

The Messianic Hope

The Nation My Pen – David

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1. The importance of David in the Old and New Testaments

- (a) His name occurs in 893 verses for 1004 times (OT 947/NT 57) Compare the name James in the NT – 38 verses, John 136 verses, Thomas 11 verses
- (b) He was Israel's second king
- (c) The time (i.e. pages devoted to) for coming to the kingship is more than almost all of the other kings entire reign (1 Sam. 16 - 2 Sam. 2).
- (d) He was a man after God's own heart.

1 Sam. 13:14 But now your kingdom will not endure; the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people, because you have not kept the LORD's command.

1 Kgs. 11:4 As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been.

1 Kgs. 14:8 I tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you, but you have not been like my servant David, who kept my commands and followed me with all his heart, doing only what was right in my eyes.

Acts 13:22 After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: "I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do."

- (e) He was the King in the Old testament by whom other kings were compared, par excellence. He is the measure by which they are measured.

1 Kgs. 3:14 And if you walk in my ways and obey my statutes and commands as David your father did, I will give you a long life.

1 Kgs. 9:4 As for you, if you walk before me in integrity of heart and uprightness, as David your father did, and do all I command and observe my decrees and laws,

1 Kgs. 11:6 So Solomon did evil in the eyes of the LORD; he did not follow the LORD completely, as David his father had done.

1 Kgs. 11:33 I will do this because they have forsaken me and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Molech the god of the Ammonites, and have not walked in my ways, nor done what is right in my eyes, nor kept my statutes and laws as David, Solomon's father, did.

1Kgs. 11:38 If you do whatever I command you and walk in my ways and do what is right in my eyes by keeping my statutes and commands, as David my servant did, I will be with you. I will build you a dynasty as enduring as the one I built for David and will give Israel to you.

1 Kgs. 15:3 He committed all the sins his father had done before him; his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his forefather had been.

1 Kgs. 15:11 Asa did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as his father David had done.

1 Kgs. 14:8 I tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you, but you have not been like my servant David, who kept my commands and followed me with all his heart, doing only what was right in my eyes.

2 Kgs. 16:2 Ahaz was twenty years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem sixteen years. Unlike David his father, he did not do what was right in the eyes of the LORD his God.

2 Kgs. 18:3 He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, just as his father David had done.

2 Kgs. 22:2 He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD and walked in all the ways of his father David, not turning aside to the right or to the left.

2 Chr. 7:17 As for you, if you walk before me as David your father did, and do all I command, and observe my decrees and laws,

2 Chr. 17:3 The LORD was with Jehoshaphat because in his early years he walked in the ways his father David had followed. He did not consult the Baals

2 Chr. 23:18 Then Jehoiada placed the oversight of the temple of the LORD in the hands of the priests, who were Levites, to whom David had made assignments in the temple, to present the burnt offerings of the LORD as written in the Law of Moses, with rejoicing and singing, as David had ordered.

- (f) He is the man who receives one of the most important covenants in the Old Testament, *the Davidic Covenant* (2 Sam. 7).
- (g) He is the reason God did not give up on Judah (1 Kings 11:34-36; 2 Chron. 21:7).
- (h) He is the main author of the most read book in the Old Testament, The Psalms.

2. The Davidic Covenant 2 Sam. 7, 1 Chron. 17

David's dynasty, everlasting, reference not only to Messiah, but his whole line in between. Was Jesus a descendant of David? Was Jesus Christ an heir to the throne?

To the Talmudic tractate Sanhedrin 43a

Jesus was hanged on Passover Eve. Forty days previously the herald had cried, "He is being led out for stoning, because he has practiced sorcery and led Israel astray and enticed them into apostacy. Whosoever has anything to say in his defense let him come and declare it." As nothing was brought forward in his defense, he was hanged on Passover Eve.

To this baraita are appended some remarks by Ulla, a later rabbi, who flourished about the end of the third century:

"Would you believe that any defense would have been so zealously sought for him? He was a deceiver, and the All-merciful says: 'You shall not spare him, neither shall you conceal him.' It was different with Jesus, for he was near to the kingship."

F.F. Bruce, Christian Origins outside the New Testament, pp. 55-56 Eerdman's Pub. Co.

3. The amplifications of that through David's lifetime

Psalms 2 Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One. "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters." The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, "I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession. You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like

pottery.” Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Refuge in whom, God or the Son?

Ps. 16:10 because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

Ps. 110 The LORD said to my Lord

Who was David’s Lord? What position does David hold in God’s Chosen Nation? (answer: The King and Priesthood combined). Then How can He say the LORD said to my Lord? Implications are that there is one who is superior to David, yet a son of David, who lives at the time of David, but is much greater than David, great enough to be the priest-king, great enough to fulfill this Psalm.

Matt. 22:44 “The Lord said to my Lord: ‘Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.’ ”

Mark 12:36 David himself, speaking by the Holy Spirit, declared: “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.” ’ ”

Luke 20:42 David himself declares in the Book of Psalms: “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand. . .

Acts 2:34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand. . .

Notice that the religious leaders did not attempt to answer Jesus’ question on the Psalm. They had no answer because it justified his position. They quit talking.

4. **Psalm 22** Where does David’s own personal experience come to an end in the psalm? The closes event I can get to fitting David to all of this is when they rejected him as king under the rebellion of son, Absalom. Then they drove him out of the city, mocked him, perhaps they divided up his clothes, but we don’t know about it. But even here how intriguing is the scripture. If David really is a place holder for Messiah. Jesus retraces his life, yet without sin. His rejection is far worse.

(a) Mocked Him

Matt. 20:19 and will turn him over to the Gentiles to be mocked and flogged and crucified. On the third day he will be raised to life!”

Matt. 27:29 and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand and knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said.

Matt. 27:31 After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

Matt. 27:41 In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him.

Mark 10:34 who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.

Mark 15:20 And when they had mocked him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

Mark 15:31 In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself!”

Luke 18:32 He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him.

Luke 22:63 The men who were guarding Jesus began mocking and beating him.

Luke 23:11 Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate.

Luke 23:36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar

(b) shaking their heads

Mt. 27: 39–42 Those who passed by hurled insults at him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!” In the same way the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.”

(c) Mocking the LORD’s seeming position of not delivering Him

Matt. 27:43–42 “He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the King of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him.”

Mark 15:31 In the same way the chief priests and the teachers of the law mocked him among themselves. “He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself!”

Luke 23:35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.”

(d) Cast lots for his clothing

Matt. 27:35 When they had crucified him, they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

Mark 15:24 And they crucified him. Dividing up his clothes, they cast lots to see what each would get.

Luke 23:34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

John 19:24 “Let’s not tear it,” they said to one another. “Let’s decide by lot who will get it.” This happened that the scripture might be fulfilled which said, “They divided my garments among them and cast lots for my clothing.” So this is what the soldiers did.

(e) Tongue to the roof of mouth = thirsty

John 19:28 Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, “I am thirsty.”

(f) Bones

John 19:36 These things happened so that the scripture would be fulfilled: “Not one of his bones will be broken,”

(g) night and day

Mk. 15: 33 At the sixth hour darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour.

(h) vs. 16 “pierced my hands and my feet,” or text variant, “like a lion, my hands and my feet.” “like a lion” is nonsense, lions don’t surround hands and feet. “they have pieced” is supported by a few Heb MSS, this fits the reading of the LXX “they have bored through.” Latin Vulgate has “they have dug through.” Syriac Peshitta has “they have pierced through, penetrated.” See Archer, Bible Difficulties p. 37.

- (i) Why will all the ends of the earth turn to God? Because God has rescued his afflicted one from death? In this deliverance from death, God's righteousness will be proclaimed, not now (i.e. when this Psalm was written), but to a people yet unborn, *because the LORD has done IT*. Done what?
- (j) Notice how this fits into the death of Christ on the cross: Is it a coincidence that Jesus quotes from this Psalm? On the cross, Jesus is God-forsaken. Is it important to know why He is? Does Psalm 22 provide the answer?