



Christmas: the Celebration of the Christ!

Right?

It's no secret today that Christmas has become a holiday-event that pays little attention to the birth of the Messiah-Christ. In fact, shockingly there are many that live today in the United States that have never heard of Jesus Christ other than through particular unethical language.

However, amidst all the things that are going on in our government today; amidst great anger flaring, creating and scattering about both small and great civil wars; amidst horrific natural catastrophic events; amidst great and terrible attacks on human life—terrorists and other; amidst great immoralities hijacking and occupying society; amidst the great compromises of the Church, and more—there is a King to behold! A King we need to see, look at and observe with great intention and focus! A King that needs to be at the center of our life.

That King is Jesus the *only* Son of God. He is the Messiah-Christ. Jesus Christ the King of all kings and the LORD of all lords!

The Old Testament Books prophesied the King. The New Testament reveals, honors, and praises Jesus as King.

The prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah were just two prophets who beheld the King of all kings and the LORD of all lords at a distance through the voice the God speaking to and through them.

As Isaiah beheld the King to come, he prophesied, *"The people who walk in darkness will see a great Light; . . . the Light will shine on them. . . For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; and the GOVERNMENT WILL REST on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, PRINCE OF PEACE. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace. On the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forever. The zeal of the LORD of Hosts will accomplish this"* (Isaiah 9:2-3; 6-7 NASB).

Isaiah said that *"a Child will be born to US."* He included himself in the group to whom the Child-King would be born. He speaks of Jesus Christ Son of God, but as a King who speaks of Jesus then, now and



not only as a Child and would reign forever. He forever.

The prophet Jeremiah, *"Behold (see, look, observe), declares the LORD, 'When I will righteous Branch; and He will wisely and do justice and and Israel will dwell securely; and this is His name by which He will be called, 'The LORD our Righteousness'"* (Jeremiah 23:5-6 NASB).

speaking also for God said, *the days are coming,' raise up for David a REIGN AS KING and act righteousness in the land,*

When the appointed time came, the famous Magi (wise men and possibly kings themselves) asked this question of King Herod: *“Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we saw His star in the east and have come to worship Him.”* (Matthew 2:2 NASB)



In fact, the many generations of Magi since Daniel’s time had been looking for the universal King, seeing and observing Him through their study of the Scriptures, historical accounts, and the stars. They knew without a doubt that a great King of the nature of God would arise and that God, the Creator of the universe, would give an actual sign in the heavens of His King’s birth. But would it happen in these particular Magi’s lifetime? Yes! And because the star that they knew to be His Star magnificently appeared as such a phenomenal event, they had to find the King it prophesied. At all cost, they had to behold Him for themselves! The prophecies had literally begun being fulfilled quickly and right in front of them. Who can sit still at such a time? Who can ignore the powerful facts at such a time as this?

Supplied with kingly offerings of gold, frankincense and myrrh, they began their long travel from the East, following His Star that would ultimately take them straight to the King-child they had so long waited for.

Of course, after coming to Bethlehem, they encountered something that shocked them. They encountered a group of people who were not even looking for this prophesied King nor did they even want Him to appear. In fact, the jealous despot and murderous king Herod—the one filled with satan – tried to stop the powerful prophetic God-King from coming into power.

Nevertheless, the Magi wisely escaped Herod and continued on their journey following His Star which went before them until it came and stood over the place where the Child-King was. When they beheld His Star over the house where He was, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy! (See Matthew 2:9-10) *“They could hardly contain themselves: They were in the right place! They had arrived at the right time!”* (Matthew 2:10 MGB)

They would now personally behold the King offering their precious gifts while even they themselves along with their prophetic treasures would prophesy (tell, speak) of His extraordinary Kingship as Redeemer and Savior of the world. The Bible tells us that, *“After coming into the house they saw the Child with Mary His mother; and they fell to the ground and worshiped Him.”* (Matthew 2:11)

Because the Magi had been seeking so long for this King, finally finding Him and now beholding Him, face to face, they were overcome with worship! They fell on their faces before Him! Why would they *worship* Jesus as king?

By the Magi worshiping the Child Jesus willfully, we know they knew more than we usually take away from Scripture. Once they beheld Him, they knew without a doubt that this Child-King was God’s Son, Redeemer and Savior of the world! They believed. Thus, as they beheld Him, *“They fell to the ground and worshiped Him”* of their own free will. *“Then, opening their treasures they presented to Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.”* (Matthew 2:11b) Gifts fit for the King, recognizing and proclaiming Jesus as King.

How many today are beholding God’s only Son as the King in the way the Magi did?

The prophet Zechariah was another prophet that spoke of the time that Jesus would ride down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey proclaiming Himself as the King: *“Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your KING IS COMING TO YOU; He is just and having salvation, lowly and riding on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey”* (Zechariah 9:9 NKJV).

Matthew reiterated Zechariah’s prophecy as the event actually unfolded in front of them being witnessed by hundreds, if not thousands, of people who lined the streets of Jerusalem that day: *“Tell the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your KING IS COMING TO YOU, lowly, and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey’”* (Matthew 21:5 NKJV).

However, just like King Herod responded to the news of the King being born, the religious leaders of the time responded likewise: *“And they began to accuse Him, saying, ‘We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and CLAIMS TO BE MESSIAH, A KING.’ So Pilate asked Jesus, ‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ ‘You have said so,’ Jesus replied”* (Luke 23:1-3).

This very group of religious leaders knew the Scriptures and knew prophecies of the King and were supposedly looking for Him or should have been looking for Him; yet when they beheld Him, they beheld Him not! Instead, they rejected Him.

Finally, there was another time that Jesus was called King: *“They (the Roman soldiers) stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him, and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on His head. They put a staff in His right hand. Then they knelt in front of Him and mocked Him. ‘HAIL, KING OF THE JEWS!’ they said. They spit on Him, and took the staff and struck Him on the head again and again”* (Matthew 27:28-30).

Above the cross on which the Romans were crucifying Him: *“Above His head they placed the written charge against Him: this is JESUS, THE KING OF THE JEWS”* (Matthew 27:37).

Isn’t it interesting the contrast between the religious leaders and the Roman soldiers beholding Jesus as King versus the Magi beholding Him as King? The religious leaders dragged Jesus before the government requesting His death and the Roman soldiers knelt in front of Jesus and mocked Him. But there was a small remnant, the Magi, that *fell to the ground and worshiped Him*.

Jesus came at the First Advent (Coming) as the Redeemer and Savior King. Far too many today do not realize that they need a Redeemer and Savior. Far too many today want to control and run their own lives—both in the Church and in the world.

Would God go through all the heartbreak of sending His only Son to earth for our redemption and salvation if we didn’t actually need redemption and salvation? Would God go through sending His only Son (Who is God Himself Who came down from Heaven to save us), if He didn’t love us, His creation, so much that He tried to prevent our eternal death? (See John 3:16) Would God do what He did if we didn’t need to intently behold, see, look, and observe Jesus Christ, the King personally in our lives?

I think not. The very fact that Jesus Christ came in the first place proves without a shadow of doubt that we each one need to BEHOLD HIM AS KING!

This God-King, Jesus Christ, is the only way to God, both now and in eternity. Far too many do not care about eternity and when they do, it will be too late. Jesus Christ is the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE and no one comes to the Father but through Him (See John 16:6).

Every person who is seeking for a life full of TRUE love, peace, hope, faith, and joy, needs to *behold* (see, look, observe) the King, *now*. Every person who is planning to go into Heaven for eternity when they die needs to behold and accept the King, *now*.

Like the Magi were looking intently for the First Coming of the Messiah, we today should be looking at the prophecies and His signs in the heavens once again for His Second Coming. We are at the same door that the Magi were: The Scripture, the prophecies, and the signs on the Earth and in the heavens tell us that the King is on His way—He is coming again a second and final time. And, because of the strength and fulfillment of many prophecies already, as well as, the strength and increase of the signs, this could very well happen in our time.

In his old age and after an astounding life serving Jesus the King at His First Coming on Earth, the apostle John beheld the Second Return of the King in an open vision. He said, *“I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, and among the lampstands was someone like a Son of Man, dressed in a robe reaching down to His feet and with a golden sash around His chest. ¹⁴ The hair on His head was white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and coming out of His mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. When I saw Him, I fell at His feet as though dead. Then He placed His right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last””* (Revelation 1:13-17).



There's that falling to the ground again! In his open vision, John fell at the King's feet so hard that it was as though he was dead! Yet John arose at the King's comfort, *“Do not be afraid, I am the First and the Last!”*

Only the King can encourage those who behold Him as the First and the Last: *“Do not be afraid!”* Every person alive right now needs to reject King Herod's and the religious leaders' response to the King and in turn, fall to their face and worship Him as the Magi did, while there is still time.

John also beheld what was to come soon, very soon: *“I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and wages war. ¹² His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. He has a name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself. ¹³ He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is the Word of God. ¹⁴ The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. ¹⁵ Coming out of His mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶ On His robe and on His thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS!”* (Revelation 19:11-16 NIV)

Jesus Himself even now encourages us to believe we will soon behold Him physically. Thus, we are to not only believe it, but to speak it forth and help others believe they will indeed behold the King!

Jesus was very specific when He said, *“Behold (see, look, observe intently), I Am coming quickly. Blessed is he who heeds the words of the prophecy of this book”* (Revelation 22:7). *“Behold (see, look, observe), I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to render to every man according to what he has done”* (Revelation 22:12). *“ . . . Yes, I Am coming quickly!”* (Revelation 22:20a)

The response we should have in respect to Jesus’ words is written for us at the end of this announcement; it simply says that we are to respond, *“Amen! Come, LORD Jesus!”* (Revelation 22:20b) No questions asked!

THE KING IS COMING AND WE WILL BEHOLD HIM. He came a first time to the earth to save, heal and deliver (free) mankind and He will return a second time to judge the earth and reign as King forever.

One day, like it or not, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess: *“Jesus is LORD! Behold our King!”* Won’t you come now to this loving King Who came to earth and gave His life for you? Won’t you, at this beautiful time of year that reminds us of His love, bow and worship the King? Won’t you now, this Christmas, make Him the center of your life?

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