

A KING IS BORN

Matthew 2:1 Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking,

2 "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We have seen his star as it arose, and we have come to worship him."

A Reigning King

Luke 1:26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee,

27 to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David.

28 Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"

29 Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean.

30 "Don't be frightened, Mary," the angel told her, "for God has decided to bless you!

31 You will become pregnant and have a son, and you are to name him Jesus.

32 He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David.

33 And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

John 18:36 Then Jesus answered, "I am not an earthly king. If I were, my followers would have fought when I was arrested by the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world."

37 Pilate replied, "You are a king then?" "You say that I am a king, and you are right," Jesus said. "I was born for that purpose. And I came to bring truth to the world. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true."

The King Reigns Over An Eternal Kingdom

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Top 10 Greatest Empires In History

10. Ottoman Empire
9. Umayyad Caliphate
8. Persian Empire
7. Byzantine Empire
6. Han Dynasty
5. British Empire
4. Holy Roman Empire
3. The Russian Empire
2. Mongol Empire

1. Roman Empire

The King Came To Expose His Kingdom

Matthew 4:17 From then on, Jesus began to preach, "Turn from your sins and turn to God, because the Kingdom of Heaven is near."

The King Tells Us How To Enter His Kingdom

Matthew 7:13 "You can enter God's Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose the easy way.

14 But the gateway to life is small, and the road is narrow, and only a few ever find it.

John 10:1 "I assure you, anyone who sneaks over the wall of a sheepfold, rather than going through the gate, must surely be a thief and a robber!

2 For a shepherd enters through the gate.

3 The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

4 After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because they recognize his voice.

5 They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't recognize his voice."

6 Those who heard Jesus use this illustration didn't understand what he meant,

7 so he explained it to them. "I assure you, I am the gate for the sheep," he said.

8 "All others who came before me were thieves and robbers. But the true sheep did not listen to them.

9 Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. Wherever they go, they will find green pastures.

10 The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give life in all its fullness.

The King Wants Us To Make His Kingdom The Emphasis Of Our Life

Matthew 6:31 "So don't worry about having enough food or drink or clothing.

32 Why be like the pagans who are so deeply concerned about these things?

Your heavenly Father already knows all your needs,

33 and he will give you all you need from day to day if you live for him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.

34 "So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries.

Today's trouble is enough for today.

The King Will Execute Judgment

Psalm 9:7 But the LORD reigns forever, executing judgment from his throne.
8 He will judge the world with justice and rule the nations with fairness.

The King's Kingdom Will Continually Expand

Isaiah 9:6 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. And the government will rest on his shoulders. These will be his royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 His ever expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule forever with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David. The passionate commitment of the LORD Almighty will guarantee this!