

THE PROMISED PRINCE



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The Promised Prince Who Reigns Forever Luke 1:31-33

The Angel Heralds The Son of the Most High (Luke 1:31-32a)

Luke 1:31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. *32* He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.

Jesus (Yeshua): Ya = Yahweh + Yasha = To Save, Rescue, Deliver = The Salvation of God!

2 Samuel 7:14 I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son.

Jesus Will Sit On The Promised Throne of David (Luke 1:32b)

Luke 1:32b And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,

2 Samuel 7:12 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

King Jesus Will Reign in Greatness Forevermore (Luke 1:33)

Luke 1:33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

2 Samuel 7:13 He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

In Jesus's Kingdom...

1. ...humanity is restored to their created purpose.

Gen. 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Revelation 5:9 "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, **10** and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

2. ...the disinherited nations of the world are brought back to God's kingdom.

Revelation 7:9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, **10** and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

3. ...the curse of sin and death are eradicated.

Revelation 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. **4** He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

Application/Reflection Questions

1. The fulfilled promise of a King eternally on the throne of David carries with it incredible and varied benefits. How do these realities influence the way you live your day-to-day life?
2. As we wait for the fullness of Jesus' kingdom to be realized, how can you better cultivate a lifestyle of hope and anticipation? What are you looking forward to most?
3. As we celebrate this Christmas season, dwell on this beautiful truth: God himself took on flesh, in the humblest of means – in order to secure his throne and usher us into his eternal kingdom. Express your gratitude to him every day this week – in a variety of ways.

SONGS

"BORN IS THE KING (IT'S CHRISTMAS)"

"JOY TO THE WORLD"

"AWAY IN A MANGER"

"O HOLY NIGHT"

Crossing Music Pastor: Dan Gillette (dan@vbc.online)

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Y-T-D GENERAL NEED: \$1,849,250.00

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