

The Kingdom

Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before Me. Your throne will be established forever. 2 Samuel 7:16 (also Psalm 89)

This is what the Lord says: 'David will never fail to have a man to sit on the throne of Israel.' Jeremiah 33:17

The King

The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father, David. Luke 1:31-33

The King is

See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey. Matthew 21:5
Pilate: John 19:14, John 18:39, Mark 15:12, John 19:19

But **is the King?**

King Jehoiachin: None of his offspring will prosper; none will sit on the throne of David; nor rule any more in Judah. Jeremiah 22:24-30
Zerubbabel, Governor of Judah. Haggai 1:14, 2:2

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The devil took Him to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world. Jesus said, 'Away from me, Satan.' Matthew 4:8-10

Jesus, knowing the people intended to come and make Him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by Himself. John 6:15

My kingdom is not of this world. John 18:36

The King is

Christ must reign until He humbles all His enemies beneath His feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For the Scriptures say, "God has put all things in subjection under His feet." 1 Corinthians 15:25-27

The Lord Jesus Christ... is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. 1 Timothy 6:14-15

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The angel sounded the last trumpet; and the loud voices in heaven, cried, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." Revelation 11:15

Discussion starters

1. Jesus had a lot of very "interesting" people in His family tree. What makes people "interesting"?
2. Read Jeremiah 22:24-30. Who was Zerubbabel; and how do you think he felt about this declaration?
3. In the light of Jeremiah 22, how do you think Herod's religious advisors reacted to the Magi's question: 'Where is the King of the Jews?' Is there ever a time when confusion is a good thing?
4. Read John 6:15. How easy, or difficult, would it have been for Jesus to assert His legitimate right to be King of the Jews?
5. List some advantages for us, of Jesus being a spiritual king rather than a on a throne in Jerusalem.
6. Explain John 18:36.
7. Read 1 Timothy 6:14-15. How should that change my prayers?

My prayer priorities for this week