

Born a King

Psalm 110

Writing SERMONS > Horizon Dominated – White / Red Striped Smokestacks

All WINTER – Belching SMOKE > Air LOOKING Worse every DAY

Climate Conf. DURBAN Over! – COPENHAGEN - KYOTO! Still CHOKING!

Economic REPAIR – Greece, Italy, Spain / SUPER-COMMITTEE of Congress!

1000's DIE Daily STARVATION – AIDS – CANCER – Drug OVERDOSES!

Merry Christmas!! Joy to the World!!

Hope! OSAMA & GHADAFI DEAD, Arab SPRING, NBA is gonna PLAY!

Never in WILDEST DREAMS Imagine 1 MAN Make WHOLE World RIGHT

1st C JEWS People of PROMISE, Varying DEGREES of FAITH in PROMISES

SOME Given Up HOPE in God, 400 yrs since LAST Prophet > MALACHI

FEW –Faithful Remnant– DOGGEDLY Held to Promises of Sacred Scripture

SOME: PROPHET Greater MOSES / SERVANT of Isaiah / KING like David

Some Looked for DAY of the LORD that MESSIAH would bring

DIFFERENT Promises Hebrew Script: Anticipated DIFFERENT People/Times

NEVER in WILDEST DREAMS even Most Faithful Jew > All in Just 1 MAN

ADVENT Announcement: WILDEST Dreams TRUE: His Name is JESUS

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has always been "Yes." For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

2 Corinthians 1.19,20

Next 3 Sundays > Most Quoted OT Passage in NT / Psalm 110 1

1 Scholar finds 33? – Quotes or Allusions Ps 110 in NT / another 22? / **many 14**

Royal Psalm: Celebrate David's Conquest of Jerusalem > Ascension to Throne
 King Conquers, Establishes Peaceful Kingdom – HONORED by SUBJECTS
 Growing Body of LITERATURE Written to HONOR their DEAR LEADER
 Book of RUTH: Story of Women of Faith >> HONOR BIRTH of Great DAVID
 The women living there said, "Naomi has a son." And they named him Obed. He
 was the father of Jesse, *the father of David*. Ruth 4.17

KNOW Written in DAVID'S Reign – DISHONOR Solomon to OMIT him

1. The King Honored by a king

Few Elements of Psalm 110 – Typical HONORIFIC to GREAT KING DAVID
 Something VERY DIFFERENT than Typical Literature of Ancient Near East
 David who has SLAIN his 10,000's gives GLORY to the TRUE GIANT-Killer
 a. Position Established v. 1 The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right
 hand...

Lit HEB. "The oracle of Yahweh to my lord"

Jesus tells us w/ DOUBLE-Emphasis these are WORDS of DAVID HIMSELF:
 David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared: "The Lord said to my
 Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet." 'David
 himself calls him `Lord.'
 Mark 12.36-37

GREAT KING is HONORING SUPERIOR POSITION of a GREATER KING
 Several 100 Years EARLIER: JOSHUA leading God's People/God's Land
 JOSHUA ruled Several MILLION Hebrews w/ UNRIVALED
 Authority...almost

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in
 front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked,
 "Are you for us or for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as commander of
 the army of the LORD I have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown to the
 ground in reverence, and asked him, "What message does my Lord have for his

servant?" The commander of the LORD's army replied, "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy." And Joshua did so. Joshua 5.13-15

During US Civil War BOTH North and South claimed GOD on their SIDE

"Sir, my concern is not whether God is on our side; my greatest concern is to be on God's side, for God is always right" Abraham Lincoln

b. Enemies Punished

vs. 1,2 ...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.

LIKE All Prophetic Literature > MESSAGE for PRESENT AND FUTURE

God DID Establish and Extend DAVID'S KINGDOM in his Day

EMPIRE of David's Son & Lord > GROWING Strength to Strength TODAY

It is the Lord who wields the scepter, it is the King who is urged to rule – for human authority is enhanced, not diminished, by such a partnership.

Derek Kidner

DAVID wanted to BUILD a PERMANENT HOUSE for God's GLORY

God tells PROPHET Nathan He'll build PERMANENT Kingly Line from David

Nathan reported to David all the words of this entire revelation. Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said: "Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? And as if this were not enough in your sight, O God, you have spoken about the future of the house of your servant...There is no one like you, O LORD, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears. And who is like your people Israel--the one nation on earth whose God went out to redeem a people for himself, and to make a name for yourself, and to perform great and awesome wonders by driving out nations from before your people, whom you redeemed from Egypt? You made your people Israel your very own forever, and you, O LORD, have become their God.1 Chronicles 17.15-22

c. People Eagerly Come

v. 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.

Almost EVERY WORD of v. 3 TRANSLATED DIFFERENTLY in Diff Versions

We DO NOT have PERFECT Copies of God's PERFECT Word

Original MSS INERRANT, INFALLIBLE / Copies Today MINOR ERRORS

We have REMARKABLY Accurate RELIABLE Texts > Numerous COPIES

HONEST Biblical Scholars > Open, Few Obscure Texts > 3000 yr old DOC!!

Main IDEA: Victorious Messiah leads host of HOLY, EMPOWERED Followers

On that day Deborah and Barak son of Abinoam sang this song: "When the princes in Israel take the lead, when the people willingly offer themselves-- praise the LORD!
Judges 5.1,2

BRAVE Woman – JAEL drove TENT PEG thru Canaanite Army Commander

Similarly, GOD – VICTOR over Enemies – LOYAL PEOPLE Follow in FAITH

2. The King hounded by Accusers

Psalm 110 – KING Ruled UNRIVALED – Coming of Jesus is MORE MESSY

Luke 20: Began with CHALLENGING QUESTION: "Tell us by what authority you are doing these things," they said. "Who gave you this authority?" Luke 20.2

a. Scoffers Silenced > ENEMIES of Jesus UNITED against Him

Thru LUKE > STORM Clouds GROW DARKER and DARKER

Luke follows PARABLE of Vineyard with Teaching about CAESAR

DOUBLE Attack felt by JESUS – Trouble from RELIGIOUS & GOV'T Leaders

Keeping a close watch on him, they sent spies, who pretended to be honest. They hoped to catch Jesus in something he said so that they might hand him over to the power and authority of the governor. Luke 20.20

LUKE takes OFF their MASK > Spies PRETENDED be HONEST > Catch Him
 CONTEXT Eliminates Possibility that SINCERE Questions were being Asked
 v. 27 Some of the Sadducees...> Clever QUESTIONS to ENTRAP the Lord
 MAJORITY of SANHEDRIN were SADDUCEES > Rivalled the PHARISEES
 CONFLICT of Jesus and HIGHEST LEVELS of Leadership in Jerusalem

Jewish Historic ENEMIES found COMMON ENEMY in Jesus of Nazareth
 THESE STRANGE-BEDFELLOWS been PLOTTING for MANY MONTHS
 The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him... But they were afraid of the people. Luke 20.19

They were unable to trap him in what he had said there in public. And astonished by his answer, they became silent. Luke 20.26

Even KNOWING EVIL Motives – Jesus Answers with Respect & PATIENCE
 Jesus STILL STANDING after THREE VOLLEY’S of their BIGGEST GUNS!
 And no one dared to ask him any more questions. Luke 20.40

WARNING > SILENCE does not MEAN they AGREE or SUPPORT Him
 SHAMED by Jesus’ CLEVERNESS and CLAIM of AUTHORITY – Lost Face
 Their ANGER against Jesus SEETHED with an IMPOTENT RAGE

b. Enemies Angered > Spoke these words with TEETH CLENCHED

So the spies questioned him: "Teacher, we know that you speak and teach what is right, and that you do not show partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Luke 20.21

EVIL ALLIANCE: Religious Coalition > UNITED in INTENSE HATRED

Luke: People who call Jesus TEACHER not in CIRCLE of His FOLLOWERS

They no more think that he teaches the way of God and the way of truth than they believe that Rome is the height of righteous piety. Darrell Bock

FORCED Him to ANSWER > because of INTEGRITY and FEARLESSNESS

Words CAREFULLY DESIGNED to PREVENT any EVASION by Jesus

If they could snare him into making an unguarded statement they might be able to succeed in destroying him. William Lane

c. Text trumps Traditions

1st & ONLY time Jesus INITIATES a Discussion on TEXT of Scripture: Ps 110
Time of Jesus faithful Jews read Psalm 110 Enthronement of Expected Messiah

KEY QUESTION – What is MESSIAH’s relationship to DAVID?

Then Jesus said to them, "How is it that they say the Christ is the Son of David?"
Luke 20.41

THEM = The People / THEY = Jewish LEGAL EXPERTS

QUESTION > Can these Legal Experts RIGHTLY Interpret Scripture??

Jesus CANNOT ENDORSE Pharisees as PROPER Exegete’s of Scripture

Impt Question > RELIABILITY of SCRIPTURES & Responsibility of Servants

CORRECTION Needed > DO NOT Emphasize IMPORTANCE of CHRIST

David himself declares in the Book of Psalms: "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." ' David calls him `Lord.' How then can he be his son?" Luke 20.42-44

Greek Text – PUN “The Lord said to my Lord” / Luke cites GREEK Text

Jesus assumes 1) David wrote Psalm 110 / 2) ‘my lord’ refers to the Messiah

Jesus points to CONTRADICTION between TEXT and Jewish TRADITION

Jesus is RAISING the Issue of His OWN AUTHORITY to Teach in TEMPLE

Jesus POINT – ‘Son of David’ is not ONLY or ULTIMATE Status of Messiah

Yes! He is David's Son – BUT He is EVEN MORE than you Know!

Jesus DOES NOT Answer His Own QUESTION – NOBODY Does!

LUKE > Arrest / Trial / Execution NEAR > QUESTION "Who IS Jesus?"

3. The King Heralded by Apostles

Something CHANGED this Followers > were STUMPED by MEANING of

Psalm Became SURE of MESSAGE of God > SURE enough to DIE for It!

Jesus was BORN on Christmas /

He was TEACHING BIBLE on Easter Afternoon\

And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself... He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. Luke 24.27,44,45

Filled with HOLY SPIRIT > Now RIGHTLY Interpret HOLY SCRIPTURE

Peter's PENTECOST Sermon based: Three OT Texts – Joel 2, Psalm 16, 110

Very DIFFICULT Audience > 50 Days Earlier SHOUTED 'Crucify HIM'

RAN Jesus OUT of CITY > ABANDONED Him to CROSS and GRAVE

IF Before HOSTILE Crowd Wondered WHY you & 119 Friends act DRUNK?

Would we ANSWER by Reading CHUNKS of ANCIENT SCRIPTURE?

a. Greater than David

Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." Acts 2.33-36

Messianic king is not only David's Son but also David's Lord

David Claimed HIS BODY would NOT ROT in Grave > BUT IT DID!

David PROPHESED > SON of David, ROOT of David, LORD of DAVID

Jesus LORD of LIFE > INDESTRUCTIBLE Nature of RISEN LORD

b. Greater than Death

GOD'S ADVENT in Christ > ONCE FOR ALL Salvation for CHURCH

- VIRGIN Conceives gives BIRTH to SON > Fully Man, Fully God
- DIES on CROSS as SUBSTITUTE for HIS PEOPLE, REDEEMER
- 3 Days Later > ALIVE, RISEN in GLORY, RESURRECTION Body
- 40 Days Later > ASCENDS to Heaven > Enthroned, EXALTED

JESUS was KILLED > But HE SURE SEEMS TO BE VERY MUCH ALIVE!

The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead--whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel.

Acts 5.30,31

Book of Acts / Luke Vol. 2 - Full UNDERSTANDING of Psalm 110 found in X
Jesus' RESURRECTION & ASCENSION & EXALTATION > True Fulfillment

It was JESUS who Resurrected – and HE is invited to SIT at Right Hand

He lay buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from the grave.

Masai Creed

c. Great is His Deliverance – Psalm 110 > Great Confidence to Apostle Paul

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8.31-34

Paul traces EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING to Promise Keeping God in Christ

If we seek *salvation* it is by the very name of Jesus. If we seek *gifts of the Spirit* they will be found in His anointing. If we seek *strength*, it lies in his dominion; if *purity*, in his conception; if *gentleness*, it appears in his birth...If we seek *redemption* it lies in his passion; if *acquittal* in his condemnation; if *remission of the curse*, in his cross; if *satisfaction*, in his sacrifice; if *purification* in his blood...if *newness of life*, in his resurrection; if *immortality* in the same...In short, since rich store of every kind of good abounds in him, let us drink our fill from this fountain, and from no other. John Calvin

d. Great Determination to Finish the Work of God

PROPHECY of Psalm 110 – Given by DAVID 3000 yrs Ago

ETERNAL God – Working His Sovereign PLAN – Will bring World to END

The end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

1 Corinthians 15.24-28

e. Great Decree given to Mary – Eternal God meets Teenage Girl

The Lord said to My Lord > BE Born a King > WONDER of ADVENT

“You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus...The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David...his kingdom will never end.”

Luke 1.31-33

Manger Throne by Julie Miller

What kind of King would leave His throne
In Heaven to make this earth His home?
While men seek fame and great renown
In lowliness our King comes down

You left the sound of angels' praise

To come for men with unkind ways
And by this Baby's helplessness
The power of nations is laid to rest

What kind of King would come so small
From glory to a humble stall?
That dirty manger is my heart, too
I'll make it a royal throne for You

Jesus, Jesus, precious One
How we thank You that You've come
Jesus, Jesus, precious One
A manger throne for God's own Son

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Psalm 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.