

In Which Earthly Kingdom will David's Son Rule?

*Scripture
Reading:*

John 1:43-57

REVIEW

The Davidic Covenant mentioned in II Samuel 7:12-16 makes certain that a future offspring of David would become king over the entire Earth

- **David's 'distant' and "greater" son, Jesus Christ, fulfilled the promise of this future king through - (Lk 1:35, Heb 10:5)**
 - **His qualified lineage, and**
 - **His virgin birth**

INTRODUCTION

The question remains:

In fulfillment of the Davidic covenant, in which of the two prominent kingdoms mentioned by Jesus during His earthly ministry would He be king?

Two Primary Kingdoms Mentioned in the Four Gospel Accounts

The Kingdom of God

- mentioned 5x out of the 55 “kingdom” references
- a kingdom (in relation to men) deals with salvation - Matt 19:23-25, Jn 3:3-5

The Kingdom of the Heavens

- Mentioned 43x of the 55x in Matthew
- a kingdom that deals with government over all mankind on the earth - Dan 4:17, 24-25; Lk 32-33; Rev 11:15, 19:11-16

During the earthly ministry of Jesus, BEFORE the Kingdom of the Heavens could be set up, the nation of Israel had to enter the Kingdom of God - Matt 6:33, cf Jn 8:24

Witnesses to Jesus as King (of the Kingdom of the Heavens)

- **Positive witnesses**

- **Prior to His birth** - Gabriel (Lk 1:26, 31-33)

- **After His birth** - the Magi (Matt 2:1-2)

- **During His earthy ministry**

- John the Baptizer - Matt 3:2

- Nathaniel - Jn 1:49

- Peter, James, and John - Matt 16:28-17:6

- **At the end of His earthly ministry** (Matt 21:4-5, cf Zech 9:9)

Witnesses to Jesus as King (of the Kingdom of the Heavens)

- **Negative witnesses**

- The majority of Israel desired Jesus to be their king – on their terms!
 - Jn 6:14-15
 - Jn 12:12-15
 - Lk 16:16
- When Jesus rejected their terms, they then wanted Him put to death
 - Jn 19:14-15

CONCLUSION

- Israel rejected Jesus Christ as the King of Israel and DEMANDED His death
- There on the cross, God the Father laid the sins of the whole world
- He was crucified for being the King of the Jews (Jn 19:19), but He died to become the sin-bearing Savior of the whole world
 - A provision that can ONLY be applied by personal faith in:
 - His death payment for our sins, and
 - His bodily resurrection out from among dead ones
- God's Lamb has paid for our sins! "...Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" Jn 1:29