

THE FRIENDS OF ISRAEL TODAY

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Chris Katulka, Psalm 110, Part 2: The Scepter Will Go Forth

Hello my friends and welcome to the show... I hope you're doing well. We are in the middle of a series on Psalm 110, where we have been looking at the various roles of Jesus... and last week we looked at the Kingship of Jesus from Ps. 110:1... we talked about how Jesus today is sitting at the right hand of the Father... and we discussed what that phrase means... the phrase "to sit at the right hand of the Father!" Last week I also talked a bit about my misunderstanding as a child of the phrase... Jesus is sitting at the right hand of the Father... so if you want to listen to last week's message I want to encourage you to go to FOIRadio.org, and in our radio and podcast archives on our homepage you'll find not only last weeks show, but also a list of all of our shows. So you won't want to miss out... be sure to visit foiradio.org.

I want to turn your attention back to Psalm 110 verses 2 and 3... and let's remember this... Psalm 110 is a prophet psalm its a psalm that applies to King David... but also looks forward to one of David's sons... who we know to be Jesus!

Now that we know Jesus is sitting at the right hand of the Father in heaven... which means He has authority and power... and that He

is in control of everything... it has to be stressed that Satan still has control of this earth. He still hold dominion over God's creation. We see that in passages like Eph 2:1-3... it's the reason Jesus is at the right hand of the Father right now... and not ruling here on earth... however we see in Psalm 110:2 and 3 that there is a day coming that He will physically rule on earth... listen to Psalm 110:2-3.

The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.

Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

Your people shall be volunteers

In the day of Your power;

In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning,

You have the dew of Your youth.

The prophetic imagery that we have here in Psalm 110 is that the King of Israel's authority and power will not simply rest within the boundaries of Israel but that the values and laws that govern Israel will spread globally, it will go beyond Zion and spread all around the world, and you get that sense here from Psalm 110:2 when it says, The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.

Let me try to paint an image of what I'm talking about here... after World War 2 ended US initiated an effort in the United Nations to push for something called the Universal Declaration of Human

Rights, which was eventually approved by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948... at its core the resolution attempts to promote democratic values to countries that were crushed under the pressure of tyranny, oppression, and leadership of brutal dictators... like Germany, Italy, and the Soviet Union after WWII. The United States wanted to be proactive in spreading the freedom and democracy it enjoyed because we believed it would benefit all people. As Americans we believe everyone is made in the image of God, and possess these intrinsic human rights and desire to see even the most corrupt governments become places of liberty. It's our desire to see our values spread beyond our borders to benefit others with the hope of their own liberty! Now we couldn't do that on our own we needed to have the approval of the United Nations to accomplish that goal.

Jesus doesn't need the approval to United Nations to accomplish His goal. He desires to rule here on earth, from His throne in Jerusalem. To spread His rule throughout the world... that's why He's called the King of Kings... Think about what Paul says in his letter to the Philippians ... "Every knee shall bow, Every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!"

When the Psalmist says the "The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies!" It's a prophetic message that a day is coming when Jesus from Jerusalem

will rule with authority and power, and that under His rule all of His enemies will find their demise.

Let me tell you something about myself... I love politics... I love following politics. Now I know that some people love politics and some people hate it... but I thoroughly enjoy reading the news and studying U.S. politics, and international politics... especially Israeli politics.

But let me tell you... I am more excited that Jesus is coming back. I am more excited that Jesus is coming back to rule and govern what He created! Jesus isn't a political candidate looking for your vote... He not going to run a presidential campaign to sell you on His talking points and His values. He's not raising funds to keep Himself in the race. When Jesus returns He will be King... and He will rule.

Now the idea of kingship and ruling and reigning and Kingdoms sounds harsh to our Western way of living. Especially us Americans... we don't do well with kings... our history is actually anti-king... we separating ourselves from the throne and the governing of a single ruler.

But think about it... the only reason we separated ourselves from the throne in England was because King George took advantage of

the American colonies... remember “Taxation without Representation.” The American colonies were being taxed without having any voice back in the British Parliament. So we fought the crown and we won our freedom!

The reason most Westerns can't stand the idea of a Kingship is because of the abuse of power. Here's the thing about Jesus being King... ruling over the nations... it's this... He is perfect... He is a different kind of King... He didn't come to abuse His power, but to rule in truth... with justice and righteousness. He's a King we can trust and a King we want to follow...

Listen to what the remainder of the verse...

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As Jesus the King is conquering His enemies this prophetic psalm tells us that His people will be like volunteers to His cause... they will follow Him freely into battle. What's fascinating is that the Hebrew word used for “volunteer” is freewill offering.

I want you to think about this for a minute... I'm sure most of us listening volunteer ourselves to different causes for the Lord all the time. We serve the homeless, I'm sure some of you clean the church, help with your church youth groups, sing in the choir, go on short-term missions trips to areas around the U.S. or even around the world. The point is you volunteer your time, energy and resources to serve the Lord. We do these things because we want to follow the Lord!

But look at what the text is saying, one day in the future many will offer themselves for service to Jesus alongside Him in battle against His enemies, when He finally makes His enemies His footstool... they will be like the dew of the morning... they will appear out of nowhere, they will be fresh and vibrant eager to serve the King.

It's amazing... when Jesus establishes His Kingdom on earth... His people will give of themselves freely to serve Him because they believe in His leadership, they believe in His mission, and most importantly they believe in Him.

If you're listening today and you don't believe Jesus is the Lord, maybe you don't believe in Jesus at all, I hope that you ponder this... don't you want to follow a king you trust, a leader who already proven that He thinks more about You than Himself... He proved that by laying down his own life for us.

Listen, deep down we have all been designed to follow something... we're all looking for someone or something to lead us... some of us follow money, sex, drugs, alcohol we chase after these things... think about what you allow to lead you life... and ask yourself... is this thing or this person that I'm freely following... does it care about me and love me or does control me and ruin my life. I hope that you come to understand that Jesus is the only way to experience life to its fullest... Make Him your King... your Lord, drop all the rest of the stuff, and follow Him!