My holy hill of Zion [Jerusalem]...<sup>8</sup>Ask of Me, and I will give You [Jesus] the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession.*** (Ps. 2:8)

***<sup>17</sup>At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the LORD...*** (Jer. 3:17)

B. Jesus, as a Man, will be recognized by all on earth, as the king over all the earth.

***<sup>9</sup>And the LORD [Jesus] shall be King over all the earth.*** (Zech. 14:9)

***<sup>16</sup>On His robe...a name written: KING OF KINGS...*** (Rev. 19:16)

C. Jesus' kingship is manifest on earth *in part* in this age and *in fullness* in the millennial kingdom. The Millennium is a 1,000-year period in which Jesus will rule this world in righteousness (Rev. 20). *Millennium* is from the Latin word *mille*, meaning a thousand. At that time the kingdom of God will be openly manifested worldwide, affecting every sphere of life (political, social, agricultural, economic, educational, media, arts, etc. (Isa. 2:1-4; 9:6-9; 11:1-16; 51:1-8; 60-62; 65:17-25; Mt. 17:11; 19:28; Acts 1:6; 3:21). IHOPKC holds to the *historic premillennial* view of the end times with a post-tribulation rapture and emphasis on a victorious Church (Eph. 5:27; Rev. 19:7; 22:17).

***<sup>4</sup>And they [the saints] lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years...<sup>6</sup>but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.*** (Rev. 20:4-6)

***<sup>21</sup>Truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.*** (Num. 14:21)

D. The Father promised to make Jesus preeminent in all things.

***<sup>18</sup>He is the head of the Body...that in all things He may have the preeminence.*** (Col. 1:18)

E. God gave the dominion (authority) of the earth to Adam as a representative of the human race. Genesis 1:28 is an "eternal stewardship" given to the human race that God has not reversed.

***<sup>28</sup>God said, "...Have dominion over...every living thing that moves on the earth."*** (Gen. 1:28)

***<sup>6</sup>You have made him [man] to have dominion...You have put all things under his feet.*** (Ps. 8:6)

***<sup>16</sup>The heaven...are the LORD's; the earth He has given to the children of men.*** (Ps. 115:16)

F. In sinning, Adam forfeited his place of authority over the earth to Satan (Lk. 4:6; 2 Cor. 4:4).

***<sup>5</sup>The devil...showed Him all the kingdoms of the world...<sup>6</sup>and said..."All this authority I will give You...for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish."*** (Lk. 4:5-6)

## II. THE GRAND DRAMA IN HEAVEN: JESUS TAKES THE SCROLL (REV. 5:7)

- A. Revelation 5 describes Jesus' destiny to rule the earth as a man. John saw the Father giving the title deed of the earth to Jesus (5:1-8). Jesus manifests His power openly over the earth and throughout society *in part* in this age and *in fullness* in the Millennium.

*<sup>1</sup>I saw in the right hand of Him [the Father] who sat on the throne a scroll...sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup>Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming...“Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?”...<sup>5</sup>...one of the elders said to me, “...the Lion of the tribe of Judah...has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.” <sup>6</sup>...in the midst of the throne...stood a Lamb as though... slain. <sup>7</sup>...He...took the scroll out of the right hand of Him...on the throne. (Rev. 5:1-7)*

1. **The scroll** (v. 1) speaks of the title deed of the earth and God's plan to cleanse the earth of evil (Rev. 6-19) and replace all its national governments (Rev. 20:4-6). By taking the scroll (v. 7), Jesus accepts responsibility to cleanse and rule the earth forever.
  2. **Loosing seven seals** (v. 5) means that Jesus will release the judgments described in the book of Revelation (Rev. 6-19) to cleanse the earth of unrighteousness.
  3. **Who is worthy?** An angel asks which man deserves and is able to own, cleanse, and lead the earth. Jesus prevailed over Satan by His obedience, death, and resurrection.
  4. **Lion and Lamb:** John saw a Jewish man from the tribe of Judah (v. 5) who had the boldness of a roaring Lion along with the meekness of a slain Lamb (v. 6).
- B. The living creatures (angelic) and the elders (human) represent the government of heaven. They express their agreement with the Father's decree to give the leadership of the earth to Jesus.
- <sup>8</sup>When He [Jesus] had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb...<sup>9</sup>They sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals [release God's judgments]; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God [You proved Your leadership and love] by Your blood out of every tribe...and nation, <sup>10</sup>and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.” (Rev. 5:8-10)*
- C. **You were slain:** Jesus proved His worthiness to rule over all because when He possessed all the privileges of God in His preexistent glory, He laid them down by becoming human (forever) and dying to pay for our sin (Phil. 2:6-11). He took upon Himself the wrath of God to cleanse His people and the earth from sin. He includes the saints in His earthly reign because of His love and humility.
- D. **You are worthy:** We declare Jesus' incredible worth for three reasons:
1. **Jesus deserves it:** He deserves our continual praise as the supreme leader over the earth.
  2. **Jesus is capable:** He is the only man with the supernatural ability to drive evil off the earth, restore all things to God's original plan, replace all governments, and fill the earth with glory.
  3. **Jesus is worth it:** We have no regrets for giving Him our full trust and sacrificial obedience.

- E. The Father gave Jesus an unprecedented measure of favor in seven spheres of leadership over the earth. Jesus “receives” this from God and in the response of people now and on the millennial earth. ***“I heard the voice of many angels...<sup>12</sup>saying...“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!” (Rev. 5:11-12)***
- F. In the Millennium, Jesus will receive the fruit of all ***power*** (political/spiritual), ***riches*** (money and natural resources), ***wisdom*** (insight and intellectual property), ***strength*** (physical strength, including the labor force and human resources), ***glory*** (praise and love), ***honor*** (all will esteem Him by their obedience), and ***blessing*** (agreement with His policies with unified cooperation).
1. ***Power*** (political/spiritual): Jesus will receive political authority over all nations as well as its fruit. He will replace all evil leadership with new leaders and laws in every sphere of society (politics, economy, education, agriculture, media, environment, social institutions, etc.). Jesus has all spiritual power and will release its fullness in the midst of this work.
  2. ***Riches*** (financial): All the money and natural resources on earth will be under His leadership.
  3. ***Wisdom*** (intellectual): Jesus has all wisdom to bring every sphere of life to the fullness of the Father’s original intention. He will have leadership over all intellectual property forever.
  4. ***Strength*** (physical resources): All the strength, including the labor force, human resources, and influence of all nations, will be submitted to Him and serve His plans to establish love on earth. The nations will gladly offer the fruit of their strength to Him. They will love Jesus with all their strength and resources, including time, money, energy, and influence (Mk. 12:30).
  5. ***Glory*** (relational): All people on earth will “glory” in Jesus by giving their love, adulation, and praise to Him with great delight. He will be the magnificent obsession of all the nations, preeminent in their minds, affections, and conversations. The fame of His name will cover the earth. The saints will boast, or glory, in Jesus’ leadership as Paul “gloried” in Christ (Phil. 3:3, NIV), children “glory” in their father (Prov. 17:6), and God’s people “glory” in His name (Ps. 105:3; 43:4).
  6. ***Honor*** (obedience): All will honor Jesus with their obedience in practical ways. To honor in this sense is to obey and serve His agenda. Paul speaks of honoring parents with respectful obedience (Eph. 6:1-2). Jesus will be the most obeyed and listened-to person on the earth.
  7. ***Blessing*** (social): All will bless (agree with) Jesus’ policies and plans and cooperate fully with His leadership in every sphere of society. Such enthusiastic cooperation will result in the most unified, joyful, and effective workforce in history.
- G. We can respond to Jesus’ exaltation now in three ways:
1. ***By seeing His beauty***: We see His beauty as we understand more of His majesty and destiny.
  2. ***By committing to His leadership***: We yield to Him all that we possess in our personal lives—power, riches, wisdom, strength (resources), glory (love), honor, and blessing (cooperation).
  3. ***We work to establish His kingdom***: We partner with others in our prayer, labors, and giving.

### III. PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF JESUS' EXALTATION IN OUR PERSONAL LIFE

- A. **Power** (political/spiritual): Jesus will have authority over all the leadership in all society.
  - 1. **Seeing His beauty**: Seeing the vastness of His power makes us worship and trust Him.
  - 2. **Committing to His leadership**: We submit whatever authority we may have in society to Him.
  - 3. **Working for His kingdom**: We work for His will in government and society in our city/nation.
  - 4. **Intercessory decrees**: We pray for righteousness to replace unrighteousness in our city/nation.
  
- B. **Riches** (financial): All the money and natural resources on earth will be under Jesus' leadership.
  - 1. **Seeing His beauty**: Seeing the vastness of His wealth makes us worship and trust Him.
  - 2. **Committing to His leadership**: We submit all our finances to Him to build His kingdom.
  - 3. **Working for His kingdom**: We work for kingdom prosperity to fund His kingdom.
  - 4. **Intercessory decrees**: We pray for God's favor on finances (our personal life/others).
  
- C. **Wisdom** (intellectual): Jesus has the wisdom to bring every sphere to the fullness of God's plan.
  - 1. **Seeing His beauty**: Seeing the vastness of His wisdom makes us worship and trust Him.
  - 2. **Committing to His leadership**: We seek His wisdom and submit good fruit to Him.
  - 3. **Working for His kingdom**: We seek for and implement His wisdom in our lives.
  - 4. **Intercessory decrees**: We pray to be filled with His wisdom (our personal life/others).
  
- D. **Strength** (physical resources): All the labor force and human resources will serve Him.
  - 1. **Seeing His beauty**: Seeing the vast strength under His authority makes us look to Him more.
  - 2. **Committing to His leadership**: We submit whatever strength or resources we have to Him.
  - 3. **Working for His kingdom**: We work to increase the kingdom resources that He entrusted to us.
  - 4. **Intercessory decrees**: We pray for God's favor on our strength (our personal life/others).
  
- E. **Glory** (relational): All nations will glory in Jesus by giving their love, and praise to Him.
  - 1. **Seeing His beauty**: Seeing love for Him increasing in the nations moves our heart.
  - 2. **Committing to His leadership**: We commit to making the first commandment first in our lives.
  - 3. **Working for His kingdom**: We work to see others walking in the first commandment.
  - 4. **Intercessory decrees**: We pray for the harvest and that love for Jesus would abound.
  
- F. **Honor** (obedience): All people will honor Jesus by their obedience in the Millennium.
  - 1. **Seeing His beauty**: Seeing loyal obedience to Jesus increase moves us to marvel at Him.
  - 2. **Committing to His leadership**: We submit every area of our life to Him in full obedience.
  - 3. **Working for His kingdom**: We work to make disciples who will walk in full obedience to Him.
  - 4. **Intercessory decrees**: We pray for the harvest, and that obedience to Jesus would increase.
  
- G. **Blessing** (social): All will agree with Jesus' plans and fully cooperate with His leadership.
  - 1. **Seeing His beauty**: Seeing the unified work of others causes us to rejoice in His leadership.
  - 2. **Committing to His leadership**: We bless and do not resist His work in the lives of others.
  - 3. **Working for His kingdom**: We work with a servant spirit and honor others who are involved.
  - 4. **Intercessory decrees**: We pray for unity to abound in the kingdom and for understanding of God's heart for others that we may bless them without a competitive spirit (Rom. 12:10, 14).