

## "I AM KING"

John 18:37

"Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth."

Jesus is presented in scripture in as having three offices: **Prophet** (Luke 24:19), **Priest** (Heb.4:14) and **King**. The prophecies and pronouncements of His Kingship are many. Some of them are as follows:

1. The Messianic Psalms abound with prophecies of the Messianic King such as Ps. 2; 24; 45; 72; 89 and 110 in particular.
2. Isaiah's prophecy about the virgin-born babe in Isa.9 is one of the well-known prophecies: "to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, his government shall have no end." (Isa. 9:6-7)
3. Jeremiah pens these words: "Behold, the days come, says Jehovah, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land" (Jer 23:5).
4. Zechariah, cries out: "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerus: behold, your king comes unto you" (Zech 9:9),
5. Matthew traces His royal lineage as son of David. He also tells of the visit of the Magi who inquire for the newborn "king of the Jews" (Matt. 2:2).
6. Matthew also records the mother of James and John asking Jesus that her sons might sit beside Him in His Kingdom. He does not deny that He is a king and has a kingdom, while indicating that the places on His right and left hand are already determined by the appointment of the Father." (Matt 20:21-23)
7. Luke's account contains the angel's declaration that the child to be born and named Jesus would occupy the throne of David and reign over the house of Jacob forever (Luke 1:32-33).
8. In John's Gospel, Nathaniel greets Him as "King of Israel" (John 1:49), and Jesus does not repudiate the title. At one time the people propose to take Him by force and make Him King (John 6:15).
9. Mark calls Jesus' message the gospel of "the kingdom of God" (Mark 1:14-15)
10. Christ Himself claimed to be King:

- "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." (John 18:37)
  - He speaks of "the Son of man coming in his kingdom." (Matt 16:28)
  - He speaks of the time when He "shall sit on the throne of his glory." (Matt. 19:28)
11. He was charged and condemned as King - His enemies made this the grounds of their charge against Him before Pilate, that He said that "he himself is Christ a king," and when Pilate asks, "Are you the King?" He answers, "You said it" which was equivalent to "yes." (Luke 23:2-3).
  12. His enemies, at His crucifixion, testified that Jesus said He was King. They said, "Write not, The King of the Jews; but, that he said, I am King of the Jews." (John 19:21);
  13. Pilate said, "Do you want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" (Mark 15:9)
  14. The superscription on the cross was this: "This is the King of the Jews," written in three languages.
  15. The multitudes mockingly verify Jesus claim when they shouted, "Let the Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross." (Mark 15:32),
  16. The Epistles everywhere proclaim Jesus as the resurrected and reigning Lord. In that great resurrection treatise, Paul declares, "He must reign, till he has put all his enemies under his feet.." (1 Cor 15:25)
  17. In the letter to Timothy, Paul writes, "Those who suffer with Christ will "reign with him." (2 Tim. 2:12)
  18. The writer of Hebrews declares, "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever." (Heb 1:8),

These scriptures are only a representation of the many references to Jesus Christ as King. His claim is verified by myriad proofs!

### The Extent Of His Kingship.

His Kingship Is At Least Sevenfold:

#### **I. HE IS THE RACIAL KING OF THE JEWS.**

**Matt 2:1-2** "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born **king of the Jews**? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

#### **II. HE IS THE NATIONAL KING OF ISRAEL**

**John 1:47-49** "When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are **the King of Israel.**"

### III. HE IS THE SPIRITUAL KING OF SAINTS.

**Rev. 15:3-4** "They sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O **King of the saints!**"

### IV. HE IS THE ETERNAL KING OF THE AGES.

**I Timothy 6:15-16** "*who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.*" Commentator Albert Barnes in Barnes' Notes writes, "A literal translation of the passage would be, "To the King of ages, who is Immortal." The meaning of this expression - "**the King of ages**" is, that he is a King who rules.

Throughout all ages.... His dominion extends over all ages or generations."

### V. HE IS THE CELESTIAL KING OF HEAVEN.

**Daniel 4:37** "Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the **King of Heaven**, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble."

### VI. HE IS THE SUPERNAL KING OF GLORY.

**PSALM 24:7-8** "Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O you gates and lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty - he is **the King of glory.**"

### VII. HE IS THE ROYAL KING OF KINGS.

**REV. 19:12 & 16** "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. 13 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. 16 On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**"

### CONCLUSION

What a range of royalty! Every realm of power is included: Racial, national, spiritual, ecclesiastical, historical, celestial, supernal and eternal! And as **Rev. 19:12 says**, “on his head are many crowns.” His Kingdom is both spiritual and literal; universal and personal; temporal and eternal! In every sense of the term “King”, Jesus is Kingly!

Paul sums it up for us eminently in Phil.2: “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” (Phil 2:9-11)

Our hymns say what every subject of Jesus the King should say:

“King of my life, I crown Thee now,  
Thine shall the glory be;  
Lest I forget Thy thorn crowned brow,  
Lead me to Calvary.”

### PLUS

“There’s a royal banner given for display  
To the soldiers of the King;  
As an ensign fair we lift it up today,  
While as ransomed ones we sing.

#### *Refrain*

Marching on, marching on,  
For Christ count everything but loss!  
And to crown Him King, we’ll toil and sing,  
’Neath the banner of the cross!”

### PLUS

“Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.”

### Two questions remain:

**(1) Is He your King? . . .AND. . . (2) Are you submissive to His rule?**

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