

## Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious! - 23

Even though the state of Israel has been re-established, the kingdom of David's dynasty has never been restored. How then can it be possible for the covenant which God made with David to be fulfilled? God explicitly guaranteed that He will restore David's throne and kingdom, and that His Kingdom will be ruled by a descendant of David who will also be the Son of God.

The Scriptures are clear that God is not finished in His work with the nation of Israel - the natural descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. He did scatter them from their land because of disobedience, but God proclaimed that he would bring them back to their land in the latter days and re-establish the kingdom, with Jesus, who is both descendant of David and of God, being king.

After the destruction of the Jewish state by the Roman armies in 70 AD, the people were decimated, scattered away from their homeland, and persecuted over many centuries. But God had promised,

- “The days are coming, says the Lord, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast. 28 And it shall come to pass, that as I have watched over them to pluck up, to break down, to throw down, to destroy, and to afflict, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord” - Jeremiah 31:27.
- “For thus says the Lord: 'Just as I have brought all this great calamity on this people, so I will bring on them all the good that I have promised them” - Jeremiah 32:42.
- “They shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations” - Isaiah 61:4.

Not only will God bring the people back to the Promised Land, but He will make Israel a major political power among the nations -

- “In that day, says the Lord, I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast and those whom I have afflicted; 7 I will make the lame a remnant, and the outcast A STRONG NATION; so the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion From now on, even forever” - Micah 4:6.

The divine government over Israel at that time will be the restored kingdom of David, ruled by the promised king, who was called “the King of the Jews” -

- “Thus says the Lord God: Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; 22 and I will make them ONE NATION in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and ONE KING shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again” - Ezekiel 37:21-22.

These predictions require the presence of Jesus Christ back on earth, as Peter proclaimed while preaching in the Temple at Jerusalem -

The Lord will “send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began” - Acts 3:20-21.

The restoration of the Kingdom of David will occur after the return of Jesus Christ.