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## **We are Looking at a King; The Lord Jesus Christ and His Kingdom.**

We are the subjects in His Kingdom, we are the Church or the body of Christ. He is the Head of His Church and also the foundation of the Church.

Bible verses to confirm this:

### **Exodus 19 verse 1-6**

*In the third month after the sons of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on that very day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. 2 When they set out from Rephidim, they came to the wilderness of Sinai and camped in the wilderness; and there Israel camped in front of the mountain. 3 Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: 4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself. 5 Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; 6 and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the sons of Israel."*

Note especially verse 6, then look at the scripture below.

### **Daniel 7 verse 13-14**

*"I kept looking in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, and He came up to the Ancient of Days and was presented before Him. 14 "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; and His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed.*

This is further biblical evidence of the Kingdom being established on the earth. When Jesus came, He taught us to pray the Lord's Prayer.

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### **Matthew 6 verse 9-10**

*"Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.*

### **Luke 11 verse 2**

*And He said to them, "When you pray, say: 'Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come.*

We can see that Jesus declared that He had brought the Kingdom of Heaven into being.

### **Matthew 4 verse 17**

*From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." And finally, we can see that all other kingdoms are to come under Jesus' rule.*

### **Revelation 11 verse 15-18**

*Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." 16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. 18 And the nations were enraged, and Your wrath came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and the time to reward Your bond-servants the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great, and to destroy those who destroy the earth."*

### **Matthew 24 verse 14**

*This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.*

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Jesus speaks of the Gospel, the good news of the Kingdom being preached to the whole world for a witness to all nations and then the conclusion of the earth will happen. This is further confirmed in the Acts of the apostles.

### **Acts 8 verse 12**

*But when they believed Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike.*

Stephen had been put to death for his faith, Saul was persecuting the church on behalf of the Jewish religious leaders of the day, he was yet to have a confrontation with Jesus. Phillip the evangelist is seen preaching as described in the above scripture. There are two distinct areas here; 1. The good news of the Kingdom; 2. The name of Jesus. The Kingdom of God is where we find peace with God.

### **Romans 5 verse 1-2**

*Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.*

Jesus came to begin the work of destroying all other kingdoms.

### **1 John 3 verse 4-8**

*Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. 5 You know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin. 6 No one who abides in Him sins; no one who sins has seen Him or knows Him. 7 Little children, make sure no one deceives you; the one who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous; 8 the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.*

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He gave His disciples the task of continuing where He left off.

### **Matthew 28 verse 16-20**

*But the eleven disciples proceeded to Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had designated. 17 When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some were doubtful. 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

This is a command for all time.

### **Mark 16 verse 14-20**

*Afterward He appeared to the eleven themselves as they were reclining at the table; and He reproached them for their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they had not believed those who had seen Him after He had risen. 15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned. 17 These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." 19 So then, when the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them, and confirmed the word by the signs that followed.*

When Jesus sent His disciples out to preach the Gospel, he told them that if they would believe, certain signs would go with them. Were these signs only to be for a limited time?

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Were they to disappear with the death of those first disciples? I believe that these signs were to remain in the church until the enemies of God, the enemies of Jesus Christ, are defeated. The Church of Jesus Christ shall share in the battle on earth for the Kingship of all things. There are many more scriptures that will confirm these things; in the Old Testament, David writes of such times. David was said to have God's heart, he knew God and His ways.

### ***Psalm 110 verse 1-4***

*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 stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies." 3 Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; in holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You as the dew. 4 The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."*

This is God the Father speaking to Jesus. This is also recalled by the Apostle Peter.

### ***Acts 2 verse 34-36***

*For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND, 35 UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET."' 36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ - this Jesus whom you crucified.'*

The Psalm goes on.

### ***Psalm 110 verse 5-7***

*The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath.*

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*6 He will judge among the nations, He will fill them with corpses, He will shatter the chief men over a broad country. 7 He will drink from the brook by the wayside; therefore He will lift up His head.*

This is the purpose of the Lord Jesus Christ, to rule in our hearts and eventually over all things. The Psalm also tells us that in these times God's people will volunteer freely in the day of His power, but they would come in *holy array, a righteous people*. After Jesus had demonstrated to His disciples the power that there is in His name, He taught and trained them how to continue after He went to sit at His father's right hand until all His enemies become His footstool.

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