

The first mention of the Messiah's ruling is found in Genesis 49 when Jacob gave his final words to each of his 12 sons before he died. Judah received the following prophesy:

Genesis 49:10

The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him *shall* the gathering of the people *be*.

The "sceptre" metaphorically refers to a king ruling. The word "Shiloh," according to the Septuagint, should be translated "to whom it is." The Revised Standard Version translates this verse, "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples."

The people of the earth will obey the Messiah when he reigns as King. This is the first of many prophecies about the coming King.

Hannah, who was barren, vowed to the Lord she would give back her son to God if He would give her a child. She conceived and bare a son named Samuel. After she weaned her son, she fulfilled her promise and brought him to the house of the Lord. Afterward she prayed, a part of which prayer is prophecy about the King. Hannah's son anointed the first king. So when she spoke this prophesy, Israel had never had a king.

I Samuel 2:10

...the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.

The Book of Psalms contains many prophecies about the Messiah.

Psalms 2:6-9

Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance,

and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

In Acts 13:33, the Apostle Paul quoted Psalm 2 and clearly stated that it is referring to Jesus. When he returns, the prophecy in Psalms 2 will be fulfilled. He will rule the earth from the hill of Zion which is in Jerusalem.

Today, people worship any way they choose; and, for many, their choice is not the one true God. When Christ returns, God and God alone will be worshipped by all the nations.

Psalms 22:27 and 28

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee. For the kingdom *is* the LORD'S: and he *is* the governor among the nations.

Jesus, the Messiah, will be the governor over all the nations. He will govern the people of the world righteously. See also Psalms 96:10, 13; 98:9.

Psalms 67:4

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

He will be the King of Kings when he returns.

Psalms 72:9-11

They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; and his enemies shall lick the dust. The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him.

Since David was God's anointed to rule over God's Kingdom of Israel, he is a type for the Messiah. Many prophecies in the Bible have a dual meaning. They refer to a present person or situation and are also a foreshadowing of a future person or situation that is

even more significant. Often this is the case with David and Jesus “the” Christ.

Psalms 89:27-29

Also I will make him *my* firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make *to endure* for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

One of the most quoted verses in the Bible is the last prophecy in the book of Psalms about the Messiah’s ruling.

Psalms 110:1 and 2

The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Verses 5 and 6

The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill *the places* with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.

On the day of Pentecost, Peter quotes this Psalm in his teaching and gives confirmation that this is speaking about Jesus.

The Book of Isaiah is teeming with prophecies about the future, some of which focus on the Messiah ruling the world. Under his rule, there will finally be a multilateral disarmament. Even greater will be that all the weapons of war will be destroyed or molded into agricultural tools. War will cease!

Isaiah 2:4

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Christ will sit upon the throne of David and establish it with judgment and justice.

Verses 9:6 and 7

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. 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.

As the King, he will set judgment in the earth including the Gentiles.

Verses 42:1-4

Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, *in whom* my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles...He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till he have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for his law.

Matthew 12:17-21 clearly identifies Jesus as the one spoken of.

God promised an everlasting covenant, even the sure mercies of David. Christ will be a leader and commander.

Verses 55:3-5

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him *for* a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. Behold, thou shalt call a nation *that* thou knowest not, and nations *that* knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

Israel as a nation rebelled against God and worshipped other gods. As a result, the kingdom was overturned and will remain so until the Messiah comes to reign.

Ezekiel 21:25-27

And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity *shall have* an end, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this *shall not be* the same: exalt *him that is* low, and abase *him that is* high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no *more*, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it *him*.

Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, dreamed a dream that was inspired by God and interpreted by Daniel. The latter part of this dream was prophecy about the coming Kingdom.

Daniel 2:44

And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Daniel himself was given a vision that explicitly stated the son of man would reign.

Verses 7:13 and 14

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion *is* an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

Along with Jesus the Messiah, the saints will possess this Kingdom.

Verses 18, 27

But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall

serve and obey him.

Jerusalem, also called Zion, will be the worldwide capital of his Kingdom.

Micah 4:2 and 3

And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Christ will be the King and Priest.

Zechariah 6:13

Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

The day the Lord is on the throne will be a glorious day in every way.

Zechariah 14:6-9

And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the light shall not be clear, *nor* dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, *that* at evening time it shall be light. And it shall be in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

The angel who spoke with Mary told her specifically that her son would be King.

Luke 1:31-33

And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his

name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Jesus spoke of the time of regeneration (new birth, recreation) when he will sit on the throne of glory.

Matthew 19:28

And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Jesus informs his apostles that they will reign with him in his kingdom.

Luke 22:29 and 30

And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

When the gift of holy spirit was given on the day of Pentecost, Peter taught the people that God raised the Jesus they crucified, and he will return as King.

Acts 2:34-36

For David is not ascended into the heavens: but he saith himself, The Lord said unto my

Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Until I make thy foes thy footstool. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

Jesus will remain in heaven until the times of restoration.

Acts 3:20 and 21

And He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

In the end, Christ will deliver up the Kingdom to God.

I Corinthians 15:24 and 25

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. For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

The Lord Jesus Christ will judge the living and the dead.

II Timothy 4:1

I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom.