

## The Throne of David

### Commentary for September 1, 2014 — Given to Jesus from His Father

This month's article is "Israel and Judah: 2. David as King," introduced by the [September 2012 Newsletter](#).<sup>1</sup> A thought occurred to me. What is the importance of a vicious, seemingly petty king by the name of David, in what many think is a relatively unimportant kingdom called Israel, during the time of Samuel-Kings and Chronicles? Well, God gave great significance to David and his throne when He had His angel Gabriel make an announcement to Mary, telling her she would give birth to Jesus:

**"And, behold, you shall conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS.**

**He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:**

**And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever [for the eons of the eons]; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."**

• **Luke 1:31–33**

This Jesus is also Immanuel, **"God with us"** (Isaiah 7:14, 8:8). It is spelled "Emmanuel" in Matthew 1:23, which quotes Isaiah 8:8. **"The Son of the Highest"** shall be a "great" personality. David was called a "great" man by God:

**"And I was with you whithersoever you went, and have cut off all your enemies out of your sight, and [I] have made you a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth."**

• **2 Samuel 7:9**

In other words, King David of Israel could legitimately be called "David the Great."<sup>1</sup> A man did not state that, but God Himself said so.

The one prophesied to be named **"God with us"** shall rule upon **"the throne of David"** and his reign shall last for **"for the ages of the ages"** (eons of the eons). After that time the kingdom shall continue, but Immanuel, Christ Jesus, shall give up — yes, He shall abdicate — His rule and His kingdom to God (1 Corinthians 15:25–28). This includes the throne of David.

To be sure, Christ's throne of David (and He has other thrones, names, and titles) will become redundant because all will be under the direct reign of God the Father. There will be no need for anyone to rule anyone except God the Father, YHWH, to rule us (including the Son, verse 28) directly in our hearts and minds.

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<sup>1</sup> Similar to Cyrus the Great, Alexander the Great, or Herod the Great. As a matter of conjecture I wonder if God's designation of David did not start that trend. God may have begun this designation in Genesis 12:1–2:

**"Get you out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house, unto a land that I will show you: And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing: ..."**

## **Who Was David?**

David was greatly favored by God. As King of Israel David was the “great” ancestor of Christ. He never lost a battle that he was directly involved in because David sought God’s guidance regularly before he acted. We know from the psalms and songs that he wrote and sang, he was a thoughtful man. Yet David was also designated by God as a man of blood (1 Chronicles 22:8, 2 Chronicles 6:9). Jesus never equaled that distinction — yet. He shall do so in the future when He comes with a sword (Revelation 19:15–16).

David was a type of Messiah. David was definitely an “anointed” king, which is what Messiah means. As a “type of Christ” David was totally inferior to what he represented as a type. As always, the fulfillment by Christ Himself always made the type as if it (David in this case) was nothing in comparison.

## **Christ Surpasses All Comparison**

But about the life of Christ, everything He did went so far beyond and surpassed every prophecy that those close to him were stunned:

**“And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you might have life through his name.”**

• **John 20:30–31**

**“And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.”**

• **John 21:25**

What is interesting is that this statement by the apostle John is not hyperbole. It was a fact describing what he and the other disciples observed. Words cannot describe Christ’s true accomplishments on earth, and what He did for us in the spiritual realm will not be fully realized until He raises us upon His return. Then we shall begin to understand how greatly His actions far surpassed any possible words or our comprehension of the written word of God available to us today.

But at that future time we will be able to speak with David himself, face-to-face, because we shall be resurrected along with David. **“God is great, and we know him not, ...”** (Job 36:26). We do not know God at the present time, but we shall know Him through His firstborn, only begotten Son, Christ Jesus.

Until that happens, David’s throne is important to prophecy because Jesus Christ will return to sit upon it to rule this earth. David’s status as a “great” man is significant only because God says He is great. David is great and we should pay attention to the details of his life.

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