

Born a Warrior

Psalm 110.5-7

OT text quoted MOST in NT – 1000 yrs before Christmas - LENSE to SEE Jesus

As NT Christians we see TEXT as PROPHETIC > Looking Forward

FULFILLMENT in Jesus Christ > The BABE of BETHLEHEM

3000 yrs ago – See BIBLICAL Evidence for THREE-POINT Sermon!

Unrivaled KING (vs. 1-2) Unique PRIEST (v. 4) / Unstoppable WARRIOR (v. 5-7)

KING – Ruler, Prince of Peace, Government on Shoulders, King of Kings

Jesus of GOSPELS – Preached KINGDOM of God > with Himself as KING

More HOPE in World at end of 2011? No Osama Bin Laden, Gadhafi, Kim Jong-Il

Fixing the EURO – PUTIN Coming Back – NBA Basketball STARTS TODAY!

World without CLEAR DIRECTION – Even DEAR LEADERS will DIE

And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. Revelation 5.2-4

NOT asking Who's WILLING > Long Line of Political LEADERS to Volunteer

Thru All Centuries, from All Continents: Alexander the Great to Hillary the Clinton

GLOBAL ANNOUNCEMENT > Eager Search for ANYONE WORTHY

But No Angel in Heaven > No Saint on Earth > No Prophet in the World Beyond

Not lack of Physical Strength but Moral Incompetence > Consequence of Sin

"There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one." Romans 3.10-12

Everyone has DIRTY LITTLE SECRETS > Skeletons Hidden in their Closets

vs. 1,2 The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies.

To World ADRIFT – Often AFLAME – TORN by Violence, Hatred, and Fear
 GOOD News from GOD – Jesus Christ BORN a King – KINGDOM is Coming
 HOLY – RIGHTEOUS – Set Apart from Sinners – WORTHY to Open Scroll

2nd Marvelous TRUTH about JESUS in Psalm 110 > BORN a PRIEST

PRIEST > Lead Us to GOD > Jesus is WORTHY for this Important Task TOO
 Timeless Priesthood > MELCHIZEDEK - ETERNAL / No Beginning or End
 PRIEST > FINISHED His Work > SACRIFICE is PAID in FULL

SACRIFICE of Atonement – PRECIOUS BLOOD > Given upon the CROSS
 FULLY PROPITIATED the Wrath of God against GUILTY SINNERS
 FULLY EXPIATED the SIN the PREVENTS us from COMING to God

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Hebrews 10.19-22

Wonderful News – for Christmas and ALL YEAR Long – Jesus is King & Priest

Even if you ONLY Come to Church on Christmas – Probably KNOW This

One More TRUTH about Jesus / LESS Familiar > BORN a WARRIOR

Jesus is KING > Reminds us of NT Gospels > Jesus the King preaches Kingdom

Jesus is PRIEST > Points us to NT Letters > Salvation, Justification, Atonement

Jesus is WARRIOR > Points us to book of Revelation > Victor on White Horse

Psalm 110 – Ends with STRUGGLE – ONE who is King and Priest – Challenged

WORLD Not Yet HONOR Him – Some in OPEN REBELLION Against Him

MEEKNESS AND MAJESTY / MANHOOD AND MYSTERY

He was CONCEIVED by an UNWED TEENAGER

He was BORN into a POOR FAMILY

As an INFANT he became an AFRICAN REFUGEE

Lived UNDER OPPRESSIVE DICTATOR/ NO POLITICAL RIGHTS

Was a MANUAL LABORER who survived by HARD WORK

Was a TEACHER - RIDICULED by the ELITE ESTABLISHMENT

Was MISUNDERSTOOD by FAMILY / Betrayed by CLOSE FRIENDS

DIED as an OUTCAST without a FUNERAL

vs. 5-7 The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath. He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth. He will drink from a brook beside the way; therefore he will lift up his head.

Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea...The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea."
Exodus 15.1-4

Christmas Portrait of Jesus > GENTLENESS, MEEK & MILD, HUMILITY
 TRUE and RIGHT > But the BOY is Gonna GROW UP so Watch OUT
 God is LONGSUFFERING – PATIENT with Sinners – Up to a POINT
 v. 5 > The DAY of His Wrath > ENEMIES will be CRUSHED 2 X's / DEAD

1. Day of GRACE and MERCY > NOW

NOT saying Christian should be TERRORISTS or even GUN-OWNERS

Jesus CAME as HUMBLE Servant > WE are Called to FOLLOW Him

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3.17

2. Power of Jesus is SEEN Most Clearly in SUFFERING & HUMILITY

God INCARNATE > SOVEREIGN King > ETERNAL Priest

Chose to WILLINGLY give His LIFE > He was MEEK and LOWLY

MEEKNESS of Jesus was NOT WEAKNESS > Revealed His Controlled Strength

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body...All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 4.8-15

3. Warrior wins the Battle Alone

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp

sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS....Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his army. But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf...The rest of them were killed with the sword that came out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.

Revelation 19.11-21

Battle Ends History > Over in BLINK of EYE > Been there, Done that...

As QUICKLY as IRON CURTAIN Collapsed /or World Trade Center FELL

LAST BATTLE is OVER > LAMB is VICTORIOUS > SAINTS Safely HOME

Croatian Theologian > His People’s Suffering at hands of Serbians > JUSTICE

WEST > Quiet SUBURBAN HOMES > Says God could NEVER PUNISH!

“To people living in a war zone, whose villages have been plundered and burned, whose daughters and sisters have been raped, and whose fathers and brothers murdered. In this scorched land, soaked in the blood of the innocent, any refusal to accept God’s righteous punishing justice will invariably die.” Miroslav Volf

John sees Jesus in Glory >

Knows His Revelation – Freed by His Redemption – Hopes in His Return

Sometimes – like Churches John wrote – view of Jesus is OBSCURED

January 1986 – lived in small town – Northwest Corner of Uganda

2nd Son – Josiah was BORN > Uganda in TERRIBLE CIVIL WAR

Heard Radio Uganda – broadcast from Kampala – capital 300 miles south

INAGURATION of PRESIDENT YOWERI MUSEVINI > Fair, Just, Christian

Our town was controlled by a Rebel Army – Crazy thugs with Guns

We FEARED our CONTROLLING Army – BUT KNEW DAYS NUMBERED
 Good Friday, April of 1986 – Musevini's troops liberated our Town

Revelation > JESUS Victorious – COMING SOON – All is ACCOMPLISHED

Apostle John saw GLORIOUS WOMAN – Attacked by MASSIVE DRAGON:

She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. Revelation 12.5

HE RULES from Heaven NOW as the GOD MAN – King & Priest & Warrior

Psalms 110

1. The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."
2. The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion; you will rule in the midst of your enemies.
3. Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy majesty, from the womb of the dawn you will receive the dew of your youth.
4. The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind: "You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."
5. The Lord is at your right hand; he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.
6. He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.
7. He will drink from a brook beside the way ; therefore he will lift up his head.