

## JESUS, THE KING OF KINGS

***Revelation 19:16*** And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

In Genesis 24:2-9, we read that Eleazer put his hand under the thigh of Abraham and swear to never bring a wife from among the Canaanites for Isaac. The thigh represents one's seed and, by extension, one's strength and future. Today, we are the Eleazers of Jesus – we must put our hands under his thigh and promise to bring children that are born again of the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. We must bring royal seed that are worthy of the title that is on the thigh of the Lord Jesus Christ. May our blood test read, “Child of the king of kings and Lord of Lords”.

***1Peter 2:9*** But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Notice what Abraham said to Eleazer, “But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac” (Genesis 24:4). The church, the bride of Christ, must also have its origin in the flesh and blood of Jesus. Paul said to the Ephesians “For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones” (Ephesians 5:30). The evidence of fatherhood or paternity is in the blood. Jesus started this process of fathering you and me on the Cross of Golgotha where he shed his blood. It is not coincidental that the Lord was bleeding under the words – “King of the Jews”.

***Luke 23:38*** And a superscription also was written over him in letters of Greek, and Latin, and Hebrew, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

I am glad, however, that the Lord Jesus Christ was declared to be king, not just in Hebrew, but Latin and Greek, the international languages of the time. Though the Jews may have rejected his fatherhood over their nation, the message was prophetic that soon, not only the Jews, but the Europeans and the world would receive him as their father. He is no just king of the Jews, but, indeed the king of kings, and Lord of Lords. The chief priests of the Jews protested to Pilate; they were offended that he wrote, “JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS” (John 19:19).

***John 19:21*** Then said the chief priests of the Jews to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but that he said, I am King of the Jews.

God used a foreign ruler to tell the Jews that Jesus was their king. Just as when Jesus was born, God used three wise foreigners from the east, now he used a foreigner from the west to give them the same message.

***Matthew 2:1*** Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem,

***Matthew 2:2*** Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.

John was a Jew, and he declared that Jesus is king; the wise men from the east declared Jesus to be king and, finally, Pilate, a western ruler, wrote that Jesus is king. From the east, west, north and south voices proclaim that Jesus is king of kings and Lord of Lords. Will we submit to this king? Will we allow him to be the ruler of our lives? Please receive him as your king, please bow down and worship him today!

The story of humanity is about two trees, according to the Bible – actually about which fruit hanging on the trees that we have desired and allowed to rule over our lives. We can say that the inscription, “Sin – the king of humanity” was written on the first tree in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve ate of it and sin became the king of their lives. On the second tree, the inscription said, “Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews”.

***Galatians 3:13*** Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.

Do not allow the first tree to be your king. Look at the second tree where Jesus hangs; let him be your king. Let him rule over your life. Let me remind you of the history of the world; humans seem determined to have a king rule over their affairs. We remember how the children of Israel demanded of Samuel that he give them a king like the other nations.

***1Samuel 8:6*** But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD.

***1Samuel 8:7*** And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them.

The people rejected God as their king – just as the chief priests and the Jews objected when Pilate wrote that Jesus was the king of the Jews. What was the result? See how the Israelites

suffered under King Saul! Witness how much he brutalized their lives! Indeed, the prophecy in Psalm 2:2 &3 was fulfilled when the Jews rejected the words of Pilate. “The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us”. But what does the Almighty answer?

***Psalm 2:6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.***

There is a hill on Mount Zion where God has put his king – King Jesus Christ. This hill is Golgotha, brothers and sisters. This is where Jesus was declared to be king in three languages – the language of salvation (Hebrew), the language of philosophy (Greek) and the language of politics (Latin). The soldiers mocked Jesus – they put a robe of purple on him and bowed their knees mockingly. But, one of these days, the heavens shall be opened and Jesus will be wearing a robe with the words “King of kings and Lord of Lords” written on it and on his thigh. I am certain those soldiers will make haste to bow trembling with fear.

***Phil 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;***

If Jesus is king, then we are indeed his subjects and witnesses of his kingdom. As long as we are submitted into him, the world will see and know that Jesus is king. I pray today that we live in such a way that the world will see the kingdom of Jesus in us – the church. It is a cruel paradox that demons are subject to Jesus, but not Christians. May the world see that we have a king – that he is king of kings and we are his subjects. Reign in our lives Jesus!