

“SIT THOU AT MY RIGHT HAND”

INTRODUCTION

About 1000 B. C., David, king over Israel while reigning in Judah, prophesied concerning the coming Messiah (who was to be HIS offspring) was to *sit at God's right hand*. Many denominationalists believe this will take place **on the earth** with Jesus reigning on an earthly throne, in the city of Jerusalem, for 1000 years. Others believe this was a prophecy of Christ's reign over a spiritual kingdom (which exists on earth, but He will reign from heaven through the inspired writings of the N.T.) Read Psa. 110:1-4. In verse 1, the LORD is quoted as saying to the Lord Jesus, “Sit Thou At My Right Hand.”

Let's examine the scripture as based on Psa. 110:1

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, let's examine and analyze the Passage of Psalms 110:1.

A. David differentiates between the words “LORD” and “Lord.”

1. David states that “the” **“LORD”** would be Jehovah God, who is OVER the other **“Lord”**, who is to sit at the right hand of the first LORD of this passage.
 - a. Most translations use the same word Hebrew and Greek words for “LORD”, using all upper case letters when referring to Jehovah God, but lower case letters for the last 3 letters of “Lord”--to distinguish between the 2 Lords.
 - b. The second “Lord” is the one David calls “my Lord”, David's physical ancestor.
2. Psalms 110 is quoted or alluded to 5 times in the New Testament, that are worthy of our consideration at this time.
 - a. Matt. 22:41-45 clearly shows that the term “my Lord” refers to Christ, the Son of David. (Examine).
 - b. Mark 12:35-37 confirms this. (Examine)
 - c. Luke 20:39-44 also confirms this, but makes it clear that the quote is from the book of Psalms (which would be Psalms 110). (Examine)
 - d. Acts 2:30-36, clearly shows that David, a prophet, had Jesus in mind as the “Lord” who was to sit at the right hand of the Father. (Examine).
 - e. Heb. 1:13 identifies Jesus as as Lord as being addressed BY God the Father, AS “Lord”, rather than an angel. (Examine)

B. CONCLUSION: Jesus “as Lord” is to sit at God's right hand.

II. 2nd, WHEN WAS JESUS TO SIT AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND?

A. Christ would sit at God's right hand **after** His resurrection from the dead. Acts 2:29-36

1. This was the TIME of His **ascension**, when GOD crowned Him as Lord. Dan. 7:9-10, 13-14
2. This was the TIME the kingdom would begin. v. 14; 2:44; Heb. 12:28
3. This was the TIME Jesus was given “dominion,” “glory,” and a “kingdom.”, as stated in Dan. 7. cf John 17:5; Luke 19:15; Eph. 1:19-23

B. All this means that Christ will NOT reign on earth for 1000 years upon His second coming, for His coronation has already occurred.

III. 3rd, WHERE WILL JESUS SIT AT GOD'S RIGHT HAND?

A. Since God's throne is in heaven (Psa. 11:4), and since Christ ascended to heaven, this means that heaven is where He is to reign.

1. Christ will reign jointly as **king** and **high priest**. Zech. 6:12-13; Psa. 110:4-5
2. Christ could **NOT** be a priest on earth (being of the wrong tribe—of Levi), **so** it has to be somewhere else—HEAVEN—the only alternative. Heb. 8:1,4

B. This means that Christ will NOT reign on earth on a physical throne in the city of Jerusalem as many people believe today!

CONCLUSION

I. How long is Christ going to sit at God's right hand in heaven?

A. He will sit there until all enemies are under his feet, the last of which is death. Psa. 110:1; 1 Cor. 15:25-28

B. This feat will be accomplished exactly at the time of the END of the earth. 1 Cor. 15:23-24

II. Are you ready for His return?

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