

Christ On His Throne

Last week, we noted that Christ was a priest by quoting Zechariah 6:13: *"Even he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both."* We now want to consider how Christ was on His throne.

The Bible teaches us that Christ would sit on His throne, would be a priest on His throne, and would rule on His throne. The logical argument proceeds like this: Christ would rule on His throne while priest (Zechariah 6:13). He is a priest on His throne now (Hebrews 8:1). Therefore, He is ruling on His throne now.

In Matthew 21:1-5, Christ rode into Jerusalem and fulfilled prophecy about being a King (cf. Zechariah 9:9). Several other passages also testify that He was a King (Matthew 25:34; Luke 1:33; 19:11; John 1:49; 18:37; 1 Corinthians 15:25; Hebrews 1:8, 13-14). Jesus Christ continues to have authority in heaven and on earth. He claimed that authority after His resurrection (Matthew 28:19-20). He is still head over everything, including the church (Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18).

If He is our king now, there is no logical reason to look to the future for Him to be a king on an earthly throne during a literal, 1,000 year reign. The work of Christ in heaven on our behalf is indeed a strong encouragement for us to come boldly to the throne of grace. Since He has opened the way of access to the Father, let us draw near with a true heart (Hebrews 10:19-25).

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