

The Middle East In Prophecy
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Part Nineteen

KING JESUS? BY WHOSE AUTHORITY?

1 When King Jesus returns (the second coming which follows the Tribulation Period) to
2 rule the Earth, there will be a howl of protest heard from Singapore to Rio, from Moscow
3 to the south pole.

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5 David, in the Holy Spirit, foresaw the occasion 3,000 years ago and wrote:

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7 Psalm 2:1-3

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9 **Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? [2] The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, [3] Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.**

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11 If we think the world is anti-Christ now, we haven't seen anything yet. But the uprising
12 will not long endure as we see in Scripture:

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14 Psalm 2:4-12

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16 **He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. [5] Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. [6] 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.**

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18 This commentary describes the scene precisely: *The psalmist begins by speaking of the*
19 *peoples and the kings of the world taking a stand against God's Anointed – a sad picture*
20 *of the arrogant rebellion of humankind against God, His law, His redemption, His*
21 *Messiah and the moral teaching of His revelation. God responds by deriding the*

1 *ridiculous efforts of the world to remove Him from the scene. He will terminate human*
2 *rebellion and fully establish His kingdom upon the earth. God the Father promises to*
3 *send His beloved Son, the ultimate inheritance of the nations to defeat all who oppose His*
4 *rule. LIFE IN THE SPIRIT STUDY BIBLE / PAGES 812, 813*
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6 A critic might say, "But that was David's writing. What does the rest of Scripture
7 indicate?" Good question for the Bible proves itself over and over again. I am going
8 to show you a number of scenarios and divine promises throughout Scripture to show by
9 what authority Christ will take the throne.

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11 Some critics might scoff, "Oh, this whole scenario is just the meandering writing of some
12 apostle (John) marooned on an island somewhere." On the contrary, this teaching in the
13 Bible of Christ's ruling this earth for a thousand years can be found from Genesis through
14 Revelation, as we shall see in this study. As one writer has observed,*the assurance of*
15 *the Word teaches that Jesus not only MAY come to reign, but that Jesus MUST come to*
16 *reign.*

17 18 ABRAHAM

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20 In Genesis we read of specific promises God made to Abraham regarding the Jews' right
21 to the land of Israel. But in those commitments, God also added: Genesis 17:6-8 **I**
22 **will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from**
23 **you. [7] I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you**
24 **and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the**
25 **God of your descendants after you. [8] The whole land of Canaan, where you are**
26 **now an alien, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants**
27 **after you; and I will be their God."**

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29 "Kings shall come from you!" Strange passage indeed for there were no kings of the
30 Jews until Saul was coronated nearly a thousand years later.

- 31 • From creation to the call of Abraham, authority was centered in the head of the
32 family – human government, as we call it. But there were NO KINGS.

33 34 JUDAH

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36 In Genesis 49, the aging patriarch Jacob made a prophetic announcement on his death
37 bed that involved KINGS: Genesis 49:8-10 **Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren**
38 **shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father's children**
39 **shall bow down before thee. [9] Judah is a lion's whelp: from the prey, my son, thou**
40 **art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall**

1 rouse him up? [10] The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from
2 between his feet, until Shiloh*** come; and unto him shall the gathering of the
3 people be.

4 **** Shiloh means “He who has the right to rule....”

5 Again....the promise of a king (the word sceptre denotes kingly rulership). Yet no king
6 came. God used appointed representatives to rule the people such as Moses, Joshua, and
7 later judges (for over 400 years). And yet the divine promise was never abrogated, “The
8 sceptre shall not depart from Judah....”

10 SAMUEL

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12 By the time the period of the Israelite Judges was ending (around 1000 BC) the people
13 began clamoring to the prophet Samuel for a king. 1 Samuel 8:4-6 **Then all the elders
14 of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, [5] And
15 said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us
16 a king to judge us like all the nations. [6] But the thing displeased Samuel, when
17 they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord.**

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19 Saul was a natural choice for the throne; however, he had one major flaw in his character:
20 he didn't think he needed God. He felt he could move things along on his own. And he
21 did not obey explicit commands from God, hence he was not followed on the throne by
22 his sons. Instead, Samuel anointed David to be king. To be sure David has many flaws
23 in his character; however, he fully understood that without God he was nothing. So God
24 blessed his monarchy and he was followed on the throne by his son Solomon. The
25 reigns of those two men, David and Solomon, are often known as the “golden age” of
26 Israel in the Old Testament. God promised David that someone from his family would
27 always occupy the throne in Jerusalem.

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29 God made yet another promise to David that has to do with out theme tonight: 2 Samuel
30 7:13 **He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his
31 kingdom for ever.** While God chastised David and his family members for their
32 subsequent sins, He never removed the promise that David's family would rule. 2 Samuel
33 7:14-15 **I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will
34 chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: [15]
35 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put
36 away before thee. NOW CAREFULLY NOTE THE NEXT VERSE: 2 Samuel 7:16
37 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy
38 throne shall be established for ever.**

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40 David's response to this splendid promise shows us the character of the man (which Saul

1 apparently lacked): 2 Samuel 7:18-19 Then went king David in, and sat before the
2 Lord, and he said, Who am I, O Lord God? and what is my house, that thou hast
3 brought me hitherto? [19] And this was yet a small thing in thy sight, O Lord God;
4 but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is
5 this the manner of man, O Lord God?
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7 David understood, as Saul could not, or would not, that the authority given to his family
8 to rule was not because of their own greatness, but was rather a manifestation of God's
9 grace as He continued to fulfill the much earlier promise made through Jacob to Judah in
10 Genesis 49, putting the sceptre in the tribe of Judah and in David's family UNTIL HE
11 WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO RULE (SHILOH) COMES.
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13 Now how do we know David was the great (etc) grandfather of Jesus, the Christ? When
14 Matthew wrote his gospel, it was directed to the Jewish mind set. Therefore, there had
15 to be a genealogical connection between David and Jesus. Here it is:
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17 Matthew 1:1-17

18 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
19 [2] Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas (Judah) and
20 his brethren; [3] And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat
21 Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram; [4] And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab
22 begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon; [5] And Salmon begat Booz (Boaz) of
23 Rachab (Rahab); and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse; [6] And Jesse
24 begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the
25 wife of Urias; [7] And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia
26 begat Asa; [8] And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram
27 begat Ozias; [9] And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz
28 begat Ezekias (Hezekiah); [10] And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat
29 Amon; and Amon begat Josias (Josiah); [11] And Josias begat Jechonias and his
30 brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon: [12] And after they
31 were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel;
32 [13] And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat
33 Azor; [14] And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud;
34 [15] And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat
35 Jacob; [16] And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus,
36 who is called Christ. [17] So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen
37 generations; and from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen
38 generations; and from the carrying away into Babylon unto Christ are fourteen
39 generations.
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1 Joseph was not Jesus' biological father but he was His legal father. Since God had
2 promised that the Messiah would be a descendant of Abraham and David, Matthew traces
3 Jesus' legal lineage back to those two men to show that Jesus had the ancestral
4 qualifications to be Messiah. Galatians 3:16 **Now to Abraham and his seed were**
5 **the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy**
6 **seed, which is Christ.**

8 THE NEW TESTAMENT

10 The medical doctor Luke continued tracing the lineage of the Christ and the divine
11 promise that Jesus would rule. God began by preparing Mary: Luke 1:30-32 **And**
12 **the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. [31]**
13 **And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call**
14 **his name Jesus. [32] He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest:**
15 **and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:**

17 **So....who gives Jesus the right to rule? GOD DOES!**

18 In one of Jesus' earliest episodes of teaching, He made it very clear He understood His
19 divinely-appointed role: Luke 4:16-21 **And he came to Nazareth, where he had been**
20 **brought up: and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day,**
21 **and stood up for to read. [17] And there was delivered unto him the book of the**
22 **prophet Esaias (Isaiah). And when he had opened the book, he found the place where**
23 **it was written, [18] The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me**
24 **to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to**
25 **preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at**
26 **liberty them that are bruised, [19] To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. [20]**
27 **And he closed the book, and he gave it again to the minister, and sat down. And the**
28 **eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. [21] And he began**
29 **to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.**

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32 Dr. Dwight Pentecost shed great light on the kingship of Jesus: *Jesus' words were*
33 *spoken and performed to prove His claim. And when we come to the close of Christ's*
34 *earthly life, it is recorded, "Pilate said, Behold your King! But they cried out, Away with*
35 *him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The*
36 *chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar." (John 19:14, 15) The nation did*
37 *not reject Jesus Christ because He was an imposter, or because He was born of the*
38 *wrong family, or because He came from the wrong tribe, or because He could not prove*
39 *His claims to Messiahship, but because they were unwilling to let Him reign over them.*

1 *The superscription over His cross was their accusation against Him: "Jesus of*
2 *Nazareth, King of the Jews."*

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5 STILL TO COME

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7 When Jesus ascended back to Heaven, the Father God welcomed Him royally: Psalm
8 110:1-3

9 A Psalm of David.

10 **The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine**
11 **enemies thy footstool. [2] The Lord shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion**
12 **(Jerusalem): rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. [3] Thy people shall be willing in**
13 **the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou**
14 **hast the dew of thy youth.**

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16 "Thine enemies thy footstool" means that all the world will come under the rule of Jesus
17 Christ.

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19 When Jesus came to this earth as a Babe 2000 years ago, it was in the utmost humble
20 situation - a stable, a family under the tyrannical rule of Herod the Great and the Roman
21 Empire. When He returns, it will not be under the same situation: Rev. 19:11-16
22 **And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was**
23 **called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. [12] His**
24 **eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name**
25 **written, that no man knew, but he himself. [13] And he was clothed with a vesture**
26 **dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. [14] And the armies**
27 **which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white**
28 **and clean. [15] And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should**
29 **smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the**
30 **winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. [16] And he hath on his**
31 **vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF**
32 **LORDS.**

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34 These verses describe the end of the line for Satan and his temporary hold on earth.
35 Jesus comes back, not as a baby, but as the Warrior Messiah: 2 Thes. 1:7-8 **And to**
36 **you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from**
37 **heaven with his mighty angels, [8] In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that**
38 **know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:**

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40 He will establish His truth and justice around the world. The armies who return with
41 Him include all the saints who were raptured earlier. When Christ returns, He will smite

1 the nations and punish the wicked. It will be a horrible shock to those who have refused
2 God's salvation and mocked His Savior. The sentimentality that God tolerates sin and
3 immorality because of His love finds no place in Christ's own revelation of Himself.

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5 Note the announcement of an angels: Rev. 11:15 **And the seventh angel sounded;**
6 **and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are**
7 **become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and**
8 **ever.**

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10 It is urgent for us to note that Christ's authority will be ABSOLUTE. Note He comes
11 wearing "many crowns," symbolizing His total power. Satan, the Antichrist and the
12 False Prophet are struck down and their power reduced to nothing: Rev. 19:17-21 **And**
13 **I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the**
14 **fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the**
15 **supper of the great God; [18] That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of**
16 **captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on**
17 **them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great. [19] And I**
18 **saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to**
19 **make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. [20] And the beast**
20 **was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with**
21 **which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that**
22 **worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with**
23 **brimstone. [21] And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the**
24 **horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with**
25 **their flesh.**

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27 There are so many scriptures that teach us of this glorious time and the supremacy of our
28 Lord: Matthew 24:30 **And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven:**
29 **and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man**
30 **coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. Matthew 25:30-32**
31 **[31] When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him,**
32 **then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: [32] And before him shall be gathered**
33 **all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his**
34 **sheep from the goats:**

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36 The question each of us should be asking ourselves is this: what will be my own personal
37 position or role when Jesus assumes the throne of the world for a thousand years? Every
38 person who knows the Lord as personal Savior and Master will be taken in the Rapture -
39 either those still living or those who've gone on before: Rev. 20:6 **Blessed and holy is**
40 **he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power,**

1 **but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand**
2 **years.**

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4 We, the Church, are the Bride of Christ When He comes to reign, He is not leaving His
5 bride behind. We will be glorified and will enter into eternal life. John 14:3 **And if I**
6 **go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that**
7 **where I am, there ye may be also.**

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9 I have a fairly vivid imagination; however, I cannot comprehend what it will be like on
10 this earth with Christ in total power. We will enjoy it with our glorified bodies - not
11 these tired old ones with continued pains and limitations. Then after the thousand years
12 we will enter into eternity, world without end, life without diminishing. My friend,
13 Heaven will be worth it all!

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17 I cannot be here next Wednesday due to my part in the Executive Presbytery meeting in
18 Springfield, Mo. However, we will conclude this 20-part series two weeks from tonight,
19 June 17th with the study called 'FINALE!'