Christ Rules In The Midst Of His Enemies 7005

I. Introduction

- **A.** Psalm 110:1–7
 - 1. Christ is now seated at God's right hand, ministering as King and Priest.
 - 2. These two ministries are also available to every Christian
- **B.** Hebrews 6:20; 7:2
 - 1. The order of Melchizedek combines kingship and priesthood.
 - 2. "Melchi zedek" means "King of Righteousness," "King of Salem (Shalom)" = "King of Peace" (compare Gen. 14:18–20)
- **C.** Psalm 2:1–7
 - **1.** A revelation of Christ as King.
 - 2. The nations and their rulers reject God's anointed ruler (Christ), but God reverses their decree and exalts His Son as King in Zion.
- **D.** Psalm 89:3–4, 26–27—Jesus, the "firstborn from the grave" is made "the ruler of the kings of the earth"
- **E.** Colossians 1:17–18—Jesus, "firstborn from the grave," becomes "Head of the body" (= the Church)
- **F.** Revelation 1:4–5 Three statements about Jesus (compare Is. 11:2)
 - 1. The faithful witness
 - 2. The first begotten of the dead (compare Rom. 1:4)
 - 3. The prince (ruler) of the kings of the earth (compare Rev. 19:16)
- **G.** Zechariah 6:12–13
 - 1. Joshua the high priest is a type of Christ. "Behold the man!" (compare John 19:5; 1 Cor. 15:47; 1 Tim. 2:5)
 - **2.** Seven aspects of Christ revealed:
 - **a.** His name is "the Branch" (compare Is. 11:1; Jer. 23:5; 33:15)
 - **b.** He shall grow up out of his place (compare Is. 53:2)
 - c. He shall build the temple (= Church) (compare Matt. 16:18)
 - **d.** He shall bear the glory (compare 2 Cor. 4:17)
 - e. He shall sit and rule upon his throne (as king)
 - **f.** He shall also be a priest
 - g. Perfect harmony between Father and Son (compare John 17:22)
 - **3.** God calls all Christians to share with Christ in this ministry of Melchizedek.
- H. Revelation 1:5–6; 5:9–10—Redemption makes us kings and priests
- I. 1 Peter 2:9—A royal priesthood
- **J.** 1 Peter 2:5
 - 1. A holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices (= prayer)
 - 2. Only priests can be kings
- **K.** Ephesians 2:4–6—Identified with Christ in three successive phases:
 - 1. Made alive
 - 2. Resurrected
 - **3.** Enthroned
- L. 1 Corinthians 2:1–13—The Holy Spirit imparts God's hidden wisdom, revealing

our place with Christ in the glory.

- M. Picture of the close of the age—Psalm 110:1–3
 - 1. Christ rules in the midst of His enemies through the prayers of His people assembled in divine order.
 - **2.** By a spiritual birth, like dawn after darkness, God will bring forth an army of dedicated youth for the final conflict of the age.

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