



# By the Mouth of the Prophets

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The Kingdom of God  
in the Prophets

# Why Should We Care What the Prophets Say?

1. The prophets are inspired by God and communicate clearly.
2. Jesus claimed to fulfill what the prophets spoke (and that we should understand them).
3. Jesus's followers claim reliance on the OT prophets.
  - Paul: Romans 1:2; 16:25-26
  - Peter: 1 Peter 1:10-12; 2 Peter 1:19-21
  - Luke/Zachariah: Luke 1:68-79
  - Luke/Peter: Acts 3:19-21
  - John: Revelation 10:7 (7th angel trumpet call)

# The Foundational Message of the Pentateuch

Israel will have a future king  
(Gen 17:6; Gen 49:9-10; Num 24:7;  
24:17; Deut 17:14-20).

Prolonged rebellion and exile for  
Israel (Lev 26:40-45; Deut 4:25-30;  
Deut 28-30).

Yahweh will remember the  
Abrahamic Covenant after exile  
(Deut 4:25-30; Lev 26:40-45).

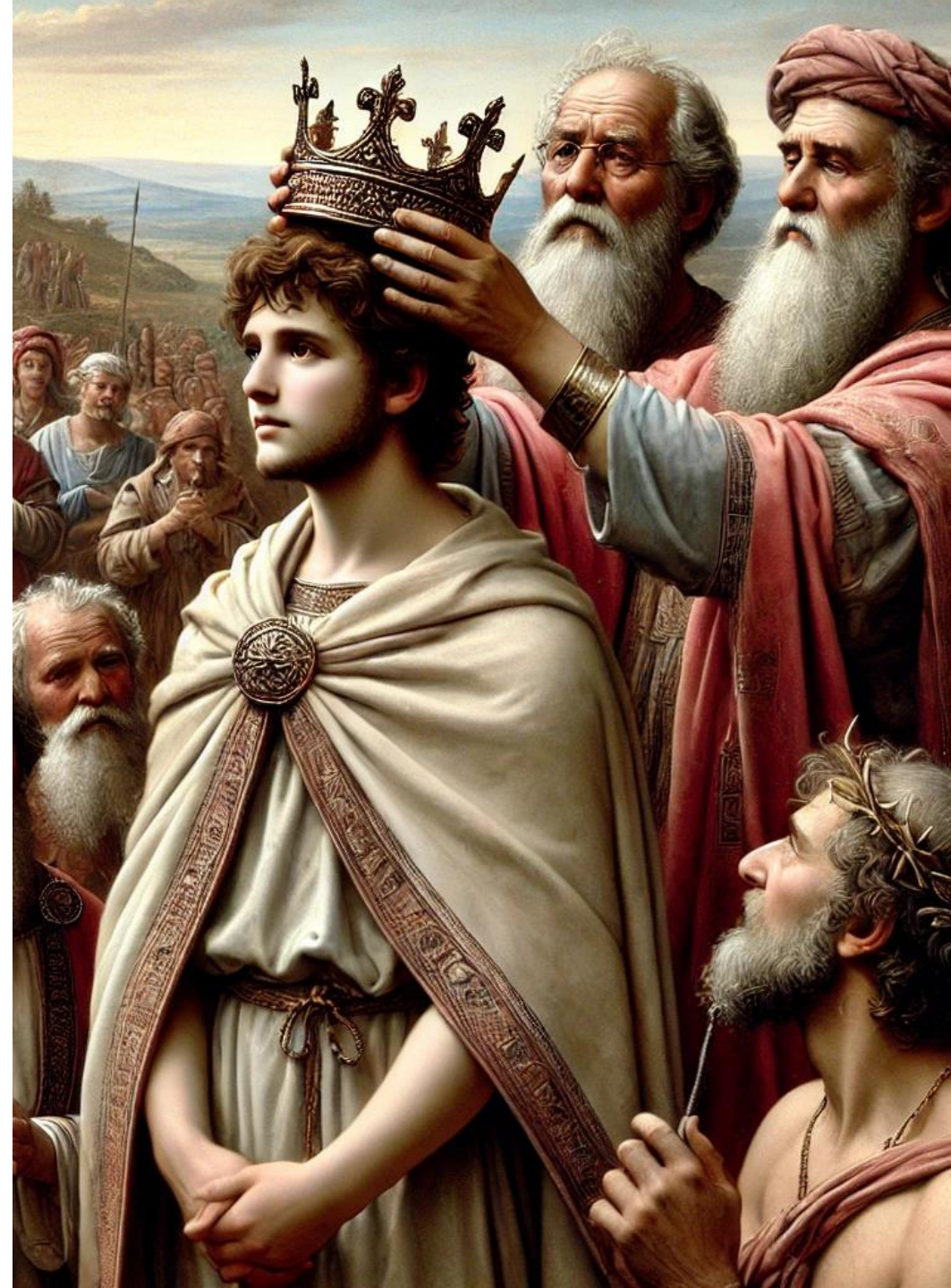
Restoration  
of blessing

Return to  
Canaan

Spiritual  
blessings

# The Prophetic Description of the Kingdom (1)

1. Son of David as king (Isa 11:1-5; Jer 23:5; Ezek 34:23; Hos 3:4-5).
2. Physical and visible kingdom on earth (Ps 2:8; Isa 11:9; Zech 14:9).
3. Regathered, converted Israel (Isa 11:11-12; Ezek 37:21-25; Mic 4:6-8).





# The Prophetic Description of the Kingdom (2)

4. Jerusalem as capital (Isa 2:1-3; Zech 8:20-23).
5. Kingdom over the nations (Ps 72:11, 17; Mic 4:2).
6. Kingdom linked to the coming King (Zech 14:1-5; Mal 3:1-2).



# NT Confirmation of the Prophetic Message

1. Son of David as king (Matt 1:1; Luke 1:32-33; Rom 1:3; Rev 22:16).
2. Physical, visible kingdom (Matt 6:10; Rev 11:15).
3. Regathered, converted Israel (Rom 11:25-27; Acts 1:6).
4. Jerusalem as capital (Matt 5:35; Luke 21:24).
5. Kingdom over nations (Matt 28:18-19; Rev 7:9).
6. Kingdom linked to the coming King (Matt 24:30; Rev 1:7).

# How Should We Read the Prophets?

“Now we must frankly admit that a literal interpretation of the Old Testament prophecies gives us just a picture of an earthly reign of the Messiah as the Premillennialist pictures.”

– Floyd E. Hamilton, *The Basis of Millennial Faith* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1942), p. 38.

“It is generally agreed that if the prophecies are taken literally, that they do foretell a restoration of the nation of Israel in the land of Palestine with the Jews having a prominent place in that kingdom and ruling over the other nations.”

– Loraine Boettner, “Postmillennialism,” in *The Meaning of the Millennium: Four Views*, ed. Robert G. Clouse (Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity, 1977) 95.



# Questions/Discussion