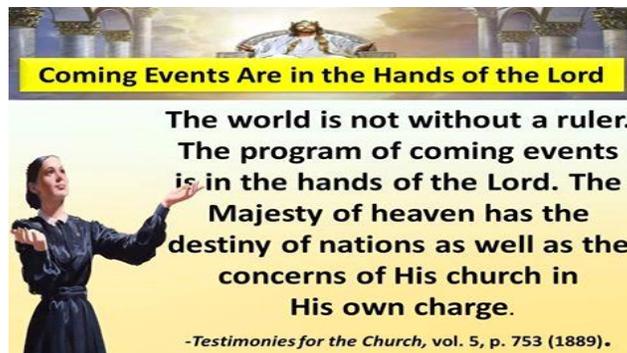


THE FINAL FULFILLMENT OF THE DAVIDIC LINE OF KINGS IN THE KINGDOM

Who is King David? Part 2

How does the Davidic line of kings continue after the Cross of Calvary?
A promise was made to David that he would “never want for a man
to sit upon (his) throne” Jer. 33:17



Hosea 3:4 For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without a king and without a ruler and without a sacrifice and without an altar, and without the one who wears an ephod and burns incense. 5) Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king; and they shall know the LORD and his goodness in the latter days. From the Aramaic Pershitta by George Lamsa.

A KINGDOM MUST HAVE A KING, IN PERSON!

The very name of “DAVID” is, apparently, the most prolific name given through-out Scripture, mainly in the Old Testament. The name itself in the Hebrew means “beloved”. It is a name that denotes not only a person, such as the historical David, but also the LINEAGE OF DAVID to whom the Heavenly King of Israel promised certain blessings and continuation. The promise to David was given to the youngest son of Jesse, in the line or lineage of the Messiah, to provide a genetic line in humanity for the Messiah to come in the flesh. The King of Creation could not come through any other lineage. WHO takes the Throne of David today, and for the last 2000 years? There was NO David or his posterity on the Throne in Jerusalem at the time of Christ 2000 years ago, or was there? Well, there is no shortage men today claiming David’s throne for themselves.

In the great prophetic chapter of Zechariah 14 we read about the King who will rule the whole earth in that day:

And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one. ...

And it shall come to pass, [that] every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. ...

And it shall be, [that] whoso will not come up of [all] the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.

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WHO IS THIS KING?

Through the apostle Paul, our heavenly Father has admonished us to "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." 1 Thess. 5:21.

Though we have all read this instruction many times, have we always followed it? In following this divine injunction, what is the standard that we shall use to "prove all things" and thus KNOW whether that which we are holding fast, is good or evil? Unless we use the Divine standard, all our proving will avail nothing. So let us prayerfully study to see what God's standard is, and make sure we are standing on a firm foundation. First let us turn to the testimony of the Bible.

"This circumstance is natural and common to every writer treating of Present Truth, beginning with Old Testament writers, and continuing ever since, and will thus be until every component part of the Truth is made known . . ."

Answerer 2, p. 78.

IDENTIFYING THE KING

All who will prayerfully study Dan. 2:44; Ezek. 34:11-13, 23,24; 37:21-24; and Jer. 30:9, and follow Inspiration's instruction to "take the Bible as it reads" (B.C. 599), will have to agree that God is going to set up His Kingdom in the days of the kings symbolized by the feet of iron and clay, and that His servant David will be the King. However, there seems to be very little agreement among those who see this truth, as to who this King David is.

Obviously, some, if not all, have taken an erroneous view—one that is contrary to the Bible—in this matter. The question that each one must answer to himself and to God, is, "do I love the truth" (2 Thess. 2:10-12) enough to lay aside all preconceived opinions and prejudices, and follow Inspiration's method of clearing such difficulties? Brother Houteff says:

"Although the doctrine of the Kingdom may not appear quite so complete under the lens of Sister White's writings as under the lens of the **Rod**, one dare not thus superficially reject either, but must the more studiously compare both views of the doctrine under the super-lens of THE BIBLE. He must keep in mind that we are not given license to harmonize the Bible with any other writings, but are charged TO MEASURE ALL OTHERS BY IT." **Answerer 2, p. 74.**

"Let none, therefore, treacherously use Sister White's (or Brother Houteff's) writings, against the advance of Truth, and to their own eternal hurt. From every angle approached, THE BIBLE clears the subject of the Kingdom, making IMPOSSIBLE one's erring if he follows precisely what the Word says concerning it." – Id., pp. 82,83.

Since the Bible clears every angle of the subject of the Kingdom, it has to clear the problem of who is King David, as this is the most important phase of this glorious subject.

So, dear reader, as we turn to the sacred Scriptures to find the answer, please remember that "We (every one of us) have many lessons to learn, and many, many to unlearn." And that "God and heaven alone are infallible" (T.M 30). Also remember that "The spirit in which you come to the investigation of the Scriptures will determine the character of the assistant at your side."—**Testimonies to Ministers, p. 108.**

First in our search for the identity of the coming King, let us consider a message that God sent to ancient David through the prophet Nathan. He proclaimed:

“. . . when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I put away before thee. And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.” 2 Sam. 7:12-16.

A casual reading of these verses will probably bring one to the conclusion that in this promise, God was speaking about Solomon—the son of King David, whom God was speaking about—the son who succeeded David on the throne of ancient Israel, and no doubt He was in a secondary sense. But, there is one outstanding facet of this promise that cannot fit Solomon. It is, “I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.” 1 Kings ch. 12 plainly shows that Solomon’s throne was NOT established for ever; but contrariwise, the kingdom was divided almost immediately after his death. What is more, both kingdoms were later conquered by heathen nations, and thus ceased to exist. Therefore, we are forced to look elsewhere for the primary application of this prophecy. Before starting our search for the primary application of this promise, let us notice the way it is repeated in the Psalms:

“I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne, to all generations.” Ps. 89:3,4.

This declares that God made this covenant with David, and in verse 34 of this same chapter He promises not to break his covenant. Let us note it carefully:

“My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.” Ps. 89:34.

And we read further: “The Lord hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body **will I set upon thy throne.**” Ps. 132:11.

Is it possible for the Lord to set this promise forth in more emphatic language than is used in these verses? He is eternally bound by this promise, and when we locate the seed of David that is to receive the throne we will better understand the promise.

There are many claimants to the Throne of David today, in Davidian and Branch circles, with the constant assumption that this lineage of David today must be a fellow servant, a man, among us today, a man who is to be revered and honored as King David in the Kingdom of Glory in our day. But there is just one claimant to the Davidic Throne that everyone has overlooked.

In our first step in locating this “seed,” let us turn to the Gospel according to Matthew, where we read:

“While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, Saying, What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth asked him any more questions. Matt. 22:41-46.

Since Yahshua, with His question, stopped the mouths of the Pharisees, are we to conclude that they were wrong in thinking He is the son of David? Evidently not, because the Scripture says, “The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David. . .” Matt. 1:1.

So we plainly see that the Bible – GOD’S STANDARD declares that Yahshua (Jesus) is “the Son of David” and makes it clear the fact that the Jews were perfectly willing to recognize Him as such, but were not willing to recognize Him as the Son of God. Yet, in the prophecy given to ancient David concerning his seed, God said, “I will be his father, and he shall be my son,” Thus it becomes plain that while Jesus is the son of God, He is also the Son of David. Luke 3:23-31 shows that He is a direct descendant of David. The promise in 2 Sam. 7:12-16 is that David’s seed would

also be God's Son. Some may object that "Jer. 30:9; Ezek. 34:23, 24; and Ezek. 37:24 say nothing about David's son, but the promise is "David" the king. However, is it not customary for a son to have his father's name? In Hebrews 1:8 the Father calls His Son, "God". Isn't it just as appropriate to call David's son "David"? This evidence leads us to conclude that Yahshua, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Son of God, as well as the Son of David, who has many names, is the promised David who is to rule God's everlasting Kingdom. Will the Scriptures uphold and maintain this conclusion? Let us see what we can find, remembering that "In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established." 2 Cor. 13:1.

THE PEOPLE STILL DESIRE A MAN TO BE THEIR KING

First let us consult Paul's testimony. In recounting the history of Israel, he said: "And afterward they desired a king: and God gave unto them Saul, the son of Cis, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, by the space of forty years. And when he removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom he also gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will. Of this man's seed hath God according to his promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus:" Acts 13:21-23.

While this Scripture does not mention a king, it definitely mentions David's seed, and that Yahshua came in fulfillment of God's promise to David. What promise did God give to David concerning "his seed", except that He should sit on his throne? Let us now consider Peter's testimony:

"Men and Brethren, let me freely speak, unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with us an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne; . . . This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses." Acts 2:29, 40, 32.

This language leaves no room for speculation that the promise to David was anything other than for Christ to sit on his throne. Also that the Christ he was speaking of is none other than Jesus, who was raised from the dead.

From this, let us turn to the testimony of Gabriel, the most highly honored angel in the courts of heaven:

"And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt 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; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." Luke 1:30-33. See also vs. 26. (Caps belong to quotation.)

Thus it is easy to see that Gabriel understood that Jesus is the David that is to rule over God's eternal Kingdom. Now, is this in harmony with prophecy? Let us turn to Isaiah's testimony and see:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, the mighty God, The everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6.

That the child here foretold is Yahshua, no Bible student would deny. **But now the question is, how can "the government" be on his shoulders if someone else is king?**

Tract 8, p. 71, 2 T.G. 2:15 and 2 T.G. 43:17 have befuddled many in the Rod and BRANCH Movements, when they use these passages to say there is a fallen human who will be the antitypical David, of David's actual seed line. Brother Houteff does not contradict himself, but for some reason he did not clarify Who David is as opposed to "the Son of David", in his writings, as it is veiled to the casual reader and left for us to bring harmony to what he said in these quotes. There are many ways to confirm Who David is, and we will list them out and reason with the reader. Certainly, Brother Houteff did write cogently and contextually, but we often don't catch the meaning as we often have pre-conceived opinions when we read. All it takes is some concerted prayer to receive understanding. Here is what is revealed.

The latter King David is Deity. Also, the Son of David, is also Deity, so that confirms that His Father, the Most High is David (Beloved), and Yahshua sits on His Father's Davidic Throne in the antitypical fulfillment. Sister White said all the human types ceased at the Cross. Here are her words:

"Here we see the great Intercessor presenting His petition to His Father. **No middle man comes between the sinner and Christ. No dead prophet, no buried saint is seen. Christ Himself is our Advocate.** All that the Father is to His Son, He is to those whom His Son in His humanity represented. In every line of His work Christ acted as a representative of the Father. He lived as our substitute and surety. He labored as He would have His followers labor, unselfishly appreciating the value of every human being for whom He suffered and died (MS 128, 1897). {7BC 914.5}

"While the parentage of the Old Testament church is "after the flesh," the New is of the Spirit, therefore Sarah became the symbol of the entire anti-typical period. Paul, writing to this church said, "For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not, break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: **For the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.**" Abraham is the husband, and an **earthly spiritual** instead of a fleshly father. As there are three symbolical sections before Christ, there are also three after

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Christ. Abraham's children by Sarah (Isaac and Jacob), being born by promise, are fitting symbols for the New Testament church."

"The plan of saving sinners through Christ alone was the same in the days of Adam, Noah, Abraham, and in every successive generation that lived before the advent of Christ, as it is in our day. The patriarchs, the prophets, the martyrs from righteous Abel, looked forward to a coming Savior, and they showed their faith in Him by sacrifices and offerings. The sacrifice of beasts shadowed forth the sinless offering of God's dear Son, and pointed forward to His death upon the cross. But **at the crucifixion, type met antitype, and the typical system there ceased.**" {ST, December 22, 1914 par. 8}

So we believe by deductive reasoning, the David Who is the Father of the Son brought out by Brother Houteff is represented as King David, the Father Most High. We see that it is the Divine Mother representing Him on earth as His Representative, and the Daughter, representing the Son on earth in the earthly Kingdom. The Mother and Daughter are often working together - we see Them together in 2 Kings 2:24 as the two she bears. We also see the Divine Mother and the Divine Daughter working together to prepare for the Marriage in Heaven - "And the Spirit and the Bride say come." (Rev. 22:17) This is the double portion, the Mother AND the Daughter! Most will acknowledge "A" Holy Spirit, but not the second revealed Holy Spirit/Ghost as the Other Comforter Who was sent here to earth 2000 years ago, or Christ the Son's OWN Glory (EGW).

"Observe that in the message which they "sent after Him," his servants did not say, "We will not have You to reign over us," but rather, "we will not have this man to reign over us." What they objected to was Christ's reigning over them through someone else. Clearly, then, before He is coronated, and prior to His return to reckon with His servants, He appoints a "man" to reign over them in His stead. Whereupon they say to Him, by their attitude and stand toward His message, "We will not have this man to reign over us," although "this man," as we now see, is the antitypical David (the "simple means"), the visible king.

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Thus when Christ returns and reckons with His servants, He rewards the faithful ones in proportion as they have increased the principal with which they started, but condemns those who have had no burden to work for souls and to advance His kingdom, and who have been content to let Him do without their services. For this unfaithfulness, He takes from them the "pound," (light of truth), with which He had entrusted them, showing thereby that all are to be held responsible "for every ray of light," for every lost moment, for every neglected opportunity. And those who will not have **Him thus reign over them**, shall, at His return, be slain before Him as were those who rebelled against God's government in olden times."

DOES CHRIST NEED AN UNDER-RULER?

Well, the "under-ruler", as we have called the latter day King David, has been here a long time. Please consider, and wait for the answer. There are those who readily admit that Jesus is the King, but insist that He must have an under-ruler, a man, to direct His servants for Him, and thus bypass the One Whom Christ sent as His personal Representative – the Holy Ghost. For their proof, they point to Moses and Joshua. While it is true that God used these men in this way, is this the way God wanted it? Or is this the substitute method that He used when the people refused to accept His way? We believe the Bible plainly shows the latter to be true.

Let us turn to Exodus 20 where we find the record of God giving the ten commandments on Mount Sinai. Verse 17 ends the ten commandments. Immediately after that we read "And all the people saw the thunderings and the lightnings and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off. And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die." Verses 18, 19.

Does this not plainly show that the people rejected God's speaking directly to them? What else can it possibly be telling us? What was God's purpose in speaking directly to the people? What would it accomplish? Let us notice what Moses says about it:

"And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: **for God is come to prove you**, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not." Verse 20.

Since this was God's method of removing sin then, how can we hope to overcome sin now by looking to ANY man?

Again in times of the Apostles we find **God speaking to His servants directly**. The record says, "And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert." Acts. 8:26. **Phillip asked permission of no man, but quickly obeyed.**

In the tenth chapter of Acts we find the experience of Peter receiving his commission to go to the home of Cornelius. Did this order come from the brethren, **or from a supposed infallible vicar of Christ?** You know the answer. What was the reaction of the other apostles when they learned what Peter had done? Acts eleven makes it very clear that they were very indignant toward him until his explanation made manifest that God Himself had sent him on that mission.

Acts 16 tells about the experience of Paul and Timothy working together. Of them the word says, "Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were **forbidden of the Holy Ghost** to preach the word in Asia, After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia: **but the Spirit suffereth them not.**" Verses 6,7. The record goes on to tell of Paul's vision in which they were sent into Macedonia instead.

Since the Apostolic church is a type of the Kingdom church—endowed with the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit—how can we, from this type, get any idea that Yahshua will have any need of an earthly king to rule for Him? How long will God's people hold to the papal fallacy of the need of a pope? Or the Jewish fallacy of the need of a sanhedrin? Shall we not learn from the mistakes of ancient Israel, and yield to God's method of eradicating sin from our lives? If not, how will we ever get rid of it and thus be found among the overcomers?

Is it not time, brother, sister, that we give to our Savior His rightful place, and the One He appointed to rule in His place, 2000 years ago on the Day of Pentecost, until He returns? Is it not time that we “let God be true but every man a liar” (Rom. 3:3); especially those men who would usurp our Saviour’s place, or the place of the Holy Spirit, and take over in the hearts of those for whom He died? What greater sin can we commit than to let them do it? Is it not time that we truly cease “from man” (Isa. 2:22), remembering that “Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm”? Jer. 17:5.

In the days of Samuel, when the Israelites clamored for a king from among their number, they rejected God. (See 1 Sam. 8:7; 10:19 and 12:12,17,19.) This they persistently did in spite of what God had warned them a king would do. Let us read His warning:

“And Samuel told all the words of the Lord unto the people that asked of him a king. And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; . . . And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your olive-yards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his officers, and to his servants. And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your sheep: and ye shall be his servants. And you shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the Lord will not hear you in that day.” 1 Samuel 8:10,11,14-18.

Some have come to realize that at least some of these catastrophes have befallen them. Some, awakening to what has happened, have removed themselves from the clutches of one claimant to the throne, only to place themselves under the rule of another self-styled king. All must, sooner or later (we hope and pray not too late for the Lord to hear), come to the realization that **ANY MAN** who becomes a king, or a dictator, will become oppressive, just as God said he would: and that sooner or later he will drain his subjects of all their possessions, their conscience, their integrity, and their hope of eternal life, unless they awake and remove themselves from man, and accept our merciful Saviour as their **ONLY King!**

Says Inspiration: “**God desired His people to look to Him alone as their lawgiver and their source of strength. Feeling their dependence upon God, they would be constantly drawn nearer to Him. They would become elevated and enobled, fitted for the high destiny to which He had called them as His chosen people. But when man was placed upon the throne, it would tend to turn the minds of the people from God. They would trust more to human strength, and less to divine power, and the errors of their king would lead them into sin, and separate the nation from God.**” – *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 606.

Evidently this principle is just as applicable today as it was then, for the Spirit of Prophecy points out the dangers of man-rule in the following statements:

“No man is a judge of another’s duty. Man is responsible to God; and as finite erring men take into their hands the jurisdiction of their fellow men, as if the Lord commissioned them to lift up and cast down, all heaven is filled with indignation.” -- *Testimonies to Ministers*, p. 348.

“**Just as soon as man is placed where God should be, he loses his purity, his vigor, his confidence in God’s power. Moral confusion results, because his powers become unsanctified and perverted. He feels competent to judge his fellow men, and he strives unlawfully to be a god over them.**” –Id., p. 376.

“**The Lord has NOT placed any one of His human agencies under the dictation and control of those who are themselves but erring mortals. He has NOT place upon men the power to say, You shall do this, and you shall not do that . . .**” Id., p. 493.

“**God will not vindicate ANY DEVICE whereby man shall in the slightest degree RULE OR OPPRESS his fellow men. The only hope for fallen man is to look to JESUS, and receive Him as the only Saviour. As soon as a man begins**

to make an iron rule for other men, as soon as he begins to harness up and drive men according to his own mind, he dishonors God, and IMPERILS his own soul and the souls of his brethren.” – Id., p. 494.

“. . . No man has been made a master, to rule the mind and conscience of a fellow being. – Id., p. 495.

“Any man, be he minister or layman, who seeks to compel or control the reason of any other man, becomes an agent of Satan, to do his work, . . . “ Ellen G. White comments, **S. D. A. Bible Commentary, Vol. 1, p. 1087.**

In view of all this inspired evidence, how can any of us longer yield ourselves to ANY OF THESE MEN who exalt themselves, claiming, by voice, by pen, by deed, or effect, to be king David (in antitype), king Solomon (in antitype) and then in one way or another seek “to control the reason” of others” According to the above statement, we yield ourselves to Satan when we do.

Before it is forever too late, let all, especially those who want to be a king, and thus exalt themselves, prayerfully study Gideon’s righteous example. **Notice the clear testimony of his pointing the people away from himself, and to the true Ruler:**

“Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son’s son also: for thou hast delivered us from the hand of Midian. And Gideon said unto them, “I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the Lord shall rule over you.” Judges 8:22,23.

Now let us consider the testimony that shows us that Yahshua - Jesus is the TRUE KING David, through His appointed Divine Agency, the Holy Ghost (in Person – coporeal, in the Kingdom) Who has received all authority not only as King, but also as priest:

“The Pentecostal outpouring was Heaven’s communication that the Redeemer was Heaven’s communication that the Redeemer’s inauguration was accomplished. According to His promise He had sent the Holy Spirit from heaven to His followers , as a token that He had, as priest and king, received all authority in heaven and in earth, and was the Anointed One over His people.” Acts of the Aspostles, p. 89.

Is it any wonder that God’s professed people have no power as long as we exalt a man—poor mortal man? Shall we not exalt Yahshua/Joshua - Jesus to His rightful place? When we give Him His rightful place, will not men see and know that we have been with Him? That we are following Him, not some Paul, Cephas, or Apollos; or some other?

Now let us contrast the methods used by ruling men, with the methods used by the meek and Lowly Jesus—the TRUE King David:

“What is the honor conferred upon Christ” Without employing any compulsion, without using any violence, He blends the will of the human subject to the will of God.” – **My Life Today**, p. 340.

And so dearly beloved, “choose you this day whom ye will serve.” How can anyone longer bear the thought of choosing a man who can rule **only through force and compulsion**, when we have the high privilege of choosing Messiah Yahshua - Jesus Christ of Nazareth—David—the King of kings and Lord of lords Who blends the will of the human subjects to the will of God” “without employing any compulsion, without using any violence? Which will you choose? As for us we will serve the eternal KING!

WHY DOST THOU CRY OUT LOUD?

Micah 4

And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

Now why dost thou cry out aloud? [is there] no king in thee? is thy counsellor perished? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail.

Controversy abounds in Davidian and Branch circles as to King David's identity, one here and another there claiming the coveted title, but as the Micah 4 prophecy predicted, WHY all the controversy, when the simple truth, "the simple means", is before us as to the true identity of the "Beloved" King David in antitype. It is Christ Himself, through His appointed Divine Agency, the Divine Daughter, acting in His stead, as She has been leading the church through the ages.

The final controversy is over just WHO is the King, or who will be the King of the Kingdom on David's throne in Jerusalem. There is no end to those in the Rod and Branch Movements in particular, who want to be king, priest, ruler, judge (1TG8:24,26) over the people, today and in the Kingdom and push away the True King of Kings. There is no end to those who want POWER, wealth, even a Davidic palace in Jerusalem. Those who support such power seekers line up behind their leader for a chance at a supporting role in kingdom leadership, a ruling council, the under-leaders of the "under-leader", as it were. This only shows the depth of the unregenerate heart for those who want to rule and those who think they have the RIGHT to rule. Yahshua said, "it shall NOT be among you".

Mark 10

They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.

But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask: can ye drink of the cup that I drink of? and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?

And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:

But to sit on my right hand and on my left hand is not mine to give; but [it shall be given to them] for whom it is prepared.

And when the ten heard [it], they began to be much displeased with James and John.

But Jesus called them [to him], and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them.

But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister:

And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all.

Ezekiel 21

And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel, whose day is come, when iniquity [shall have] an end,

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this [shall] not [be] the same: exalt [him that is] low, and abase [him that is] high.

I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no [more], UNTIL HE COME WHOSE RIGHT IT IS; and I will give it [him].

Ellen White's comments on these important verses, in the Book Education, are as follows:

"The final overthrow of all earthly dominions is plainly foretold in the word of truth. In the prophecy uttered when sentence from God was pronounced upon the last king of Israel is given the message: {Ed 179.1}

"Thus saith the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: . . . exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until He come whose right it is; and I will give it Him." Ezekiel 21:26, 27. {Ed 179.2}

NOTICE THAT SHE CAPTITALIZES THE PRONOUN "He" in her determination of "Him whose RIGHT it is". Only Deity is worthy to ascribe a capitalized pronoun. No man, born in sin, has the RIGHT to the Crown of Authority, as conferred by an anointing or by the lineage of David. The lineage of David is fulfilled, completed, and ended, in Messiah Yahshua (Jesus), as the Gospel writers clearly wrote in the New Testament account. All representative priesthood (Zechariah 3) and Kingship ended in Christ our King.

There are many today who believe they have been given "the RIGHT", the Divine Right, to rule over the heritage of Messiah Yahshua and His Kingdom, and thereby, since they think they rule in Christ's stead, that they also have the RIGHT to the capitalization of their gender pronoun – "He". SOME MEN TODAY BELIEVE THEY HAVE THE RIGHT TO SHARE IN THE INHERITANCE OF THE SON, HIS REDEEMED, A SPECIAL RIGHT OF RULERSHIP, either by blood line or by anointing. The "RIGHT" belongs to the ONE Who paid the price for sin, the One Who shed His blood for the redeemed. No one else dare claim such a right, the RIGHT to rule. The false idea is that Christ, in Heaven, cannot rule unless He rules through a man to day. But the true Kingdom Kingship will be based on a new principle, which is old, the intention of Deity to rule directly over Their people. It is all through Scripture and sacred history, beginning in Moses time.

The Micah 4 prophecy quoted above asks the question "why dost thou cry out loud, IS THERE NO KING IN THEE?"

Dear seeker of truth, has there not ALWAYS been a King among the YHVH's people, for the last 2000 years, even since the time of Moses? But the people never wanted the TRUE King, or His Representative, the Holy Ghost, direct Divine Rule. Some professed believers in the messages of today believe that a man must rule until Christ Himself returns visibly. Such a popular idea bypasses the Holy Ghost as King, Who "will be REVEALED" (Isa. 40:5). This is so because they do not believe the message of the 6th Angel (Lois Roden) and the various prophecies about the "Lord of Hosts" (YHVH Sabbaoth) to be "revealed" in Person --- visibly. Both Ellen White and Lois Roden taught this idea, introducing the true King, until The Son returns in the clouds of heaven.



Ezekiel's Traveling Judicial Throne

In closing, here is what Victor Houteff clearly stated about the Divine Leadership that takes charge of the flock:

"Behind one tree": Margin reads, "one after another." The reading here justifies the translation: "FOLLOWING THE LEADER." That is, PEOPLE ARE INCLINED TO FOLLOW A MAN IN A HIGH POSITION instead of searching in the Word for themselves and demand a "thus saith the Lord." 1 SR 171 "Christ Himself takes charge of the flock once and forever. "God has promised that where the shepherds are not true he will take charge of the flock himself." Volume 5, page 80. 1 SR 178 Micah 4:8, "And thou, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem." This verse is familiar to all. A prophecy of Christ, –"O tower of the flock....unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion." "The first dominion" is the dominion Adam lost. The promise is that Christ will restore it all, and in turn, by inheritance, it shall come to the church (His people). "The kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem." Micah 4:9, "Now why dost thou cry out aloud? IS THERE NO KING IN THEE? IS THY COUNSELOR PERISHED? for pangs have taken thee as a woman in travail." This time of crying and pain could be no other but the time just before us, the time of purification. "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: And the Lord, whom ye seek shall suddenly come to his temple, even the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in: Behold, he shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' sope." Mal. 3:1, 2. THERE WAS "NO MAN" SO GOD HAS TO DO ALL THE WORK HIMSELF! Shepherd's Rod book, Vol. 1 219-220, 222, 229,230

To the prophet Isaiah, this great apostasy, fostered by blind spiritual guides, was revealed, which he describes in the following scriptures: "And he saw that there was NO MAN, and wondered that there was no intercessor: Therefore his arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it sustained him." Isa. 59:16. "And I looked, and THERE WAS NONE TO HELP; and I wondered that there was NONE to uphold: Therefore, MINE OWN ARM BROUGHT SALVATION unto me, and my fury, it upheld me." Isa. 63:5. Micah, looking forward to this wholesale deception, says: "Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide." Micah 7:5." 1 SR 219

Hosea 3

For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a ruler, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and [without] teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.



THE CROWN BELONGS TO HIM, AND TO HER, HIS APPOINTED ONE, "WHOSE RIGHT IT IS"
CHRIST – MESSIAH YAHSHUA, THE SON, AND HIS GLORY – THE OTHER COMFORTER

CHRIST IS PRIEST, JUDGE, RULER

2 Chronicles 7

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer [that is made] in this place. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually.

And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and shalt observe my statutes and my judgments;

Then will I stablish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I have covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man [to be] ruler in Israel.

But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments, which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them;

Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it [to be] a proverb and a byword among all nations.

And this house, which is high, shall be an astonishment to every one that passeth by it; so that he shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and unto this house?

And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.”

“Men are not capable of ruling the church. God is our Ruler.” EGW MS35 1901

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