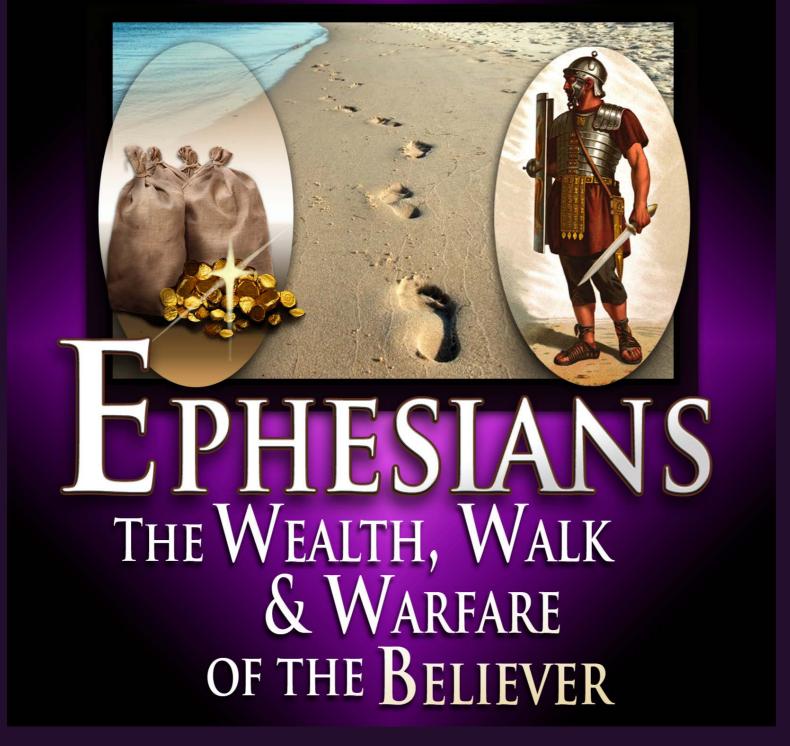
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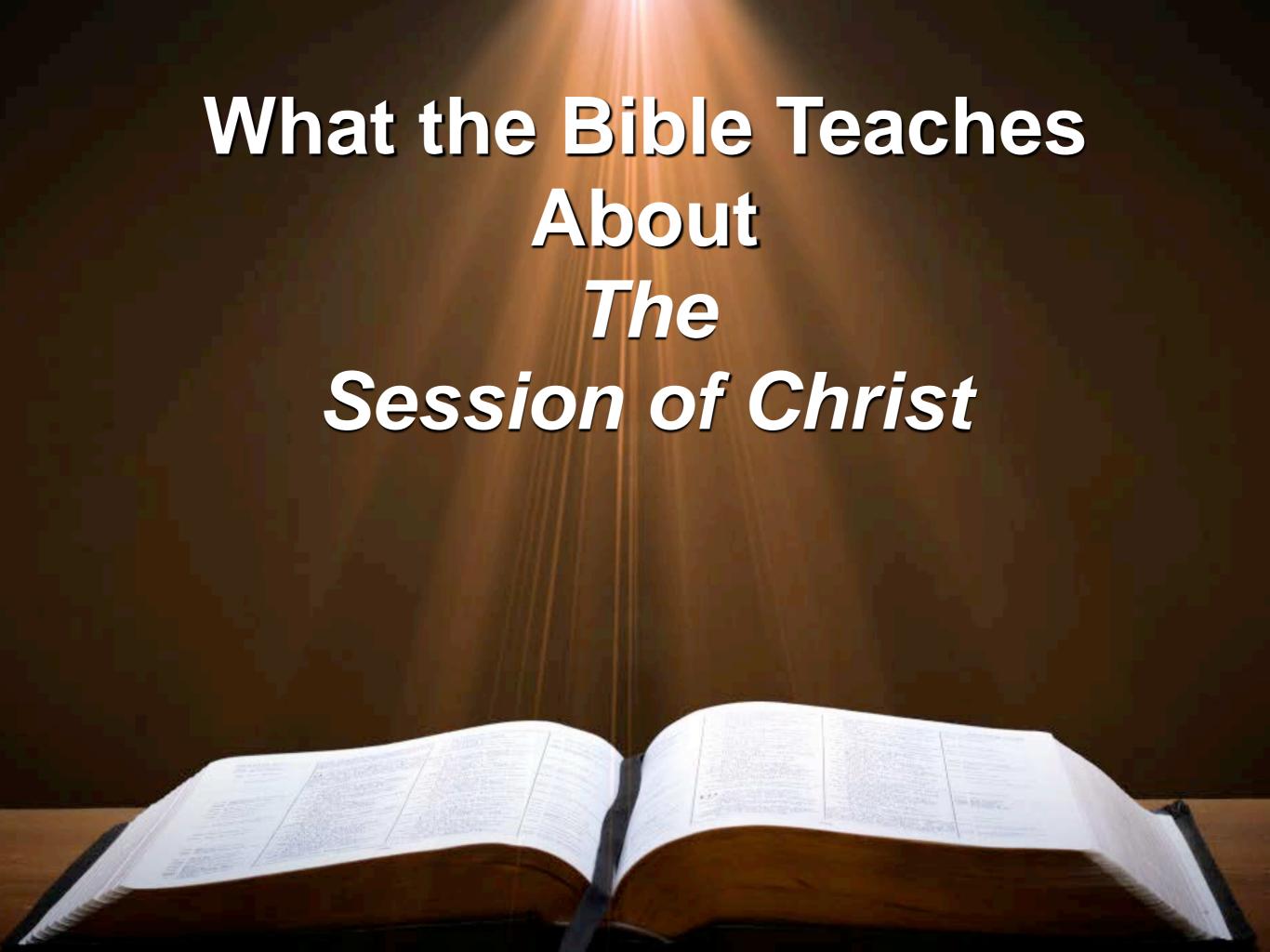
Subduing the Kingdom Ephesians 2:6; Psalm 2

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We are seated together in Christ Jesus. Cf., (Christ seated at the right hand of the Father:

Acts 2:33-34; 5:31; 7:55-56; Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; 2:6; 4:8-11; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3, 13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2; 1 Pet. 3:22; Rev. 3:21; 12:5)



What happened to God's plan when the Lord Jesus Christ was rejected and crucified?

What, then, is the purpose for the ascension and the unforeseen inter-advent age—the present Church Age?

- 1. Psa. 110 shows that Christ sits at the right hand until God finishes preparing His enemies for the final defeat.
- 2. Psa. 68:18 is applied to Christ's ascension and giving gifts to the Church.
- 3. After waiting at the right hand, the Son of Man is finally sent to destroy the enemies of God and establish His kingdom.

  Dan. 7:13–14
- 4. Psalm 2 shows the Messiah's victory over His enemies.

Psa. 110:1, "The LORD said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool.'"

- 1. The future Messiah-King is fully Divine, undiminished deity. Psa. 110:1a
- 2. The future Messiah-King is at the right hand of God the Father. Psa. 110:1b
- 3. The future Messiah-King sits to await a future victory. Psa. 110:1c

Heb. 10:12, "But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God,

Heb. 10:13, "from that time waiting until His enemies are made His footstool."

Psa. 110:4,

"The LORD has sworn and will not relent, 'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.'"

God promises a future Royal High Priest, Psa. 110:4a

The future everlasting Royal High Priest, Psa. 110:4b

# The future Messiah King will then defeat the enemies of *Yhwh*. cf., Daniel 7; Psalm 2

## During the intervening period:

- 1. We are seated with Him.
  We, too, are awaiting the giving of the Kingdom. We are not in the Kingdom or to bring in the Kingdom. Amillennialism and post-millennialism are rejected.
- 2. Like Him, our role is related to our royal priesthood IN HIM. We are to carry out our priestly role: the great commission, evangelism, teaching, prayer, "one another" ministry to the Church.

Dan. 7:13, "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.

Dan. 7:14, "Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed."

Dan. 7:7, "After this I saw in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, exceedingly strong. It had huge iron teeth; it was devouring, breaking in pieces, and trampling the residue with its feet. It was different from all the beasts that were before it, and it had ten horns.

Dan. 7:8, "I was considering the horns, and there was another horn, a little one, coming up among them, before whom three of the first horns were plucked out by the roots. And there, in this horn, were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking pompous words."

Dan. 7:9, "I kept looking until thrones were set up, and the Ancient of Days took His seat; His vesture was like white snow and the hair of His head like pure wool. His throne was ablaze with flames, its wheels were a burning fire.

Dan. 7:10, "A river of fire was flowing and coming out from before Him; Thousands upon thousands were attending Him, and myriads upon myriads were standing before Him; The court sat, and the books were opened."

Dan. 7:11, "I watched then because of the sound of the pompous words which the horn was speaking; I watched till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed and given to the burning flame."

Dan. 7:21, "I was watching; and the same horn was making war against the saints, and prevailing against them,

Dan. 7:22, "until the Ancient of Days came, and a judgment was made in favor of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom."

Dan. 7:24, "The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; He shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings."

Dan. 7:25, "He shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High, and shall intend to change times and law. Then the saints shall be given into his hand for a time and times and half a time.

Dan. 7:26, "But the court shall be seated, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and destroy it forever."

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Dan. 7:14, "And to Him was given dominion, glory and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations and men of every language might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one which will not be destroyed."

Dan. 7:27, "Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him."

### Psalm 2

## Introduction to the Psalms

Psa. 1:1, "Blessed is the man"

Psa. 2:12, "... Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him."

# 1:1, 6 way, "derek" path 2:12, the way

Psa. 1:6, "But the way of the ungodly shall perish."

Psa. 2:12, "[the rebels] And you perish in the way,"

Neither Psa. 1 or 2 has a superscription as is common in all but two psalms in the first Books 1, 2, and 3 in the psalms.

The two psalms are linked by a clever word play [paronomasia]:

Psalm 1:6 the ungodly is reshayim, and Psalm 2:1 uses rogshu goyim

There are quite a few of these linguistic and phonological parallels.

"Paul the apostle apparently was reading these two psalms in this manner as well when he attributed to believers in Messiah Jesus His privileges of sonship, a seat in heaven, and a worldwide inheritance (Eph. 1:3, 5, 10, 11, 14, 1922; 2:6)"

~Robert Cole

#### Psalm 2

One of the most quoted Psalms in the New Testament.

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Matt. 3:17 [= Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22];
Matt. 17:5 [= Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35];
Acts 4:24–26; 13:33;
Heb. 1:5; 5:5; Rev. 2:27
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Alluded to at least five more times: John 1:49; Heb. 1:2; Rev. 12:5; 19:15, 19.

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Amillennialism: Messiah's kingly rule began at the first coming.

Traditional premillennial dispensationalists believe the Davidic rule begins at the Second Coming.

Psalm 2 predicts the coronation at the Second Coming.

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Psa. 2:1, "Why are the nations in an uproar and the peoples devising a vain thing?

Psa. 2:2, "The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD [Yhwh] and against His Anointed [Messiah], saying, Psa. 2:3, "'Let us tear their fetters apart and cast away their cords from us!'"