

**Readings, Reflections, and Response: Yet Shall He Reign!**  
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all Scriptures are taken from the English Standard Version (ESV).*



**Why We Gather and Tell the Story: Shall the Followers of the King of kings Do Less?**

According to medieval legend, before King Arthur sent his knights on errantry to right wrongs and befriend the helpless, he would call them together at his round table, where each knight could see the face of the his king and the faces of his fellows. *Shall the followers of the King of Kings do less?*— John Frederick Jansen. *Guests Of God*. Philadelphia: Westminster Press, 1956, p. 81).



**JESUS IS THE KING OF KINGS**  
*Glory to the Lamb that was slain!*

**I. True King of Israel, yet shall he reign!**

*True King of Israel, David's great Son, Hope of the fathers, Heir to the throne, Lion of Judah, Lamb that was slain, True King of Israel, yet shall He reign!*<sup>1</sup>

**A. Readings and Reflections from the Word**

1. Jesus is the seed of Abraham through whom all the families of the earth shall be blessed, Genesis 12:1-3  
Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. [2] And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. [3] I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."
2. Jesus a descendant of David
  - a. Isaiah 11:1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
  - b. Romans 9:5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.
  - c. Rev. 5:5 And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."
3. Jesus is the Governor of Israel, and the government will be on his shoulder
  - a. Micah 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
  - b. Isaiah 9:6-7 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. [7] Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.
4. He will reign over the house of Jacob, Luke 1:32-33 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to 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."

**B. Our Joyous Response in Affirmation**

1. *Group 1: Glory to the King, the shoot from the stump of Jesse, who will reign over his people evermore.*
2. *Group 2: Yes, the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall make the Lion's throne sure and safe forever.*

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<sup>1</sup> *Jesus is the King of Kings*, is poem by J. Sidlow Baxter. The poem was adapted by Don L. Davis into a song in early 1980s.

## II. King of all nations, yet shall he reign!

*King of the angels, reigning in light, King of His people, glorious in might, Victor o'er Hades, Judge of all men, King of all nations, yet shall He reign!*

### A. Readings and Reflections from the Word

1. Tribute and obedience from the peoples will come to him, Genesis 49:10 The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.
2. He must reign till his enemies become his footstool, Psalm 110:1-3 The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." [2] The Lord sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! [3] Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments; from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.
3. All the nations will swear allegiance to him, Psalm 72:8-11 May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth! [9] May desert tribes bow down before him and his enemies lick the dust! [10] May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts! [11] May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
4. All the earth awaits the unveiling of the Reign of God in the earth
  - a. Isaiah 54:5 For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.
  - b. Zech. 14:9 And the Lord will be king over all the earth. On that day the Lord will be one and his name one.
  - c. Romans 3:29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also

### B. Our Joyous Response in Affirmation

1. *Group 1: Amen! The Scepter shall not depart from the risen Savior, he will rule in the midst of enemies, and all the nations will serve him!*
2. *Group 2: Come, Lord Jesus Christ, and reign! Make the kingdoms of this world the Kingdom of our God and of his Christ, and rule as Lord forevermore!*

## III. King of the universe, yet shall he reign!

*King of all regions and ages of time, King of the heaven of heavens sublime, King of all creatures in every domain, King of the universe, yet shall He reign!*

### A. Readings and Reflections from the Word

1. Jesus has been appointed heir of all things, Hebrews 1:1-4 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, [2] but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. [3] He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, [4] having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.
2. The Son of man will be given a dominion that is everlasting and universal, Daniel 7:13-14 I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. [14] And 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 one that shall not be destroyed.
3. Let all peoples fear the One whom God has installed as King in Zion, Psalm 2:6-12 "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." [7] I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. [8] Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. [9] You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

### B. Our Joyous Response in Affirmation

1. *Group 1: Now therefore, let all the kings of the earth become wise, and all the rulers of the earth count themselves as having been warned. Let them serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice in his grace and lovingkindness with trembling.*
2. *Group 2: Let us all obey the Word, and kiss the Son, lest he become angry, and we all perish in the way, for he is holy and his wrath is quickly kindled. Truly, we are blessed for we are taking refuge in him!*

#### IV. Boundless in empire, yet shall he reign!

*Sovereign of sovereigns, King evermore, Godhead Incarnate, all must adore, Soon now returning to end war and pain, Boundless in empire, yet shall He reign!*

##### A. Readings and Reflections from the Word

1. As majestic ruler forever, Jesus is the King of kings, and the Lord of lords
  - a. Rev. 19:16 On his robe and on his thigh he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords.
  - b. Phil. 2:9-11 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, [10] so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, [11] and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
  - c. 1 Tim. 6:15 which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,
2. The Kingdom of the risen Jesus of Nazareth will never be destroyed
  - a. Daniel 2:44-45 And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that shall never be destroyed, nor shall the kingdom be left to another people. It shall break in pieces all these kingdoms and bring them to an end, and it shall stand forever, [45] just as you saw that a stone was cut from a mountain by no human hand, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold. A great God has made known to the king what shall be after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure."
  - b. Daniel 7:14 And 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 one that shall not be destroyed.
3. As exalted Prince and Christ, Jesus has been made head of all authority evermore, God excepted
  - a. Eph. 1:20-22 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. [22] And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,
  - b. Col. 1:16-19 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. [17] And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. [18] And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. [19] For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell
  - c. 1 Peter 3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

##### B. Our Joyous Response in Affirmation

1. *Group 1: Sovereign of sovereigns, Lord of lords, and King of kings, come back to earth and consummate the Reign of God in the world today.*
2. *Group 2: Mighty Potentate Supreme, restore the righteous rule of the Father to the universe again forever, that he may receive proper worship through your name in the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus!



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The Season After Pentecost: The Reign of Christ the King (Year A, 2008)

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May we complete this final week of our Church year, and our "The Battle Belongs to the Lord" theme with confessions, celebrations, musings, and rejoicing in the truth that God has made Jesus Lord and Christ, and he will reign as King forever. Let us show in our conduct and lives our allegiance to him who must reign till all his enemies are placed under his feet. Even so, come Lord Jesus!

*Morning Collect:* Eternal God our Father, we praise you that you have given dominion and a kingdom to Jesus of Nazareth, the risen and exalted King, and heir of David's throne. Come, and reign through him! In his name we pray, amen.

*Evening Collect:* Lord Jesus Christ, the Crucified One and now the risen Prince of the world, we glorify Your name for You alone have conquered and deserve to rule. Establish Your throne in the earth, and make the kingdoms of this world the Kingdom of Your Father and his Christ. In You mighty name we pray, amen.

*Memory Verse:* MTB, **New Beginnings in Christ: Series 1. Topic 2, Repentance and Faith, Repent and Turn to God.**  
Mark 1:14-15 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, [15] and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."