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In these past few weeks, three things came to my mind about rulers. First, there was the death and funeral of Queen Elizabeth, and then this attention on King Charles III, a king with no real power. Second, there's all this coverage about the coming midterm elections, with most candidates foolishly promising some kind of change. Third, there's all this evil being promoted, permitted, and protected by evil rulers, resulting in an increasingly corrupt and spiritually cancerous country. Our only hope is Jesus Christ, the true Savior and King! Only He can save us from our primary problem, sin and death, and then bring real peace and prosperity to this world, and that's in the kingdom age to come.

Today I want to focus on Christ Jesus the King. Here are some things God wants you to know:

* Psalm 2:1-3 sums up the present and future condition of this world with regards to kings and the King. At the present time, *"the kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against His Anointed* (Christ the King)" (Ps. 2:2). In a little while, God will carry out His plan, *"But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion"* (Ps. 2:6). There are now all these kings and rulers on this earth, but it won't be long before Christ will be King over the whole world. *"God is the King of all the earth."* Psalm 47:7

* Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the Son of Man, the perfect person to be King and rule over this world. *"You will bear a son... He... will be called the Son of the Most High."* Luke 1:31-32

* Jesus Christ has the right to reign over this earth, for by His death, He paid for our sins and defeated the devil, thereby giving Him the authority to be King of this world. "Grace to you and peace... from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us... Behold He is coming..." Revelation 1:4-8, 12-18

* God promised that His Son, Jesus Christ, would be King over this world, and He will keep His promise. *"I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever."* 2 Samuel 7:12-16

* Jesus Christ, our coming King, is the only hope for this world. No one but Christ can perfectly rule over this planet and bring true justice, joy, and peace. "Let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for You will judge the peoples with uprightness and guide the nations on the earth." Psalm 67:4

* We now live in the end-times which means we are fast approaching the end of this evil age. Christ the King is coming soon, and when He does, the church will be raptured (Matt. 24:31), the world will be punished (Rev. 8-9), the Antichrist will be defeated (Rev. 19:20), a Jewish remnant will be saved (Rom. 11:25-26), and Christ will begin reigning over this earth. *"The kingdom of the world has become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ."* Rev. 11:15, Zech. 14:9

* Jesus Christ will be a perfect, holy, truthful, wise, powerful, loving, merciful, sovereign, and all-knowing King (Jer. 10:10). *"The works of His hands are truth*

and justice; all His precepts are sure... He has sent redemption... Holy and awesome is His name." Psalm 111:7-10

* Christ's reign in the coming kingdom age will last for exactly 1000 years. Revelation 20:1-6

* True believers will be glorified in body, soul, and spirit, and will reign with Jesus Christ in the kingdom age, helping Him to establish His righteous rule over this earth. Revelation 5:10, 20:6

* Jesus Christ will reign over the entire world from the city of Jerusalem. Psalm48

* Every person who has ever lived will bow down to Jesus Christ and confess Him as Lord and King. He will be feared by all people, and loved and worshiped by all believers – and this will take place during the millennial kingdom. *"Every knee will bow... and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."* Philippians 2:9-11; Psalm 72:5-11

* During the millennial kingdom, the entire earth will be full of Christ's glory. *"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of His glory."* Isaiah
6:3

* During this kingdom age, it will be obvious to all that Christ is the greatest King this world has ever seen. *"The Lord Most High is to be feared, a great king over all the earth."* Psalm 47:2

* In this coming kingdom, believers will be giving thanks to Christ, singing praises to Him, and shouting for joy. And why? Because of their salvation (Is. 12:1-2), because Christ is defeating their enemies (1 Cor. 15:25), because they are experiencing His incredible blessings (Ps. 67), and because He is *"a great King over all the earth."* Psalm 48:2

* During Christ's kingship, the nation of Israel will have a special place and role on this earth. Christ will rule from Israel (Ps. 48). He will bless Israel in such a way that they are a blessing to the whole earth (Ps. 67:1-2, 7). Salvation in Christ will be proclaimed by the Israelites to all the world (Ps. 96:1-3). *"Their* (Israel's) offspring will be known among the nations" (Is. 61:9). Nations will come to Israel because she is so blessed by Christ (Is. 60:3). *"The wealth of the* nations will come to you (Israel)." (Is. 60:5). Jerusalem will be the most renowned city in the world – "They will call you the city of the Lord, the Zion of the Holy One of Israel." Isaiah 60:14

* During His millennial kingdom reign, Jesus Christ will defeat all His enemies, and this includes death. *"The last enemy that will be abolished is death."* 1 Corinthians 15:26, Revelation 20:14

* At the end of this 1000-year kingdom age, Jesus Christ, the King of the earth, will hand "over the Kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and authority... when all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all." 1 Corinthians 15:24-28

* God commands us to pray for the coming of Christ and His kingdom. "Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:9-10

Look at the world around you! For the most part, it's a wicked planet ruled by evil leaders, by evil *"kings."* Doesn't this make you long for the true King, for Jesus Christ to return and reign over this earth? I can't wait to see King Jesus ruling over this earth, for then there will be perfect justice, love, peace, and glory to God like never before. But for now, keep working and waiting for our Lord, and soon enough He will return, judge the world, and then we will join Him in reigning over this earth. *"They will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years"* (Rev. 20:6). *"Then all nations will be blessed through Him, and they will call Him blessed... may the whole earth be filled with His glory. Amen and amen."* Psalm 72:17-19

P.S. In this world of politics, rulers, and corruption, you must understand what God says about His spiritual kingdom, and the kingdom ages to come. Here are four related posts I would encourage you to read – *"The Kingdom of God"*, *"The King in Your Heart and His Kingdom on Earth"*, *"Kingdom Instructions for the Church"*, and *"The Present Church Age and the Future Kingdom Age."*

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