Jesus Christ – King of Kings & Lord of Lord’s

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B. We will note each of these aspects of His Reign and Rule NOW!!!

II. A King was promised to Rule over God’s People....
A. The Old Testament prophesied that a descendant of David would sit on David’s throne and rule forever. - (2 Sam 7:12-16; 1 Chro 17:11-15).
1. 2 Samuel 7:12-16 (NKJV) ---- 12 “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. 15 But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.””

a. 1 Chronicles 17:11-15 (NKJV) ----- 11 And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. 12 He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. 13 I will be his Father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 14 And I will establish him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever.””

2. Ethan the Ezrahite lamented that the Lord had not fulfilled His promise - (Psalm 89:3-4,28-39,49).
   a. Psalm 89:3-4 (NKJV) ---- 3 “I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: 4 ‘Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations.’” Selah
   b. Psalm 89:28-39 (NKJV) ---- 28 My mercy I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall stand firm with him. 29 His seed also I will make to endure forever, And his throne as the days of heaven. 30 “If his sons forsake My law And do not walk in My judgments, 31 If they break My statutes And do not keep My commandments, 32 Then I will punish their transgression with the rod, And their iniquity with stripes. 33 Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him, Nor allow My faithfulness to fail. 34 My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. 35 Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: 36 His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me; 37 It shall be established forever like the moon, Even like the faithful witness in the sky.” Selah 38 But You have cast off and abhorred, You have been furious with Your anointed. 39 You have renounced the covenant of Your servant; You have profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.
   c. Psalm 89:49 (NKJV) ---- 49 Lord, where are Your former lovingkindesses, Which You swore to David in Your truth?

B. The Old Testament foretold of a King & Kingdom that WAS yet to come – (Is 9:6; Dan 2:44)
1. Isaiah 9:6 (NKJV) ----- 6 For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

2. Daniel 2:44 (NKJV) ----- 44 And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

III. Jesus Was born to be a King
A. The angel Gabriel, “you will . . . bring forth a son, and you shall call His name Jesus . . . He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.” (Lk 1:26-33)

1. Luke 1:26-33 (NKJV) ---- 26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, “Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!” 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”
B. The wise men from the east – “Where is He who is born, King of the Jews?” – (Mat 2:1-6; cf Mic.5:2)
1. Matthew 2:1-6 (NKJV) ---- 1 Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, “Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him.” 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.’ ”
   a. Micah 5:2 (NKJV) ---- 2 “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One to be Ruler in Israel, Whose goings forth are from of old, From everlasting.”
C. Jesus said to Pilate – “I am a king, for this cause was I born . . .” (John 18:37 (NKJV) ----37 Pilate therefore said to Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus answered, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”)
1. Bible Knowledge Commentary; Luke 1:32 ---- “He will be given the throne of His father David. Jesus, as David’s descendant, will sit on David’s throne when He reigns in the Millennium (2 Sam. 7:16; Ps. 89:3-4, 28-29). . . . He will reign over the house of Jacob forever. Jesus’ reign over the nation Israel as her King will begin in the Millennium and continue on into the eternal state.

IV. The Kingdom Was At hand during the Lifetime of Jesus
A. The preaching of John - "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" Matthew 3:2 (NKJV)
B. The preaching of Jesus – ‘Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. “ Matthew 4:17 (NKJV)
1. The disciples and the LIMITED commission – “And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'” Matthew 10:7 (NKJV)
   a. AT HAND.....
      (1) Matthew 26:18 (NKJV) ----- "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, 'The Teacher says, 'My time is at hand; I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples.'"
      (2) Matthew 26:46 (NKJV) ----- “Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand.”
         (a) John 2:13 (NKJV) ..... Now the Passover of the Jews was at hand, . . .
         (b) John 7:2 (NKJV) ...... Now the Jews' Feast of Tabernacles was at hand.
2. The central tenet of the popular doctrine of premillenialism is that Christ, though King by right, is not now King in fact. This teaching holds that when He returns He will set up a thousand year earthly kingdom and sit on the literal throne of David as King of kings.
   a. Dispensationalism / Premillennialism ---- “Christ at His first advent offered the Jewish nation an earthly political kingdom . . . Because the Jewish nation rejected the Christ, this kingdom offer was retracted and the earthly, political, re-established Davidic kingdom was postponed until the future Jewish millennium. Between the withdrawal of the kingdom offer and the future millennial establishment of the kingdom was inserted the church age, a parenthesis in God's prophesied program for Israel and the nations. The present age and the present reign of Christ have no direct relationship to the Davidic covenant or to Messianic prophecy.
   C. Christ is KING over His Kingdom ---- 4 requirements of a kingdom...King, Territory, Law and Subjects.
      1. Matthew 16:28 (NKJV) ---- “Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."
         a. Mark 9:1 (NKJV) ---- “ And He said to them, "Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power."
         b. Luke 9:27 (NKJV) ---- "But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the kingdom of God."

V. What does “ALL authority mean? – Mat 28:18-20
A. The kingdom CAME with POWER – Mark 9:1; Luke 24:46-49; Acts 1:5,8
   1. Mark 9:1 (NKJV) ----- 1 And He said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power.”
   2. Luke 24:46-49 (NKJV) ----- 46 Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. 48 And you are witnesses of these things. 49 Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”
   3. Acts 1:5 (NKJV) ---- 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”
   4. Acts 1:8 (NKJV) ----- 8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
B. Jesus is BOTH Lord & Christ “NOW” – Acts 2:36-38; Phil. 2:5-11; Col. 1:13-18; Rev. 1:4,5; Zec 6:12;13
   1. Acts 2:36-38 (NKJV) ---- 36 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” 37 Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall
we do?” 38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

2. Philippians 2:5-11 (NKJV) ---- 5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

3. Colossians 1:13-18 (NKJV) ---- 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

4. Revelation 1:4 (NKJV) ---- 4 John, to the seven churches which 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,

5. Revelation 1:5 (NKJV) ---- 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,

6. Zechariah 6:12 (NKJV) ----- 12 Then speak to him, saying, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, saying: “Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the Lord;

a. Zechariah 6:13 (NKJV) ----- 13 Yes, He shall build the temple of the Lord. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.” ‘

b. John 18:36 (NKJV) ----- Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

c. Zech. 6:12-13 (NKJV) ----- . . . He shall build the temple of the Lord; [13] Yes, He shall build the temple of the Lord. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both."

C. Christians are citizens of the kingdom NOW!! – Col. 1:13; Heb 12:28; Rev. 1:6-9

1. Colossians 1:13 (NKJV) ---- 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

a. Hebrews 12:28 (NKJV) ---- 28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

2. Revelation 1:6-9 (NKJV) ---- 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn

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because of Him. Even so, Amen. 8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End,” says the Lord, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”
9 I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

a.  **Rev. 1:9** (NKJV) ----- I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.

3.  **1 Cor. 15:23-28** (NKJV) ----- But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming. [24] Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

a. The resurrection & LAST Trump!! – **John 5:28; 1 Cor. 15:23, 50-55; 1 Thes 4:13-17**

   (1) **John 5:28** (NKJV) ----- 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice

   (2) **1 Corinthians 15:23** (NKJV) ----- 23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.

   (3) **1 Corinthians 15:50-55** (NKJV) ----- 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” 55 “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?”

   (4) **1 Thessalonians 4:13-17** (NKJV) ---- 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

b. Then comes the END, NOT the beginning of His kingdom!!

D. Jesus is Reigning “till the last enemy is destroyed”

1. . . . [25] For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. [26] The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. [27] For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under Him," . . .

2. When Jesus returns – all who are in the grave will hear his voice – **John 5:28; Mat. 25:31-46; 2 Thes 1:7-9; 2 Pet 3:10-13**!!

   a. **John 5:28** (NKJV) ----- 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice

   b. **Matthew 25:31-46** (NKJV) ----- 31 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. 33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. 34 Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 35 for I was hungry
and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took
Me in; 36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison
and you came to Me.’ 37 “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we
see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did we see You a
stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see You sick, or in
prison, and come to You?’ 40 And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say
to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ 41
“Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the
everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: 42 for I was hungry and you gave Me
no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; 43 I was a stranger and you did not take Me
in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ 44 “Then
they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a
stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ 45 Then He will answer
them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of
these, you did not do it to Me.’ 46 And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but
the righteous into eternal life.”

(1) 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 (NKJV) ---- 7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when
the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 in flaming fire taking
vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of
our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the
presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

(2) 2 Peter 3:10-13 (NKJV) ---- 10 But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night,
in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with
fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. 11 Therefore,
since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy
conduct and godliness, 12 looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God,
because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt
with fervent heat? 13 Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens
and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

VI. CONCLUSION:
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B. You can enter the Kingdom of Christ today!
   1. Have you surrendered to the Lord of Lord’s & King of Kings?? ---- You can ENTER the
      kingdom of Christ today!!
      a. Requires obedience – (Mat. 7:21-23)
         (1) Matthew 7:21-23 (NKJV) ---- 21 “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall
             enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. 22 Many
             will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out
demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ 23 And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’
      b. Requires Submitting To The Gospel – (Mat. 16:18,19; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)
         (1) Matthew 16:18 (NKJV) ---- 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock
             I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.
(a) **Matthew 16:19** (NKJV) ---- 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

(2) **Mark 16:16** (NKJV) ---- 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

(3) **Acts 2:38** (NKJV) ---- 38 Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

c. Requires That You Be Born Again - **(John 3:5** NKJV) ---- 5 Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

d. Are You A Child of The King???

e. One Day – You Will Bow To Him – You Had Better Bow NOW!!!