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### Psalm 110:1-2

The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet." The Lord will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies."

† This psalm is the foundation of Christ's kingship. David saw the Messiah exalted to God's right hand, not to wait for future enthronement, but to reign until every enemy was subdued.

† "Sit at My right hand" reveals that His reign began upon His ascension, when He took His seat in heavenly authority.

† The phrase "rule in the midst of Your enemies" shows that His reign began while opposition still existed — He reigned through conflict, not after it.

† Zion here represents the heavenly seat of rule, not the earthly city that would later fall.

### **Acts 2:30-31**

And so, because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath to seat one of his descendants on his throne, he looked ahead and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that He was neither abandoned to Hades, nor did His flesh suffer decay.

† Peter connects the resurrection directly to kingship. Christ's resurrection placed Him on David's throne.

† The throne was not earthly, but spiritual, the heavenly rule over the new creation.

† The oath to David was fulfilled at the resurrection, proving the Messiah was already reigning long before the destruction of Jerusalem.

† This removes any idea that His kingdom began after AD 70. His enthronement was immediate, and His reign ongoing.

### **Acts 2:33-36**

Therefore having been exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He has poured forth this which you both see and hear. For it was not David who ascended into heaven, but he himself says: "The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet." Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.

† Peter's sermon on Pentecost declares Christ's reign as a present reality, not a future hope.

† The pouring out of the Spirit was proof that the King had taken His throne.

† The resurrection, ascension, and Spirit's outpouring all confirmed that Christ was already reigning from heaven.

† His enemies were being made a footstool, and that process reached completion with the fall of Jerusalem.

### **1 Corinthians 15:24-25**

Then comes the end, when He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, when He has abolished all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

† Paul affirms that Christ's reign was active and ongoing when he wrote these words.

† The "end" referred to here is not the end of His kingdom but the end of the old covenant system.

† Christ reigned during the forty-year transition period, conquering His enemies, sin, death, and the law.

† When that reign reached its fullness in AD 70, the kingdom was delivered to the Father as complete, not as beginning.

### **Revelation 3:21**

He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

† Jesus states clearly that He was already seated on His Father's throne at the time of Revelation's writing.

† The overcomers share in His victory, joining His reign, not waiting for it.

† The imagery of shared rule signifies that believers participate in His kingdom now.

† His throne was never forgotten by heaven, only misunderstood by those who look for an earthly rule.

## **Daniel 7:13-14**

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. And to Him was given dominion, glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and men of every language might serve Him.

† The Son of Man did not come down to earth in this vision, He came up to the Father to receive His kingdom.

† Dominion and glory were given to Him at His ascension, not at the end of time.

† The nations serving Him began with the spread of the gospel from Pentecost onward.

† This was the fulfillment of Daniel's vision, a heavenly coronation, not a postponed kingdom.

## **Hebrews 1:3**

When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

† The moment purification was finished, the King sat down. His reign began the instant His work was done.

† The throne of majesty is not an event to come; it is the seat He took when He finished redemption.

† The letter to the Hebrews confirms that the enthronement preceded the fall of the temple.

† Christ reigned before judgment fell and that judgment proved His rule.

## **How it applies to us today**

† Christ's throne is not waiting to be established; it has never been empty.

† We serve a reigning King, not one still waiting to begin His rule.

† His kingdom authority continues through His body, the Church, seated with Him in heavenly places.

† The forgotten throne is forgotten only by those who still look

for what has already come.

† His kingdom began at the ascension and endures eternally, unshaken and victorious.

## † This is the fulfilled perspective we proclaim at Fulfilled Prophecies †

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