

## Will the Throne of Jesus be on Earth?

Since Jesus is God's fulfillment of David's throne legacy, some think Jesus has to return to earth to sit on David's throne. But does He?

The lineage of David ruled on earth in Judah, from Solomon (972B.C.) to Jehoiachin (597B.C.). Jehoiachin was also called Jeconiah, or Coniah, and he was taken to Babylon (2<sup>nd</sup> Kgs. 24:6-15). Matthew 1 gives the genealogy of Jesus, and traces his ancestry back through David (v. 6), and Jechonias (vv. 11-12).

But what happened to the throne of David after Jeconiah, until the time of Jesus? God said through Jeremiah the prophet that Coniah was to be "written childless" (Jer. 22:28-30). Coniah did have physical offspring, but none of his children sat on the throne in Jerusalem. He was childless as far as the throne in Jerusalem was concerned. The prophecy stated, "...no more shall a man of his seed prosper sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling in Judah."

Jeremiah's prophecy concerning Jeconiah remains true. No one, who is the seed of David has ruled and prospered on David's throne in Judah, since the days of Jeconiah. Jeconiah's successor, Zedekiah (Mattaniah) was his uncle, and not his seed (2<sup>nd</sup> Kgs. 24:17). Zedekiah was put on the throne by the king of Babylon, not by God. What is in Jerusalem is no longer God's throne. Ezekiel the prophet stated that "the crown" was reserved "until he come whose right it is." (Ezek. 21:25-27) Many centuries transpired without God allowing someone of Jeconiah's seed to assume the throne.

When Jesus assumed the Throne of David, he fulfilled God's promise that David's seed would sit on the throne, and Jesus did not contradict God's declaration that Jeconiah's seed would not rule and prosper in Judah. Jesus, who is the descendent of David and Jeconiah, sits on God's throne in Heaven. Some would have Jesus return to Jerusalem to sit on his throne. But he cannot, lest he violate the word of divine prophecy which forbids it.

Jesus sits now on the throne of David, which is God's throne. He sits on this throne in heaven. God "raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come" (Eph. 1:20-22) He is not going to sit on this throne on earth because divine prophecy forbids it.

Jesus rules now, He rules from Heaven, **He will not rule from an earthly throne.** We must submit ourselves to His rule today!

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