

Worshipping the King!

King Richard, the Lionhearted, was revered by the English people. In 1189, he led an army to Israel and fought in the Third Crusade. While Richard was crushing the Islamic armies of Saladin, his unpopular brother John claimed the throne. Five years passed before Richard returned. Church bells rang across England as the people proclaimed, "The Lion is back!" In the same way, God's people today await the return of King Jesus!

Three Ways the Glory of King Jesus Will Be Revealed:

1. Worship Our _____(Reigning) King!

- a. *"John, to the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth."* Revelation 1:4-5a.
- b. The Lord reigns over time, seeing and knowing all events past, present, and future with equal vividness. *"Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say, "My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please."* Isaiah 46:9-10.
- c. Satan often capitalizes on our curiosity about the future. *"Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light."* II Corinthians 11:14. Jesus rebuked the crowds for not understanding the prophecies about himself (Luke 12:54-56). We need to search and study the Scriptures (I Peter 1:10-12) so that we can discern the signs of our Lord's second coming (Luke 21:29-31).

2. Worship Our _____(Loving) King!

- a. *"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen."* Revelation 1:5b-6.
- b. Jesus poured out his love for his disciples as he met with them at the Last Supper. *"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for his friends."* John 15:13. Jesus proves his love for us by dying to free us from our sins. No sin is beyond forgiveness, as we see with David & Bathsheba (I Samuel 11-12).
- c. Just as David did (Psalm 51), if you have unconfessed sin in your life, God wants you to confess it, take responsibility for it, endure whatever consequences there may be for it, and repent of it by renouncing and forsaking it. Don't allow your sin to define your life! David dealt head-on with his sin, leading him to be known as *"a man after God's own heart"* (Acts 13:22-23).

3. Worship Our _____(Coming) King!

- a. *“Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all peoples on earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, ‘who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.’” Revelation 1:7-8.*
- b. Isaac Newton, widely acknowledged as the greatest scientist who ever lived, wrote more about the Bible than he did about science. He underscored the need to study prophecy by quoting the words of Jesus in Luke 24:25-27, *“How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken!”*

Prophecy experts through the ages have affirmed that the Jews must return to the Promised Land and establish their nation. But how would it happen? During World War 1, Chaim Weizmann, a Jewish organic chemist, created synthetic acetone so Britain could make its own explosives. In appreciation for his invention, Britain issued *The Balfour Declaration*, endorsing the establishment of a national home for the Jews in Palestine.

“When I gather the people of Israel from the nations where they have been scattered...then they will live in their own land, which I gave to my servant Jacob...They will live in safety when I inflict punishment on all their neighbors who maligned them. Then they will know that I am the Lord their God.” Ezekiel 28:25-26. The King is coming!