

The Reign of the Righteous King

Psalm 47:2 - 2 For the Lord Most High is to be feared, A **great King over all the earth.** NASU

2 Sam 7:12-13 - 12 "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, **I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, 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. NASU

Luke 1:32-33 - 32 "He will be great and **will be called the Son of the Most High; 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 His kingdom will have no end." NASU

The **main idea** of today's text is "**David prays** for the continual prosperity, peace, and **flourishing of God's people** under the **worldwide Reign** of the **Righteous King** whom **God establishes** and **blesses** by His **Providence.**"

Looking at our **text**, we see it comes to us in **4 sections...**

- **Psalm 72:1-7 – Prayer for the Righteous, Peaceful, and Enduring Reign of God's King**
- **Psalm 72:8-11 – Prophecy of His Worldwide Dominion**
- **Psalm 72:12-17 – Pronouncement of His Compassionate Character**
- **Psalm 72:18-20 – Praise to God for His Good Providence**

Psalm 72:20 - The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

1 Kings 4:20-34 - 20 Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand that is on the seashore in abundance; they were **eating and drinking and rejoicing.** **21** Now **Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River to the land of the**

Philistines and to the border of Egypt; they brought tribute and served Solomon all the days of his life.... 24 For he had dominion over everything west of the River, from Tiphseh even to Gaza, over all the kings west of the River; and **he had peace on all sides around about him.** 25 So Judah and Israel lived in safety, every man under his vine and his fig tree, from Dan even to Beersheba, all the days of Solomon.... 29 Now God gave Solomon wisdom and very great discernment and breadth of mind, like the sand that is on the seashore. 30 Solomon's wisdom surpassed the wisdom of all the sons of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt.... 34 **Men came from all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth who had heard of his wisdom.** NASU

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Isaiah 2:2-4 - 2 Now it will come about that In the last days **The mountain of the house of the Lord Will be established as the chief of the mountains,** And will be raised above the hills; And all the nations will stream to it. **3 And many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; That He may teach us concerning His ways And that we may walk in His paths."** For the law will go forth from Zion And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. **4 And He will judge between the nations, And will render decisions for many peoples; And they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.** Nation will not lift up sword against nation, And never again will they learn war. NASU

Psalms 2:7-9 - 7 "I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, 'Thou art My Son, Today I have begotten Thee. 8 'Ask of Me, and **I will surely give the nations as Thine inheritance, And the very ends of the earth as Thy possession.** 9 'Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron, Thou shalt shatter them like earthenware.'" NASB

Psalm 22:27-28 - 27 All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord, And all the families of the nations will worship before You. 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's And He rules over the nations. NASU

Daniel 7:13-14 - 13 "I kept looking in the night visions, And behold, with the clouds of heaven One like a Son of Man was coming, And He came up to the Ancient of Days And was presented before Him. 14 "And to Him was given dominion, Glory and a kingdom, That all the peoples, nations and men of every language Might serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed. NASU

Revelation 11:15-18 - 15 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever." 16 And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, 17 saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who are and who were, **because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. NASU**

2 Samuel 7:16 – 16 "Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever." NASU

Genesis 12:2-3 - 2 And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing; 3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed." NASU

Some other Royal Psalms

- **Psalm 2:** An enthronement psalm emphasizing God's decree and the ultimate victory of His anointed king.
- **Psalm 18:** A psalm of thanksgiving where King David praises God for rescuing him from his enemies.
- **Psalm 20:** A prayer or liturgy offered on behalf of the king as he prepares to go into battle.
- **Psalm 21:** A song celebrating a victory that God has granted to the king.
- **Psalm 45:** A royal wedding song, often interpreted as celebrating the marriage of an Israelite king.
- **Psalm 72:** A prayer by Solomon asking God to grant the king wisdom, justice, and righteousness.
- **Psalm 89:** A communal lament reflecting on the Davidic Covenant and God's eternal promises to David's lineage.
- **Psalm 101:** A psalm declaring the king's commitment to ruling with integrity and purging the land of evil.
- **Psalm 110:** The most frequently quoted psalm in the New Testament, depicting the kingly and priestly nature of the Messiah.
- **Psalm 132:** A plea for God to remember His covenant promises to David and his descendants.
- **Psalm 144:1–11:** A hymn of praise and petition, asking God for military strength and victory.