

God And The Nations v3

Lesson 2

God Through Jesus Rules The Nations Today

Before Christ, God Ruled The Nations

1. Before Christ, God ruled the nations to accomplish His purpose
2. Ways nations vainly try to overrule God's judgments
3. Some examples of God judging the nations

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Some Examples of God Judging The Nations

1. 1385 BC God used Israel to judge Canaan
2. 722 BC God used Assyria to judge Israel (Northern Kingdom)
3. 612 BC God used Babylon to judge Assyria
4. 586 BC God used Babylon to judge Judah

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Some Examples of God Judging The Nations

5. 539 BC God used the Medes and Persians to judge Babylon
6. God used Rome to judge nations and bring forth Jesus

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Introduction

- If I believed that government leaders could act independently and carry out their full intentions without any Divine authority and purpose ruling over them, I would be completely distraught
- But, as we noticed in the last lesson, before Christ, God ruled the nations according to His righteous standard to accomplish His purpose to save humanity through Christ

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Introduction

- He used unrighteous nations to judge other unrighteous nations without violating their free will
- But, does God rule the nations through Jesus today?
- Unlike the Old Testament, the New Testament does not give a great number of examples of specific national judgments executed by Jesus

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Introduction

- But, we do have a detailed example of Jesus using the Romans to destroy Jerusalem and the Temple
- Beyond this, there are many Old Testament prophecies, five of which we will examine, that foretell Jesus' reign over and judging of the nations
- His reign began being displayed in Acts 2 and continues until now

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Introduction

- His reign will end when He comes again, raising all dead, and then comes the judgment for all
- He now is head of His one church and ruler of all nations
- Knowing that God in the past and Jesus today is in control of the nations, we live by faith in God, no matter what may come
- We submit to governments but never violating the Word of God

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Jesus rules and righteously judges the nations saving those who obey Him

1Ti 2:1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,

1Ti 2:2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

1Ti 2:3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

1Ti 2:4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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Rom 13:1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

Rom 13:2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

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Rom 13:3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same;

Rom 13:4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

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Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

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Rev 1:5 and 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 and released us from our sins by His blood--

Rev 1:6 and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father--to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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The throne of David to endure forever

2Sa 7:12 "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom.

2Sa 7:13 "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

2Sa 7:16 "Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.""

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Jesus begins ruling over heaven and earth from David's true throne at God's right hand

Mat 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Mat 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,

Mat 28:20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

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Act 2:1 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.

Act 2:2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

Act 2:3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them.

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Act 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

Act 2:5 Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven.

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Act 2:6 And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each one of them was hearing them speak in his own language.

Act 2:7 They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans?

Act 2:8 "And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born?

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Act 2:14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them: "Men of Judea and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and give heed to my words.

Act 2:15 "For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day;

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Act 2:16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel:

Act 2:17 'AND IT SHALL BE IN THE LAST DAYS,' God says, 'THAT I WILL POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT ON ALL MANKIND; AND YOUR SONS AND YOUR DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY, AND YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS, AND YOUR OLD MEN SHALL DREAM DREAMS;

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Act 2:18 EVEN ON MY BONDSLAVES, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, I WILL IN THOSE DAYS POUR FORTH OF MY SPIRIT And they shall prophesy.

Act 2:19 'AND I WILL GRANT WONDERS IN THE SKY ABOVE AND SIGNS ON THE EARTH BELOW, BLOOD, AND FIRE, AND VAPOR OF SMOKE.

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Act 2:20 'THE SUN WILL BE TURNED INTO DARKNESS AND THE MOON INTO BLOOD, BEFORE THE GREAT AND GLORIOUS DAY OF THE LORD SHALL COME.

Act 2:21 'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'

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Act 2:22 "Men of Israel, listen to these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man attested to you by God with miracles and wonders and signs which God performed through Him in your midst, just as you yourselves know--

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Act 2:23 this Man, delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

Act 2:24 "But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power.

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Act 2:25 "For David says of Him, 'I SAW THE LORD ALWAYS IN MY PRESENCE; FOR HE IS AT MY RIGHT HAND, SO THAT I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN.

Act 2:26 'THEREFORE MY HEART WAS GLAD AND MY TONGUE EXULTED; MOREOVER MY FLESH ALSO WILL LIVE IN HOPE;

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Jesus begins ruling over heaven and earth from David's true throne at God's right hand

Act 2:27 BECAUSE YOU WILL NOT ABANDON MY SOUL TO HADES, NOR ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.

Act 2:28 'YOU HAVE MADE KNOWN TO ME THE WAYS OF LIFE; YOU WILL MAKE ME FULL OF GLADNESS WITH YOUR PRESENCE.'

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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.

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Isa 66:1 Thus says the LORD, "Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest?

Isa 66:2 "For My hand made all these things, Thus all these things came into being," declares the LORD. "But to this one I will look, To him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word.

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Jesus as High Priest and King rules over His kingdom and the nations

- Jesus' reign would be at the right hand of God until God conquers all His enemies
- He will rule in the midst of His enemies but His people will voluntarily serve Him
- He will be king and high priest according to the order of Melchizedek
- He will judge the nations

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Jesus as High Priest and King rules over His kingdom and the nations

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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Jesus as High Priest and King rules over His kingdom and the nations

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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Jesus as High Priest and King rules over His kingdom and the nations

Psa 110:5 The Lord is at Your right hand; He will shatter kings in the day of His wrath.

Psa 110:6 He will judge among the nations, He will fill them with corpses, He will shatter the chief men over a broad country.

Psa 110:7 He will drink from the brook by the wayside; Therefore He will lift up His head.

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over His kingdom and the nations

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."

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?"

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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.

Act 2:39 "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

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Act 2:40 And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

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

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

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

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Jesus as High Priest and King rules
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Heb 10:10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Heb 10:11 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins;

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Heb 10:12 but He, having offered one
sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT
THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,

Heb 10:13 waiting from that time onward
UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A
FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.

Heb 10:14 For by one offering He has
perfected for all time those who are
sanctified.

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Heb 10:15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies
to us; for after saying,

Heb 10:16 "THIS IS THE COVENANT
THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER
THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL
PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND
ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM," He
then says,

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Heb 10:17 "AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR
LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO
MORE."

Heb 10:18 Now where there is forgiveness
of these things, there is no longer any
offering for sin.

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1Co 15:23 But each in his own order: Christ
the first fruits, after that those who are
Christ's at His coming,

1Co 15:24 then comes the end, when He
hands over the kingdom to the God and
Father, when He has abolished all rule and
all authority and power.

1Co 15:25 For He must reign until He has
put all His enemies under His feet.

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1Co 15:26 The last enemy that will be
abolished is death.

1Co 15:27 For HE HAS PUT ALL THINGS
IN SUBJECTION UNDER HIS FEET. But
when He says, "All things are put in
subjection," it is evident that He is excepted
who put all things in subjection to Him.

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1Co 15:28 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.

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God declares Jesus the Son of God, ruler of the nations

- The nations attempt to overthrow God's Anointed
- God laughs at them and sets His King on Mount Zion
- After His resurrection and ascension to Heave, God declares Jesus the Son of God, ruler of the nations
- Those who voluntarily worship Him are blessed while the wicked receive His wrath

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God declares Jesus the Son of God, ruler of the nations

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 and against His Anointed,
saying,

Psa 2:3 "Let us tear their fetters apart And
cast away their cords from us!"

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Psa 2:4 He who sits in the heavens laughs,
The Lord scoffs at them.

Psa 2:5 Then He will speak to them in His
anger And terrify them in His fury, saying,

Psa 2:6 "But as for Me, I have installed My
King Upon Zion, My holy mountain."

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Psa 2:7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the
LORD: He said to Me, 'You are My Son,
Today I have begotten You.

Psa 2:8 'Ask of Me, and I will surely give the
nations as Your inheritance, And the very
ends of the earth as Your possession.

Psa 2:9 'You shall break them with a rod of
iron, You shall shatter them like
earthenware.'"

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Psa 2:10 Now therefore, O kings, show
discernment; Take warning, O judges of the
earth.

Psa 2:11 Worship the LORD with reverence
And rejoice with trembling.

Psa 2:12 Do homage to the Son, that He
not become angry, and you perish in the
way, For His wrath may soon be kindled.
How blessed are all who take refuge in Him!

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Act 13:32 "And we preach to you the good
news of the promise made to the fathers,

Act 13:33 that God has fulfilled this promise
to our children in that He raised up Jesus, as
it is also written in the second Psalm, 'YOU
ARE MY SON; TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN
YOU.'

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Act 13:34 "As for the fact that He raised Him up from the dead, no longer to return to decay, He has spoken in this way: 'I WILL GIVE YOU THE HOLY and SURE blessings OF DAVID.'

Act 13:35 "Therefore He also says in another Psalm, 'YOU WILL NOT ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO UNDERGO DECAY.'

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Act 13:36 "For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay;

Act 13:37 but He whom God raised did not undergo decay.

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Act 13:38 "Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you,

Act 13:39 and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things, from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.

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Act 4:25 who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Your servant, said, 'WHY DID THE GENTILES RAGE, AND THE PEOPLES DEVISE FUTILE THINGS?

Act 4:26 'THE KINGS OF THE EARTH TOOK THEIR STAND, AND THE RULERS WERE GATHERED TOGETHER AGAINST THE LORD AND AGAINST HIS CHRIST.'

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Act 4:27 "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

Act 4:28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose predestined to occur.

Act 4:29 "And now, Lord, take note of their threats, and grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence, 59

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Act 4:30 while You extend Your hand to heal, and signs and wonders take place through the name of Your holy servant Jesus."

Act 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

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Jesus, who is God, righteously rules from the throne of God which is forever

Psa 45:6 Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of uprightness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

Psa 45:7 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You With the oil of joy above Your fellows.

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Heb 1:5 For to which of the angels did He ever say, "YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU"? And again, "I WILL BE A FATHER TO HIM AND HE SHALL BE A SON TO ME"?

Heb 1:6 And when He again brings the firstborn into the world, He says, "AND LET ALL THE ANGELS OF GOD WORSHIP HIM."

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Heb 1:7 And of the angels He says, "WHO MAKES HIS ANGELS WINDS, AND HIS MINISTERS A FLAME OF FIRE."

Heb 1:8 But of the Son He says, "YOUR THRONE, O GOD, IS FOREVER AND EVER, AND THE RIGHTEOUS SCEPTER IS THE SCEPTER OF HIS KINGDOM."

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Heb 1:9 "YOU HAVE LOVED RIGHTEOUSNESS AND HATED LAWLESSNESS; THEREFORE GOD, YOUR GOD, HAS ANOINTED YOU WITH THE OIL OF GLADNESS ABOVE YOUR COMPANIONS."

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Jesus the Branch righteously rules over Jews and Gentiles

Isa 11:1 Then a shoot will spring from the stem of Jesse, And a branch from his roots will bear fruit.

Isa 11:2 The Spirit of the LORD will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

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Jesus the Branch righteously rules over Jews and Gentiles

Isa 11:3 And He will delight in the fear of the LORD, And He will not judge by what His eyes see, Nor make a decision by what His ears hear;

Isa 11:4 But with righteousness He will judge the poor, And decide with fairness for the afflicted of the earth; And He will strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He will slay the wicked.

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Isa 11:5 Also righteousness will be the belt about His loins, And faithfulness the belt about His waist.

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Jesus the Branch righteously rules over Jews and Gentiles

Rom 15:10 Again he says, "REJOICE, O GENTILES, WITH HIS PEOPLE."

Rom 15:11 And again, "PRAISE THE LORD ALL YOU GENTILES, AND LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE HIM."

Rom 15:12 Again Isaiah says, "THERE SHALL COME THE ROOT OF JESSE, AND HE WHO ARISES TO RULE OVER THE GENTILES, IN HIM SHALL THE GENTILES HOPE."

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Jesus' reign confirmed by other New Testament writers

1Pe 3:21 Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

1Pe 3:22 who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

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Rev 1:4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,

Rev 1:5 and 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 and released us from our sins by His blood--

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Rev 1:6 and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father--to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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Jesus uses the Romans to judge Jerusalem

- From fulfilled prophecies and other confirmations by New Testaments writers, we conclude Jesus is ruling the nations now
- Further proof is provided by Jesus' detailed description of His judgment He said He would carry out using the Romans to judge Jerusalem 66-70 AD

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Jesus uses the Romans to judge Jerusalem

- Many misinterpret these passages saying they refer to some type of rapture where Jesus will finally begin His rule over the nations after bringing the righteous to Heaven
- But, it is clear from Jesus' own words that all these things regarding the destruction of Jerusalem and His coming in judgment against them would happen in that generation

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Jesus uses the Romans to judge Jerusalem

Mat 23:37 "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

Mat 23:38 "Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!

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Jesus uses the Romans to judge Jerusalem

Mat 23:39 "For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, 'BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!'"

Mat 24:1 Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him.

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Jesus uses the Romans to judge Jerusalem

Mat 24:2 And He said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down."

Mat 24:3 As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?"

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Jesus uses the Romans to judge Jerusalem

Mat 24:4 And Jesus answered and said to them, "See to it that no one misleads you.

Mat 24:5 "For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will mislead many.

Mat 24:6 "You will be hearing of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not frightened, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.

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Jesus uses the Romans to judge Jerusalem

Mat 24:7 "For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

Mat 24:8 "But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pangs.

Mat 24:9 "Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

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Jesus uses the Romans to judge Jerusalem

Mat 24:10 "At that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.

Mat 24:11 "Many false prophets will arise and will mislead many.

Mat 24:12 "Because lawlessness is increased, most people's love will grow cold.

Mat 24:13 "But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

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Jesus uses the Romans to judge Jerusalem

Mat 24:14 "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Mat 24:15 "Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),

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Jesus uses the Romans to judge Jerusalem

Luk 21:20 "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near.

Luk 21:21 "Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city;

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Luk 21:22 because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.

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Mat 24:27 "For just as the lightning comes from the east and flashes even to the west, so will the coming of the Son of Man be.

Mat 24:28 "Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather.

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Jesus uses the Romans to judge Jerusalem

Mat 24:29 "But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

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Jesus uses the Romans to judge Jerusalem

Mat 24:30 "And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory.

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Mat 24:31 "And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

Mat 24:34 "Truly I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place.

Mat 24:35 "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.

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God Through Jesus Rules The Nations Today

1. Jesus rules and righteously judges the nations saving those who obey Him
2. Jesus ruling over the nations foretold and fulfilled
3. Jesus' reign confirmed by other New Testament writers
4. Jesus uses the Romans to judge Jerusalem