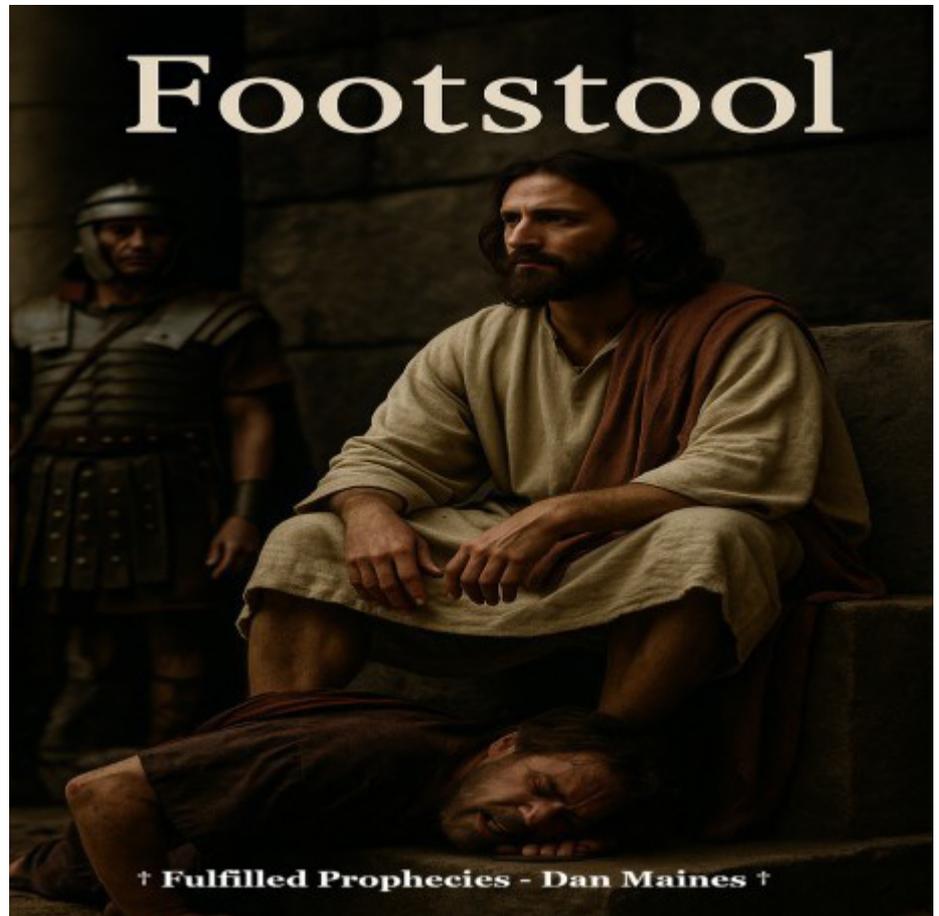


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Psalm 110:1

The Father Gives Dominion to the King.

The Lord says to my Lord: Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet.

1 Corinthians 15:25

For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

† The process of making His enemies His footstool began at the ascension of Christ (Acts 2:34-36; Hebrews 1:3; Hebrews 8:1), as Peter quotes Psalm 110:1 to show its fulfillment, not as a future event waiting for a second coming.

† Paul again quotes Psalm 110:1 to speak of this ongoing abolishing of all enemies until it's accomplished (1 Corinthians 15:25). The last enemy to be abolished is death (1 Corinthians 15:26).

† The New Testament reveals that Christ's rule and the defeat of His enemies began after His resurrection, when He ascended and sat down at the right hand of the Father (Acts 2:36; Ephesians 1:20-22).

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. His dominion is an everlasting dominion Which will not pass away; And His kingdom is one Which will not be destroyed.

† This confirms that the giving of dominion happened when Christ came to the Ancient of Days, not from Him, showing that His reign began at His ascension (Daniel 7:14; Matthew 28:18). This reign continues until all enemies are defeated, at which time Christ presents the finished kingdom to His Father (1 Corinthians 15:24). Jesus doesn't give up His authority or abdicate His throne, as many have believed (Luke 1:33; Isaiah 9:7).

Psalm 132:7

Let us go into His dwelling place; Let us worship at His footstool.

Isaiah 66:1

This is what the Lord says: Heaven is My throne and the earth is the footstool for My feet. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest?

† David prophesied that the Messiah would sit at God's right hand and that His enemies would become His footstool (Psalm 110:1-7; Acts 2:34-36; Hebrews 10:12-13). This prophecy points to the exalted position of Jesus as King and High Priest, seated in authority (Zechariah 6:13).

† Futurists struggle with the idea of Christ ruling now because they expect to see an earthly throne. Yet Scripture teaches that Jesus already reigns (Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:5-6).

Matthew 28:18

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Psalms 2:8-9

Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance,
And the very ends of the earth as Your possession.
You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware.

† Christ's authority wasn't postponed. He rules both heaven and earth now, fulfilling the promises given in Psalms 2 and 110. His kingdom has come, His enemies are being subdued, and His reign is everlasting (1 Peter 3:22; Revelation 17:14; Philippians 2:9-11).

John 18:36

Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.

† Jesus' words show why He told the people to render unto Caesar what's Caesar's (Matthew 22:21). His kingdom was never intended to be an earthly rule over national Israel (Luke 17:20-21). The kingdom of heaven is spiritual, not physical (Romans 14:17).

† When Stephen looked up, he saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7:56). Heaven is His throne and the earth His footstool (Acts 7:48-49; Isaiah 66:1). This confirms that the Messiah's throne is in heaven. The Messianic kingdom rules the earth from the heavenly realm (Ephesians 1:20-22).

† Peter affirms in Acts 2:22-36 that Jesus reigns now at the right hand of God. Hebrews 8:1 and Revelation 3:21 further testify that the throne of Christ is in heaven, where He rules over His kingdom. That's why Jesus called it the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 13:41-43).

† The greatest misunderstanding among modern believers is the expectation of a return of Christ to establish a physical kingdom. That hope belongs to a system that denies what Christ's already accomplished (Hebrews 9:26-28).

† The truth is that Christ fulfilled all promises. He defeated His enemies, sat upon His throne, and established His everlasting dominion (Daniel 7:14; Luke 1:33). The hope of believers should rest on what He's already done, not on what people think He must still do (John 19:30).

† Evil still exists because the heart of man must be renewed by truth (Mark 7:21-23; James 1:14-15). The devil doesn't make us sin, for each person chooses light or darkness (John 3:19-21). Redemption is found only in the transformation of the heart, not in waiting for the destruction of the world (Romans 12:2).

† The idea that God will destroy the planet is man's invention. His judgment in Scripture wasn't about annihilating creation but

about ending the Old Covenant order and establishing the New (Hebrews 8:13; 2 Peter 3:7,13; Isaiah 65:17).

† Psalm 110 remains one of the most powerful testimonies of fulfilled prophecy. The Lord said to my Lord, sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet. Jesus sits now at the right hand of the Father. That means He reigns right now (Ephesians 1:20-22).

What the Footstool Means

† In ancient kingdoms, a footstool symbolized total conquest and submission. When a king placed his feet on the neck or footstool of his enemies, it declared that their power was broken and their dominion ended. This imagery appears throughout Scripture (Joshua 10:24; Psalm 8:6; Hebrews 10:13) to show complete victory. For Christ, His enemies becoming His footstool means that every power, authority, and rebellion against Him is subdued under His reign (1 Corinthians 15:25-27; Colossians 2:15). The Father placed all things under His feet, showing that His rule is absolute and eternal (Ephesians 1:22; Philippians 2:10-11). The footstool isn't a symbol of waiting but of reigning.

Hebrews 1:3-4

When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they.

Historical References

† Justin Martyr, Dialogue with Trypho, speaks of Christ reigning from heaven after His ascension.

† Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History, records the early church's understanding that Christ's kingdom began at His resurrection and exaltation.

† Tertullian, Against Marcion, affirms that the Messiah's rule is spiritual and heavenly, not earthly.

† Clement of Rome, 1 Clement 36, wrote of Christ's exaltation and rule from heaven, saying He is "the scepter of the majesty of God" through whom "all things were made subject."

How it applies to us today

† We live under the reign of Christ, not waiting for it. His enemies are defeated, and His kingdom is everlasting. Our hope rests not in a future physical return but in the present reality of His fulfilled promises (Luke 17:20-21; Revelation 11:15). This truth gives peace and purpose, showing that redemption and judgment have already come, and the kingdom will never end (Daniel 7:14; Isaiah 9:7).

† Because His reign is complete, we walk in His victory. The enemies He defeated, sin, death, and the Old Covenant system, can never rise again (Romans 6:9; Hebrews 9:26).

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

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† Psalm 110:1; 1 Corinthians 15:25-27; Acts 2:34-36; Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 132:7; Isaiah 66:1; Matthew 28:18; Psalm 2:8-9; John 18:36; Matthew 22:21; Acts 7:48-56; Hebrews 1:3-4; Hebrews 8:1; Revelation 3:21; Luke 1:33; Isaiah 9:7; Zechariah 6:13; Colossians 1:13; Revelation 1:5-6; Philippians 2:9-11; Luke 17:20-21; Romans 14:17; Mark 7:21-23; James 1:14-15; Hebrews 8:13; Isaiah 65:17; Ephesians 1:20-22; Joshua 10:24; Psalm 8:6; Hebrews 10:13; Colossians 2:15; Philippians 2:10-11; Revelation 11:15; Romans 6:9; Hebrews 9:26

Proof and Verification Notes

† Christ's reign began at the ascension, fulfilling Psalm 110:1 (Acts 2:34-36; Hebrews 1:3; Hebrews 8:1; Daniel 7:13-14).

† He reigns until all enemies are under His feet, and death is the last enemy (1 Corinthians 15:25-27).

† Footstool imagery means total conquest and submission

(Joshua 10:24; Psalm 8:6; Hebrews 10:12-13).

† His authority is universal now, not postponed (Matthew 28:18; Acts 2:36; Psalm 2:8-9).

† His throne and kingdom are heavenly, yet ruling the earth (John 18:36; Acts 7:48-49; Revelation 3:21; Hebrews 8:1).

† Render to Caesar aligns with a non-earthly, non-national rule (Matthew 22:21; John 18:36; Matthew 28:18).

† Delivering the kingdom to the Father is presentation, not abdication (1 Corinthians 15:24; Daniel 7:14; Luke 1:33; Isaiah 9:7).

† The New Covenant replaced the Old, not the creation itself (Hebrews 8:13; Hebrews 9:26; Isaiah 66:1; Psalm 132:7; Isaiah 45:18; Ecclesiastes 1:4).

† Moral evil persists because of the human heart, not irresistible demonic coercion (Mark 7:21-23; James 1:14-15).

† "Kingdom of heaven" language is consistent with a heavenly throne ruling earth (Matthew 4:17; Matthew 13).

† Stephen's vision fits the present reign (Acts 7:56).

† Early Christian witnesses align with heavenly reign (Justin Martyr, Dialogue with Trypho; Eusebius, Ecclesiastical History; Tertullian, Against Marcion; Clement of Rome, 1 Clement 36).

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