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## THE KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD AND THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST

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As Moses was a type of Christ in his prophetic office, and Melchizedec a type of his priestly office, so David was a type of Christ in his kingly office.

The office of Jesus as a king is the ultimate and crowning office, in which the priestly and prophetic offices are absorbed. Jesus in His earthly life was pre-eminently our Prophet, and in His presence at the right hand of the Father during this age He is pre-eminently our Priest, and at His second coming, and through the coming age, He will be pre-eminently our King.

While all these offices co-exist in Jesus, yet each office has its period of special manifestation. Christ is compared to David in the Scriptures more than to all other human characters put together. Because David fought his way through such difficulties to a kingdom, and was the founder of the theocracy, he is not only a type of King Jesus, but Christ according to the flesh is heir to David's theocratic throne. And though that theocratic throne, according to Hosea 3:4, 5, is now in its eclipse, it will in the last days, or coming age, be set up again in Jerusalem as emphatically the throne of the Son of man and the restored throne of David.

If we look at the prophetic type of the reign of David and Solomon together, then the reign of David represents the sufferings and long conflicts that Christ had to win His kingdom, and Solomon's reign represents the glorious issue of that kingdom in a reign of unparalleled peace and prosperity over all the earth. But when we consider the reign of David alone in its prophetic relation to Jesus, it is very significant to study the two crownings of David, which are full of instruction, both to the individual believer and to Christ's Church as a body. In the fifth chapter of 2 Samuel we have an account of the second coronation of David. The reign of Saul is a type of the law, or the legal dispensation, filled with the weakness of the flesh, and ending in suicide; for when the Jews killed Jesus, it was national and dispensational suicide. Now notice the exact correspondence of David and Jesus.

On the death of Saul, David was crowned king in Hebron, over his own family tribe of Judah. After David's great lamentation over the fall of Saul and Jonathan in 2 Samuel first chapter, which corresponds with the weeping of Jesus over Jerusalem at the downfall of that nation, David was told by the Lord to go

up to Hebron, "and the men of the tribe of Judah anointed David king over the house of Judah in Hebron." This typifies the humiliation and ascension of our Saviour to the right hand of God the Father, where He was crowned king over His special tribe of believers, and at which time He united the offices of Saviour and Prince, for we are expressly told in Acts 5:31, that "God exalted Jesus to His right hand, to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance and forgiveness to His people."

### King of Saints

Hence no one in this present age recognizes the absolute authority of Jesus, except His own people, as Judah was the only tribe that recognized David as king. Then there followed a long seven years' war between the house of David and the house of Saul, each one contending for the entire kingdom; but upon the death of Ishbosheth, David was made king over all the twelve tribes. This conflict typifies that which is now going on between the house of Jesus and the house of old Adam. The name "Ishbosheth" means a "man of shame," and while he personally was not such a bad man, yet because of his opposition to David he is a type of the great world-wide anti-christ movement which heads up in the great tribulation, and after his downfall, then Jesus, who has been reigning over His own saints as His tribe of Judah, will appear as the glorious Son of man, the fully manifested heir to David's throne, and be crowned the second time as King over all the tribes of the earth.

"Then came all the tribes of Israel to David, unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. Also in time, when Saul was king over us, thou wast he that leddest out and broughtest in Israel, and the Lord said to thee, Thou shalt feed My people Israel, and thou shalt be a captain over Israel." Jesus is now king of saints. (Rev. 7:10). But when He takes His theocratic throne, not the Father's throne, but His own throne as Son of man, He will then be King of nations, over all the earth, a bona fide King, and recognized as King, for all voices will unite, saying, "The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ." (Rev. 11:15).

Then the division between nations shall cease, then the Hebrew people will be restored to nationality, according to a score of prophecies, and just as David's own tribe of Judah was the leading tribe of all the twelve, so the Hebrew people, which are Christ's own family according to the flesh, will be again grafted into the olive tree, according

to Paul, and be the leading nation on earth during the Millennial Age.

### Prince of Israel

This is distinctly prophesied in Ezekiel 37:15-28, in which we are told that the divisions of Israel shall be destroyed, and they shall be one nation, and David, that is Christ, as David, shall be king over them, and be their Prince forever, and all nations which are now heathen shall recognize the leadership of Israel.

When the twelve tribes crowned David as their king they confessed that during all the previous years David had been their benefactor more than Saul. So in Christ's theocratic reign, all the nations will confess that Jesus has been their best friend through all past generations. Oh, what a bright and glorious day that will be, when the beast and the false prophet are destroyed, and the antichrist hurled into the abyss, and all nations are restored to moral sanity, and poor Israel will hail their long-rejected Messiah, and all tongues and peoples will vie with each other in praising and magnifying and crowning with ever-lasting honor the purest, the gentlest, and loveliest Man that ever trod this earth, as King of Kings and Lord of lords!

How sweet are the words, "So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron, and king David made a league with them in Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel." Thus the representatives of all nations will make a league with King Jesus at the opening of His millennial reign. David was thirty years old when he began to reign in Hebron at his first public anointing, and so Christ was thirty years old when He publicly anointed with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan.

David was anointed three times, first, by Samuel in his youth and in secret; secondly, he was anointed in Hebron king over Judah; and thirdly, he was anointed by the elders of all the tribes as king over the whole nation. So Jesus was privately and from His birth anointed of the Father, then publicly at the Jordan as the Savior and Prince of the Church, and He will be again anointed with glorious majesty at His second coming. These beautiful harmonies and correspondences cannot be accidental, but are woven like golden threads in the loom of prophecy.

### Christ Crowned Within

All this has an application to our individual experiences. The great bulk of Christians have a legal period in their lives, in which  
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