

Christ King and High Priest

Zechariah 6:9-15

Introduction

- Throughout the Old Testament, there are prophecies about Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection, ascension and rule in heaven
- In Zechariah 6:9-15, we focus on this prophecy that foretold Jesus would be both King and High Priest, something that was impossible while the Law of Moses was still in effect

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Introduction

- Zechariah wrote around 520 BC encouraging the remnant that had come to Jerusalem from Babylonian captivity to finish rebuilding the Temple
- These prophecies of Jesus, now fulfilled, prove the Bible is the Word of God and Jesus is the Son of God
- He is superior to Moses and His New Covenant is superior to the old that it replaced

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Symbolic action of crowning the high priest

Zec 6:9 The word of the LORD also came to me, saying,

Zec 6:10 "Take an offering from the exiles, from Heldai, Tobijah and Jedaiah; and you go the same day and enter the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, where they have arrived from Babylon.

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Symbolic action of crowning the high priest

Zec 6:11 "Take silver and gold, make an ornate crown and set it on the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest.

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But no high priest under the Law of Moses could ever serve as king

Heb 7:11 Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the people received the Law), what further need was there for another priest to arise according to the order of Melchizedek, and not be designated according to the order of Aaron?

Heb 7:12 For when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also.

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Heb 7:13 For the one concerning whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe, from which no one has officiated at the altar.

Heb 7:14 For it is evident that our Lord was descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests.

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What will the Branch, coming king, do?

Zec 6:12 "Then say to him, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Behold, a man whose name is Branch, for He will branch out from where He is; and He will build the temple of the LORD.

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What will the Branch, coming king, do?

Zec 6:13 "Yes, it is He who will build the temple of the LORD, and He who will bear the honor and sit and rule on His throne. Thus, He will be a priest on His throne, and the counsel of peace will be between the two offices."

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Zec 6:14 "Now the crown will become a reminder in the temple of the LORD to Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah and Hen the son of Zephaniah.

Zec 6:15 "Those who are far off will come and build the temple of the LORD." Then you will know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. And it will take place if you completely obey the LORD your God.

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Jesus would build His spiritual Temple (His church) as King and High Priest in heaven

- Jeremiah prophesied no future kings of Judah would ever rule again on the throne in Jerusalem
- But David prophesied one would rule as both king and high priest after the order of Melchizedek
- Jesus is now ruling at the right hand of God as king and high priest

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- He saves and adds those to His one church (saved body)
- When we believe in Jesus as the Son of God (He is God along with the Father and the Holy Spirit and is also ruling over heaven and earth), repent (change our mind) of our sins, confess our faith in Him and are baptized (immersed in water) in His name for forgiveness of sins, he saves us and adds us to His church, spiritual Temple

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from the throne in Jerusalem

Jer 22:28 "Is this man Coniah a despised,
shattered jar? Or is he an undesirable
vessel? Why have he and his descendants
been hurled out And cast into a land that
they had not known?

Jer 22:29 "O land, land, land, Hear the word
of the LORD!

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Jer 22:30 "Thus says the LORD, "Write this
man down childless, A man who will not
prosper in his days; For no man of his
descendants will prosper Sitting on the
throne of David Or ruling again in Judah."

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But, Jesus, the Branch, will rule
both as King and High Priest

Jer 23:5 "Behold, the days are coming,"
declares the LORD, "When I will raise up for
David a righteous Branch; And He will reign
as king and act wisely And do justice and
righteousness in the land.

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Psa 110:1 **A Psalm of David.** The LORD
says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand Until I
make Your enemies a footstool for Your
feet."

Psa 110:2 The LORD will stretch forth Your
strong scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in
the midst of Your enemies."

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Psa 110:3 Your people will volunteer freely
in the day of Your power; In holy array, from
the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to
You as the dew.

Psa 110:4 The LORD has sworn and will
not change His mind, "You are a priest
forever According to the order of
Melchizedek."

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Gen 14:18 And Melchizedek king of Salem
brought out bread and wine; now he was a
priest of God Most High.

Gen 14:19 He blessed him and said,
"Blessed be Abram of God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;

Gen 14:20 And blessed be God Most High,
Who has delivered your enemies into your
hand." He gave him a tenth of all.

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Act 2:29 "Brethren, I may confidently say to you regarding the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

Act 2:30 "And so, because he was a prophet and knew that GOD HAD SWORN TO HIM WITH AN OATH TO SEAT one OF HIS DESCENDANTS ON HIS THRONE,

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Act 2:31 he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that HE WAS NEITHER ABANDONED TO HADES, NOR DID His flesh SUFFER DECAY.

Act 2:32 "This Jesus God raised up again, to which we are all witnesses.

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Act 2:33 "Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear.

Act 2:34 "For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: 'THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD, "SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

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Act 2:35 UNTIL I MAKE YOUR ENEMIES A FOOTSTOOL FOR YOUR FEET."

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

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Act 2:37 Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?"

Act 2:38 Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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Act 2:41 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Act 2:42 They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

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Heb 7:24 but Jesus, on the other hand, because He continues forever, holds His priesthood permanently.

Heb 7:25 Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

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Heb 7:26 For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens;

Heb 7:27 who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

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Heb 7:28 For the Law appoints men as high priests who are weak, but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, appoints a Son, made perfect forever.

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Jesus' spiritual Temple (His one church)
composed of people from all nations

Eph 2:19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household,

Eph 2:20 having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone,

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Eph 2:21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord,

Eph 2:22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.

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