

Open the Word of Truth to Isaiah, chapter nine, verse six. Before you do, you may want to use the provisions of 1Jo 1:9 by silently naming your sins to God as the Holy Spirit may or may not show. Let us pray.

Isaiah in Isa 9:6-7 predicts not only the Lord's birth but His ultimate victory. It is upon Isaiah's prophecy we will build our Christmas message.

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isa 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Today we are going to celebrate Jesus's birthday a little early. But that's acceptable given the fact that no one really knows what month He was born, nor do we really know what year He was born. Many Christians who make Christmas pilgrimages to the Holy Land are surprised to find Israel crowded with people celebrating on three different days: December 25th for the Roman Catholics and Protestants, January 6th for Orthodox Catholics, and January 19th for Armenian Christians.

Hippolytus is said to be the first to compute the 25th of December, based on some strange interpretation of several prophecies found in the Book of Daniel. Nevertheless the 25th does seem to have tenure, does it not?

The earliest record of anyone celebrating Christmas on the 25th of December was A.D. 336. Most people in our country traditionally believe it all began in Bethlehem around the 1st Century; however, a better time may have been April or May in about 4 B.C. Whether it is May or December A.D. 1 or 4 B.C., is really unimportant. What is important is that Jesus Christ the Son of God chose to become the Lamb of God, the Savior who would save His people from their sins. Just as John the Baptist exclaimed after seeing Jesus, "Behold the Lamb of God Who taketh away the sins of the world." The Apostle John in his First Epistle tells us Christ died not only for our sins, but for the sins of the whole world. For you see, it pleased God to make Him, Who knew no sin, to become sin for us, in order that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Such is the real message of Christmas, but there are other facets of Christmas such as His royalty. If He is royalty, then we are royalty as His bride. I want us to focus on the royalty of Christ and how we acquired that royalty.

Secular royalty comes from an "accident of birth." Such was not the case with Christ. His Royalty *has* always been; "There never was a time when He was not." Isa 48:16-17 and Jo 1:1-2 compared to Joh 1:14 teach the eternal existence of Christ.

Isa 48:16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord GOD, and his Spirit, hath sent me.

Isa 48:17 Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth.

The American Heritage Dictionary has this to say about royalty.

"A person of royal rank or lineage ... The lineage or rank of a monarch ... The power, status, or authority of a monarch ... Royal quality or bearing ... A kingdom or possession ruled by a monarch ... A right or prerogative of the crown, as that of receiving a percentage of the proceeds from the royal domain ... The granting of a right by a monarch to individuals to exploit specified natural resources ...

Such describes, at least in part, our Savior. Christ, as we will see in chart form in just a moment, is royalty from both the lineages of Joseph and Mary. He possesses power and authority bestowed directly from God. Christ in his hypostatic union demonstrated a royal bearing. He has, by virtue of His perfect work, earned the proceeds to all that was created, and these rights include granting benefits and blessings to others, as He sees fit.

Let me read several Scriptures that declare Christ as royalty.

1Ti 6:13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who gave life to all that lives, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate where He gave a good testimony;

1Ti 6:14 in order that you Timothy might keep His Word without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1Ti 6:15 Which in His very own timing will show, **who are His blessed Ones as a prerogative of His Royal Status; for He is the only Potentate, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords;**

Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and **the Prince of the kings of the earth.** Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Rev 1:6 **And hath made us kings and priests** unto God and his Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for He is **Lord of lords, and King of kings:** and they that are with Him shall be called, the chosen, and His faithful.

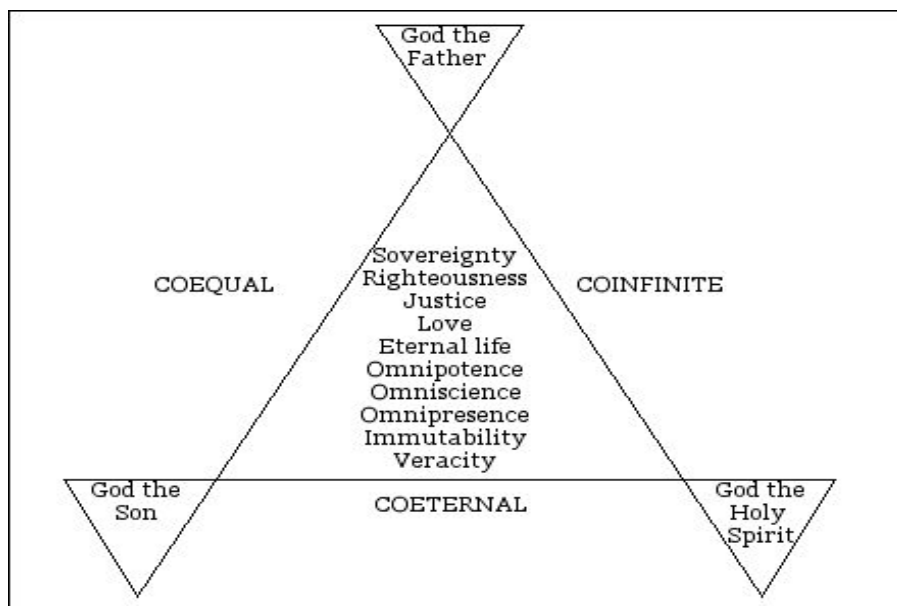
Rev 19:15 And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He tread the winepress with a fierceness and a wrath unique to the Almighty God.

Rev 19:16 And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

Jesus is royalty in three ways.

Firstly, He is divine royalty. He is God, Deity, coequal with the Father and Holy Spirit. He possesses all the attributes and essences of the other members of the Trinity.

Christmas didn't begin in a manger in Bethlehem with the birth of baby Jesus. He has always been royalty, coequal, coeternal and coinfinite with the other members of the Trinity.



Christ wasn't just a baby born a King Who would bring peace; not just a baby who would so profoundly affect our history, but rather, Jesus as uncontemplatable Deity agreeing to be and to do the unthinkable. Deity shedding His divine essence, the Alpha and Omega becoming spatially and chronologically limited.

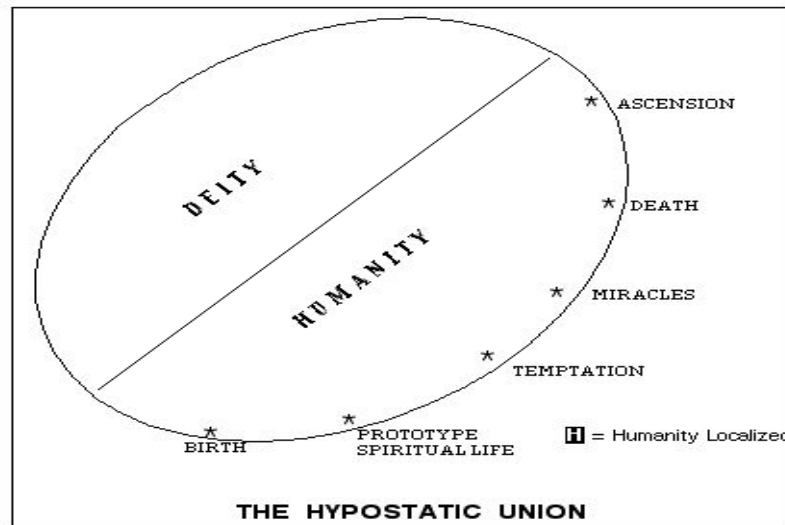
Spatial to the extent that Jesus Christ the Son of God, agreed to be in one place at one time occupying a volume of ambient in the miasma of earth, a spatial captive in an alien kingdom belonging to Satan himself. He came unto His own to a place He created-- planet earth.

And so He was born uttering His last words as Deity in a tribute to the plan of God, totally in compliance with the Father's authority, becoming a subordinate for the very first time. Heb 10:5-7:

Heb 10:5 Wherefore when He cometh into the world, He saith, Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but a body hast Thou prepared Me:

Heb 10:6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin Thou hast had no pleasure.

Heb 10:7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do Thy will, O God.



Jesus agreed to deprive Himself of Deity and leave the indescribable perfection of the third heaven and accept the limitations of humanity.

I'm reminded of something Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "If you would lift me, you must be on higher ground." As I thought about this quotation (though I doubt that Waldo had our Lord in mind), I could not help but think of the truth of this profundity as it relates to the birth and life of our Lord.

Little did Emerson know how close he came to capturing the true meaning of Christmas, and the coming of Christ. Only Deity could lift fallen man for He and He alone holds the higher ground. And to lift fallen man, He had to first identify with man. Christ had to show the way as One made lower than Deity-- even lower than the angels themselves.

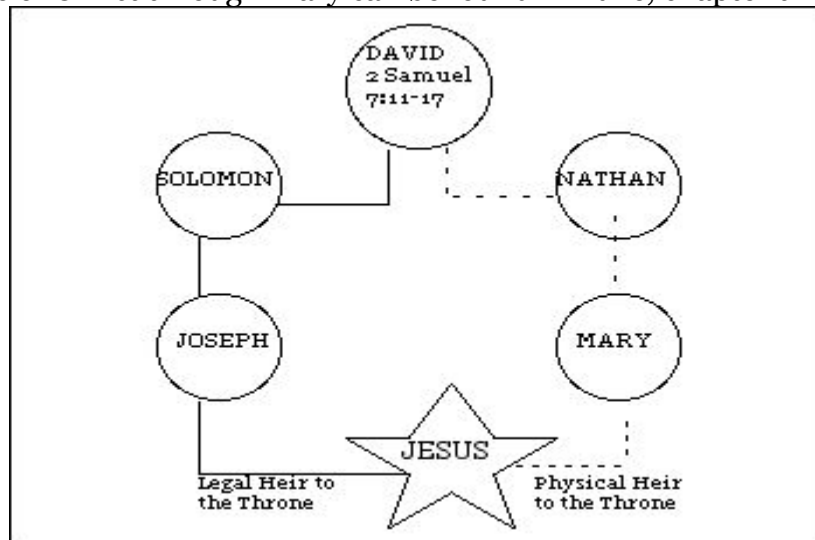
Heb 5:8 Though He were a Son yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered.

Philippians 2:7 But in contrast to an equality with the other members of the Trinity, Christ Himself became less than divine; in fact He robbed Himself of His rightful prerogatives taking the form of a slave in the likeness of humanity.

In the second verse of the twelfth chapter of the Book of Hebrews we are commanded "to look unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who instead of the joy of the third heaven endured the cross, despising the shame." For the very first time, Jesus

agreed to become limited by physics--a body of science He invented before time was. The all-knowing Creator of all things also agreed to learn, to hope, to anticipate and to wonder if all was well--truly a miracle.

Secondly, Jesus was also Jewish royalty: royalty by virtue of His lineage from both Mary and Joseph. The lineage of Christ through Joseph is set forth in Matthew, chapter one, and the lineage of Christ through Mary can be found in Luke, chapter three.



By way of Joseph: Mat 1:1-16

**Mat 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham ...**

**Mat 1:6 And Jesse begat David the king; and David the king begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Uriah;**

Mat 1:7 And Solomon begat Roboam; and Roboam begat Abia; and Abia begat Asa;

Mat 1:8 And Asa begat Josaphat; and Josaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Ozias;

Mat 1:9 And Ozias begat Joatham; and Joatham begat Achaz; and Achaz begat Ezekias;

Mat 1:10 And Ezekias begat Manasses; and Manasses begat Amon; and Amon begat Josias;

Mat 1:11 And Josias begat Jechonias and his brethren, about the time they were carried away to Babylon:

Mat 1:12 And after they were brought to Babylon, Jechonias begat Salathiel; and Salathiel begat Zorobabel;

Mat 1:13 And Zorobabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor;

Mat 1:14 And Azor begat Sadoc; and Sadoc begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud;

Mat 1:15 And Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob;

**Mat 1:16 And Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary ...**

By way of Mary: Luke 3:23-31

**Luk 3:23 Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he began his ministry. He was the son, so it was thought, of Joseph, the son of Heli, but in reality He was**

Luk 3:24 the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melki, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph,

Luk 3:25 the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of Esli, the son of Naggai,

Luk 3:26 the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Josech, the son of Joda,

Luk 3:27 the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son of Zerubbabel, the son of Shealtiel, the son of Neri,

Luk 3:28 the son of Melki, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of Elmadam, the son of Er,

Luk 3:29 the son of Joshua, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi,

**Luk 3:30 the son of Simeon, the son of Judah, the son of Joseph, the son of Jonam, the son of Eliakim,**

**Luk 3:31 the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattatha, the son of Nathan, the son of David by Bathsheba, wife of Uriah ...**

Thirdly, Jesus earned a battlefield royalty; His battlefield royalty came as a result of His victory on the cross.

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who instead of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Col 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

Col 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them, openly triumphing over them ...

Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether in earth, or things in heaven.

Col 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

Col 1:22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblamable and unreprouvable in his sight:

Phi 2:8 And being found in the fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Phi 2:9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

Phi 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Phi 2:11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The titles of our Lord's royalty are numerous. A few of the titles found in Scripture are: **Son of God, Only Begotten of The Father, Son of David, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.**

- Son of God

1Jo 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the **Son of God?**

1Jo 5:10 He that believeth on the **Son of God** hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son.

1Jo 5:12 He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the **Son of God** hath not life.

1Jo 5:20 And we know that the **Son of God** is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.

- Only Begotten of The Father:

Joh 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the **Only Begotten of The Father,**) full of grace and truth.

- Son of David

Luk 18:38 And the blind man when told that Jesus was approaching he called out, "Jesus, **thou Son of David**, have mercy on me".

Luk 18:39 And as they neared Jericho at a place where the blind man sat they which went before our Lord rebuked the blind man, "hold your peace" but he cried so much the more, "**thou Son of David**, have mercy on me".

Mat 21:8 And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and laid them in the way.

Mat 21:9 And the multitudes that went before, and those that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the **Son of David**: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

- King of Kings

Rev 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

Rev 19:17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;

Rev 19:18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

- Lord of Lords

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Christ will one day judge the world and establish His 1,000-year reign of perfection. As Jewish royalty He will regather Israel and rule forever as the Son of David in an age of perfection. As battlefield royalty He will terminate Satan's rule of planet earth, placing both him and his demon army in the lake of fire.

Rev 19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He Himself.

Rev 19:13 And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God.

Rev 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Rev 19:15 And out of His mouth was a sharp sword that preceded Him, with it He destroyed the nations: and He ruled them with a rod of iron: and He treaded the winepress with a fierceness and wrath of Almighty God ...

Rev 19:19 And I saw the antichrist, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him' they were in battle array, lined up against His army.

Rev 19:20 And the antichrist was taken, and with him the false prophet who had done many miracles by which he had deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. They were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone . . .

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

Rev 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, even Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

Rev 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a short time . . .

Rev 20:7 And when the thousand years expired, Satan was loosed out of his prison,

Rev 20:8 And went out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog, and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

Rev 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the antichrist and the false prophet are, they were there tormented day and night for ever and ever.

Mat 25:41 shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

As I conclude this message, I cannot help but sadly reflect on how our nation has neglected the principles of our Lord and Savior. I heard two politicians and a pastor speak not of Jesus as royalty but as the first homeless person. I heard a lay person say, "Jesus was a failure because He did not usher in perfect environment," and then he added, "There is no peace on earth, there is no good will toward men."

People get easily confused because they fail to distinguish between our Lord's First Advent and His Second Advent. The Scriptures promise Jesus will one day return to establish His earthly Kingdom at His Second Advent, but until that time, there will be no perfect environment. Imperfect people cannot create perfection because of our old sin natures. Today's farce of eliminating global warming, eliminating world hunger, eliminating war and any number of seemingly noble efforts all fly in the face of axioms found in the Scripture.

Christ said, "There will always be wars and rumors of wars until until I return."

Christ also said, "The poor you shall also have with you until My return."

Until our death or the Rapture we have the awesome responsibility to be the salt of this earth. Our job is to keep the faith by growing in His grace through the consistent intake of His Word. By our consistent use of the two power options we can become a blessing to our families, churches, employers, schools, businesses and nation.

Many of us may wonder, "How long will the United States of America with its facade of Christmas and indifference to His Word be blessed?" Amidst all the chaos of activism, liberalism and statism, God still has a people. God has always had a remnant that He elects to bless. Our job as patriots and as members of the royal family of God is to take in Bible doctrine and grow in God's grace in order that He, our God, might hear from Heaven, forgive our sins and heal our land.

In Conclusion: Though we may wonder about our national tenure, there is no doubt about the victory of Christ at the end of Satan's reign as ruler of this planet. Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords, will one day destroy the forces of Satan, depose him as ruler of the earth and throw him, the beast (the Antichrist) and false prophet alive into the lake of fire. (Zec 12:9, 14:3-9; Rev 19:11-21, and 20:1-3)

Zec 12:9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Zec 14:3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

Zec 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before

Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

Zec 14:5 And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

Zec 14:6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark:

Zec 14:7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

Zec 14:8 And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

Zec 14:9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

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Rev 19:21 And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.

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So the question is my friend, "Decide today, will I stand victorious with Christ or will I accompany Satan in the lake of fire?"

Let us pray.

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