

## Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious! - 24

It is clear that the work of restoration of David's dynasty over Israel, so often promised by the word of God in the prophets, must await the return of Jesus Christ. In harmony with this, Paul makes Christ's return and kingdom concurrent events -

- "I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom" - 2 Timothy 4:1.

This fact also helps the reader of the gospel records to understand the statement by Jesus -

- "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, THEN HE WILL SIT ON THE THRONE OF HIS GLORY" - Matthew 25:31.

In reinforcement of this fact, the promise of Jesus to the apostles makes the identification of his return with the re-establishment of the kingdom of Israel more certain -

- "Jesus said to them [the twelve apostles], 'Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, [restoration of the Kingdom - see Acts 3:20] WHEN the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, JUDGING THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL'." - Matthew 19:28.

When this occurs, it will be the fulfilment of what the angel informed Mary -

- "You will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And HE WILL REIGN OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER, and of His kingdom there will be no end" - Luke 1:31-33.

When considering the governing of the Promised Land after the overthrow of David's kingdom by the Babylonians, all the empires were succeeded by new powers. The Babylonian empire was replaced by the Persian, which was conquered by the Greek. The Greek in turn was succeeded by the Roman, which was replaced by the Saracen (Arab).

The Arabians were succeeded by the Turkish which was removed by the British, who occupied "Palestine" before the resurrected Jewish state received international recognition. The empire of Christ will never be overthrown, but will continue until God is "all in all" - 1 Corinthians 15:28, when only "the meek" will be found living on the earth - Matthew 5:5.

God's covenant with David guarantees the restoration of David's kingdom by his promised offspring -

- "The Lord has chosen Zion; He has desired it for His habitation...17 There I will make the horn of David grow; I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed [Hebrew, messiah]" - Psalm 132:13.

In addition, the covenant also guarantees the restoration of the kingdom in David's presence -

- "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever BEFORE YOU" - 2 Samuel 7:16.
- Jesus said - "...when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God" - Luke 13:28. David was one of those prophets - 2 Samuel 23:2.