

The King's Nation

ETS: God established the nation through which the King would come and will redeem

ESS: God is at work in human history bringing about His Plan

OSS: I want people to take comfort in the fact that God is in control and the King is returning

PQ: Are you ready for the King's return?

UW: Nation

ME

I am excited about this new series. The reason I wanted to preach this series, is because I sense that a lot of people are growing concerned and scared-especially Christians.

- It seems that the **freedoms and liberties** that we once enjoyed, are now **under assault**.
- It appears that if you say something that someone **else does not like** the immediate response is to **cancel** you or shut you down.
 - It seems that we have **lost the ability** to have **discourse** and **disagreements** with **each other** in our country and yet still get along with each other towards a **common goal**.

It appears that people are just **angry**.

- Although **social media** is helpful at times, it seems like it is **fostering angry** attitudes amongst us.
 - We are **becoming divided** on **political, racial, economic, and other lines**.
 - I had a teacher in high school once say that if America was ever going to be destroyed or defeated it would be from the inside out. Unfortunately, that seems to be what is happening in our culture today.

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The **temptation** is to **become sullen, discouraged, fearful**, and to become a **recluse**.

- It is tempting to think **that all is lost**, and to see our **future** as only **bleak**,

That is why I want to preach this series.

If you are believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, *and even if you are not*, you need to understand that **history is headed towards a climax**.

- **The climax is the Return of the King!**

Over the next **8 weeks**, we will be looking at **Bible prophecy**.

- I hope to show to you through the **scriptures**, that **history** has a **climactic point** and that point will be when **King Jesus returns**.

Normally, I take a **passage of scripture** and walk through it.

- In this series, we will be **chasing through a lot of passages** of scripture as construct the time line and see how God has worked in history and how He IS working in history and the world events of today!

However, we will have **one passage** of scripture which I believe **encapsulates** everything that we're going to look at in this series: **Isaiah 46:9-10** “Remember what happened long ago, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and no one is like me. 10 I declare the end from the beginning, and from long ago what is not yet done, saying: my plan will take place, and I will do all my will.”

Grab your bibles, notebooks and let's start from the beginning of history!

GOD

Genesis 1: 1 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

- Genesis = Beginning
- Premise: **God exists & God created**

IF you **don't believe** that premise, then...

- *There is NO point to history: past, present or future!*
 - We are simply a **cosmic accident** that –it appears—will **ultimately destroy ourselves**.
 - **Good news: It doesn't matter** if we destroy ourselves and this planet because we are a **cosmic accident** and have **no real purpose anyway!**
- If don't believe God exists, then I cannot offer you any hope!
 - I think YOU—like all of us—**want hope** and **to think our lives matter**—so, I hope you will at least be open to the possibility that “**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**”
 - It won't hurt to take this journey with us.

If you have questions, send them to me at www.askpastorjim.info and I'll be glad to address them!

Genesis 1: 1 “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

- Genesis 1 gives us an overview of God creating

Genesis 1:26-27 “Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth.” 27 So God created man in his own image; he created him in the image of God; he created them male and female.”

- Humans are unique: We are the only part of God’s creation created “in the image of God.”
 - Because humans are “created in the image of God”, we have....
 - **“Intrinsic worth”**—your life is worth something!
 - **Creativity:** Create music, buildings, businesses, etc
 - **Problem solving skills:** do math, physics, philosophy, etc.
 - **Emotions:** Not simply reactions or instincts
 - **Soul:** An immaterial part that exists after our body dies
 - **Free will:** We can make choices

Humans are treated differently than the rest of creation because only humans are “Created in the image of God.”

Why did God create humanity?

- Not because He was lonely—**God is complete**

The word for God is **plural** because God is ONE YET THREE!

- **God the Father**
- **God the Son'**
- **God the Holy Spirt**

These three persons are the same God!

- Same in **essence** and **power**
 - **ILL: Chain Links**

When I speak of GOD, I am talking as God as acting as Father, Son and Holy Spirit

- **Each person** has a **different role**, but they are the **same** in **essence** and **power**.
 - **Jesus is not greater** than the Father or the Father greater than the Holy Spirit because they are the same!

Why did God create humanity?

- He did so to give himself glory.
- According to **Revelation 4:11**, we were created for **God's pleasure**—He **delighted in creating** us!
 - God delights in showing love to us!

- God delights in a relationship with us

If you show love to someone, don't you want them to reciprocate? Yes!

If you show love to someone, don't you want them to reciprocate FREELY? Yes!

Because God wanted to enjoy a **mutual love** between Him and His creation, He **provided us** with a **choice**-
because forced love or love without a choice is NOT love!

- If you are told you MUST love someone, is that going to be true love? No!

God **showed His love** to Adam and Eve, but giving them a beautiful garden to live in!

- God **provided the food**, the **enjoyment of animals** and the **enjoyment of human companionship** to them!
- God would **visit** them and **commune** with them in the **garden** in **unhindered** relationship

To **enable** them to **freely love** God, He provided them with a choice: eat of ANY tree in the garden but ONE!

- **Choice:** Obey me—which is easy to do or DISOBEY me—by eating the ONE tree.

God not only created humanity, but He had also **created angels** before the creation of humans

- These angels lived in the very presence of God—unlike humans who were put on a planet.
- These **angels** were also given the **ability to choose**
 - WHY: Because **God loved them** and **wanted to enjoy** a mutual love from them!

The **highest-ranking, most powerful angel**, known as **Lucifer**, who ministered at the throne of God decided that he wanted to take God's place.

- That decision was an **act of rebellion** against God
 - He removed complete love for God and created a spot in his heart where he loved himself and his desires more than God.
 - **Result: God removed Lucifer** from his position and about 1/3 of the other angels went with Lucifer in rebellion against God—we call these **“fallen angels” demons**.

When God created humanity, **Lucifer** went on a **mission: To hurt God!**

- **Goal: HURT God** by enticing the new humans to rebel against God hoping that they would “take the bait.”

Adam and Eve **gave into the temptation: They ate of the ONE forbidden tree!**

- Eating of the **forbidden** tree was an **act of rebellion!**
- Eating of the forbidden tree was an **act of sin!**

God could have **walked away** from **planet earth** and **started over!**

However, God knew that creating a creature with choice would ultimately lead to the creature choosing to rebel against Him—after all, it had happened twice!

- If God started over, ultimately there would be the **same action** taken by His creation!

When **God confronted** Adam and Eve about their rebellion, God gave a glimpse of the plan for the COMING KING--who would redeem humanity.

THE KING'S COMING IS PROMISED

Genesis 3:15 “I will put hostility between you (Satan) and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

- There would be “**hostility**” – a **battle** between Satan’s “**offspring (or seed)**” and Eve’s offspring (or seed)

- There would be a battle a struggle between the two “offsprings or seed”, but Eve’s offspring would “Crush or strike” Satan.

*To Adam and Eve, this was **Good News!***

- **Satan**—who had enticed them—would be **defeated by Eve’s offspring!**

Adam and Eve needed Good News because life changed when they rebelled!

- There was now a **struggle** between the **Adam** and **Eve** as to who was **in charge**
- **Adam** had to work hard to get food from the land
- **Eve would want** to have **children** but it would be very **painful** to have **children**
- Their **relationship** with **God was disrupted**—they **lost the close communion** with God they once enjoyed
- They were **kicked out** to the **garden**
- The **animals reacted** them differently: Fearful and even aggressive
- The **climate changed** and became more and more chaotic.

Who or what would be “Eve’s Offspring”?

- Satan's offspring includes those humans who will come to believe and practice his lies

John 8:44, said this: "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

Eve's offspring would include all of humanity, born one generation after another up to the present day, but notice that "Eve's Offspring" is narrowed down to a person!

- **He** (not "THEY") will strike your head, and you will strike his heel.

But WHO is this "HE"?

THE KING WOULD BE AN UNIQUE HUMAN

The Coming King would be: A human "Eve's Offspring"

- A different human: **No mention** of the COMING KING being "Adam's offspring"
- A different kind of human because Eve had no seed!
 - In other words, the "Seed" would have to come somewhere OUTSIDE of EVE and since that

“Seed” was not from ADAM (or man) that left a question!

- Where would this “Seed” come from?

The Coming King would be **victorious** over “**Satan’s offspring**”

Initially, when Eve had her **first child**-a boy named **Cain**—she thought he would be the one who would “**strike**” Satan, but it became clear that **Cain** was **rebellious** too (*He killed his brother Abel!*).

- This showed that “**Eve’s Offspring**” was **not** going to be **human conceived** *in the same way* between a man and a woman!

Have you ever used a funnel?

- A lot is poured in at the top, but it is then filtered down to a precise stream!

The human race rapidly expanded—they are entering into the top of the Funnel of History!

- Humans followed in Adam and Eve’s footsteps and rebelled against God!
 - Ultimately, God judged the world by bringing a **flood**-which would destroy all of humanity EXCEPT Noah and his family!
 - WHY did God spare NOAH?

- *Because Noah placed his faith in God— while the rest of humanity rebelled against God.*

*Noah, his wife, their three sons and their wives along with animals **survive** the flood.*

- **Noah's sons** and their **wives** start **repopulating** the earth somewhere around **2, 348 B.C.**

Fast forward a couple hundred years to about **2,166 B.C** to a man named **Abraham**

- **We** are about **2,000** out from the **first prophecy** about the **COMING KING** given to **Adam and Eve**

Genesis 12:2-3 “I will make you into a **great nation**, I will bless you, I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, I will curse anyone who treats you with contempt, and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”

- Promise: Abraham would be the start of a “**great nation**”
 - The descendants of Abraham would have an **identity!**

Who are the descendants of Abraham? **The Jewish people!**

Would you say that the Jewish people have a **distinct identity**? YES!

Would you say that the Jewish people have been the target of **hatred for millennia**? Yes!

- We call it “**Anti-Semitism**”

Promise: “*All the people of the earth*” (!) would be blessed through Abraham

- How is God going to bless “**All the peoples of the earth**” through this one nation?

Could it be that the **COMING KING** would be a **part** of this new group of people—the Jews?

- If the **COMING KING** was going to be from this “**Great nation**” God is creating, that may help explain why “**Satan’s Offspring**” is always **seeking to harm** or **destroy** this nation **created** by God!

The FUNNEL is getting smaller!

- The **COMING KING** would be **Human**—but **different!**
- The **COMING KING** would be a **Jew**—a descendant of Abraham

THE KING WILL BE A JEW

Abraham has a son named **Isaac**

- Isaac has a son named **Jacob**

- Jacob has **sons**
 - **Jacob's sons** form the basis of **12 groups/tribes**—however, they are *NOT a nation* at this point

Jacob's family **relocates to Egypt** due to a famine

- Eventually, their descendants are made slaves in the land of Egypt.

Before Jacob dies, he pronounces a blessing on each of his sons.

- To his son Judah, he states: **Genesis 49:10** “The scepter will not depart from Judah or the staff from between his feet until he whose right it is comes and the obedience of the peoples belongs to him.”
 - The **scepter** was a symbol of **kingship**
 - According to Jacob, someone from Judah's descendants was coming “**whose right it is**” to “**take the scepter**” or the kingship
 - According to Jacob, someone from Judah's descendants was had the right to the “**obedience of the people**”

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THE KING NATION IS THE JEWISH NATION

After 430 years, God sends **Moses** to deliver his people—the Jews—from the Egyptians

- After **10 plagues**, the **Pharaoh of Egypt relents** and lets the Jews leave—a **NATION is born**.
 - They have their own identity: the Israelites!

Eventually, the **Israelites** settle into their **own land**

- They create their own cities
- They have their own capital-**Jerusalem**

The Israelites set up a *human government*.

- The **second king** God appoints for them is a man named **David**

God tells David, **2 Samuel 7:16** “Your house and kingdom will endure before me forever, and your throne will be established forever.’

- Notice where David’s “house and kingdom will endure”! “Before God

How can “David’s house and kingdom endure before God forever” when David died and eventually Israel was kicked out of their land and scattered?

- Two things have to be true at once!
 - #1: A **member** of David’s house had to be on the **throne**
 - #2: The kingdom of David is not **relegated** to only a **physical kingdom**, but is a spiritual kingdom as well.

THE KING WILL BE IN THE JEWISH NATION’S KINGLY LINE

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- The COMING KING would be from the **house of David**—a specific set of descendants within the Tribe of Judah
- The COMING KING would rule **eternally**—not just for a period of time!

- The **COMING KING** must be more than a mere mortal man!

THE KING'S NATION CEASED

A couple generations after David's death, the **Jewish nation split** into two parts

- **The Northern** half is rebellious against God and God sends in a **flurry of prophets** to warn them
- God also sends a **flurry of prophets** into the **Southern** kingdom because they too keep rebelling against Him.

These prophets warn of **impending Judgement** on both the **Northern** and **Southern** kingdoms, but they also tell more about the **COMING KING!**

The people did not listen!

- The **Northern** half was **assimilated** into another culture.
 - That's why we called them the **10 lost tribes of Israel.**
- The **Southern half** lasted for a while longer, but they were taken into captivity by the **Babylonians.**

Fortunately, after about 70 years, the Jews were allowed to return to their capital city of **Jerusalem** and **rebuild their temple**.

- So they reestablish themselves, but they were under the rule of another nation—the **Medes and Persians**
- Shortly, thereafter, they were conquered by the **Greeks**.
 - They **rebelled**, and **gained their independence** for a short time.
- Then they were taken over by the **Romans**.

It was during the **Roman's rule** that the King made his **first entrance** and completed his first mission. (*We will talk about his mission next week.*)

But what about the **king's nation**?

- They had a **bad relationship** with the **Roman government**,
 - The Romans came in and **destroyed** their **temple** in **70 A.D.**
 - Now, they could not perform their religious ceremonies!
- In **AD 138**, the **ancient nation of Israel** ceased to **exist** when the Roman emperor **Hadrian** crushed the **Bar Kochba revolt** and **banned** all **Jews** from

Palestine (i.e., the biblical regions known as the Land of Israel).

The **Jewish land** (known as **Palestine**) was **conquered** by **various nations** until **1517**, when it was controlled by the **Ottoman Empire**.

- By **1850**, only **about 14,000 Jews** remained in **Palestine**.
- In **1896** the **Zionist movement** was launched with the goal of returning the Jews to the area.
- In **1917**, the **British captured Jerusalem** during **World War I** and announced its support for the establishment of a “**national home for the Jewish people**” in the 67-word statement known as the **Balfour Declaration**
- The Jewish population in Palestine **grew** between **1919 and 1923** as Jews began to flee **persecution** in **Russia** and **Ukraine**.
- On **May 14, 1948**, the **Nation of Israel** was established

Charles Krauthammer in The Weekly Standard, May 11, 1998 wrote: “**Israel is the very embodiment of Jewish continuity: It is the only nation on earth that inhabits the same land, bears the same name, speaks the same language, and worships the same God that it did 3,000**

years ago. You dig the soil and you find **pottery** from **Davidic times**, **coins** from **Bar Kokhba**, and **2,000-year-old scrolls** written in a **script remarkably like** the one that today advertises ice cream at the corner candy store."

Against all odds, The King's Nation has returned!

Remember, **Genesis 3:15**: Battle between **"Eve's Seed"** and **Satan's Seed"**

- **Eve's Seed** is humanity but ultimately points to a **UNIQUE HUMAN--the GOD/MAN KING**
- **Satan's Seed** is those who **oppose** the **King** and will ultimate culminate in the Anti-Christ.

Satan's Seed has been battling the King's Nation since its inception and it continues

A day after the declaration of independence of the State of Israel, on May 14, 1948 **armies of five Arab** countries, **Egypt, Syria, Transjordan, Lebanon, and Iraq, invaded Israel.**

Arab states have jointly waged four full-scale wars against Israel:

- **1948** War of Independence
- **1956** Sinai War

- **1967** Six Day War
- **1973** Yom Kippur War

Did you know that the Arab countries occupy **640 times the land mass** as does Israel and **outnumber the Jews** of Israel by nearly **fifty to one!**

- Despite the **numerical superiority** of the Arab armies, *Israel defended itself each time and won.*

In addition to these full-scale wars, the King's Nation has been under attack:

- **1968-70** Egypt's War of Attrition against Israel
- **1987** Widespread violence (Intifada) starts in Israeli-administered areas.
- **1991** Israel attacked by Iraqi Scud missiles during Gulf war.
- **1996** Fundamentalist Arab terrorism against Israel escalates.
- **2000** Renewed violence (Second Intifada).

Today, scud missiles are regularly fired into the King's Nation—yet they persist

Against all odds, The King's Nation **has returned** and still **continues to stand**-despite numerous attempts to destroy it!

THE KING'S NATION HAS RETURNED

What does this mean?

Since 168 A.D. when the Jews were kicked out of Palestine until 1948, the *thought of Israel returning as a nation seemed unrealistic.*

- Therefore, the many **theologians** through the ages interpreted passages about the **King's Nation** as **Allegorical**—in other words, those prophecies about the King's Nation could not be taken literally!
 - Yet, the King's Nation has returned and we see that **those prophecies CAN be taken literally**
- Other theologians have tried to **REPLACE** the King's Nation with the CHURCH.
 - Again this **requires** an **allegorical** interpretation of the prophecies about the King's Nation
 - But, the King's Nation has returned! Clearly, the **church** is **NOT** a **substitute** for the **prophecies** regarding the **King's Nation!**

What are some of these bible prophecies about the King's Nation re-emerging?

- **Is 66:8** “Who has heard of such a thing? Who has seen such things? Can a land be born in one day or a

nation be delivered in an instant? Yet as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave birth to her sons.”

- **Jeremiah 30: 3** “for look, the days are coming” —this is the Lord’s declaration—“when I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel and Judah,” says the Lord. “I will restore them to the land I gave to their ancestors and they will possess it.”
- **Amos 9:14** “I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel. They will rebuild and occupy ruined cities, plant vineyards and drink their wine, make gardens and eat their produce.”

Jerusalem would be where the KING will reign the earth from

- In **1948** re-birth Israel **did not get Jerusalem**.
- Finally, in **six-day war of 1967**, they **gained control of Jerusalem** and the **Temple** site was **captured** by Israel—Yet, Jerusalem was not recognized as the capital-Tel Aviv was.
- In **1980** the **Jerusalem Law** was passed which stated: “**Jerusalem, complete and united, is the capital of Israel**”.
 - Although the UN has stood against Jerusalem as being the capital of Israel, the **United States** recognized **Jerusalem** as the **capital** of Israel and

on **May 14, 2018** opened the **United States embassy** in Jerusalem.

THE KING'S WILL RULE FROM HIS NATION'S CAPITAL

The King will rule from **Jerusalem**:

- **Isaiah 2: 1-3:** The vision that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning **Judah** and **Jerusalem**: 2 In the last days the mountain of the Lord's house will be established at the top of the mountains and will be raised above the hills. All nations will stream to it, 3 and many peoples will come and say, "Come, let's go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us about his ways so that we may walk in his paths." For instruction will go out of Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."
- **Zehariah 14:8-9** "On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it toward the eastern sea and the other half toward the western sea, in summer and winter alike. 9 On that day the Lord will become King over the whole earth—the Lord alone, and his name alone.

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WE

We could keep going for hours and talk about prophecies of the King regathering His people to the land of Palestine, the King ruling from Jerusalem, the King’s temple that will be built in Jerusalem, etc.

These prophecies are NOT about the church or purely allegorical!

- As WE have seen in OUR LIFETIMES, these prophecies can easily be fulfilled!
 - The KING’S NATION EXISTS!
 - The KING’S PEOPLE (the Jewish People) are being REGATHERED into the KING’S NATION
 - The KING’S CAPITAL has been PROCLAIMED

The KING is COMING!

Even though our world seems to be greatly spiraling out of control, **I want you to take comfort.**

- Comfort in the fact that in ancient nation, the king's nation, has **re emerged** against all odds!
 - Although no one thought it possible, it has happened.
 - Many Bible prophecy experts called the **re emergence of Israel** as a nation as a **super sign**

Although in the West we are focused on America, the focus really needs to be on Israel.

- The return of the coming king deals with prophecies in that part of the world.
 - While those prophecy certainly will affect us here, but the “**ground 0**” is **Israel** and the **Middle East**

I want you to be encouraged—God is fulfilling His Word—right before our eyes!

- The prophecies of scripture regarding the coming King have **proven true** up to this **point** and they will be proven true in the future.
 - The prophecies concerning the king's nation have proven true and they will continue to prove true.

I want you to be encouraged because there is a **God** and that he is in **control** of History.

- We are **not** in a **mindless universe** that is **spiraling** to an **end with no reason behind it**.
 - Instead, we are in a universe that is under the control of God and is working out according to his sovereign plan.

Salvation Plea:

- **God-created us** and he **loves us**.
 - Even though he knew we would rebel against him, he created us anyways.
- He made a way to redeem us.
 - The king's **1st mission** was a mission of **redemption**.
 - The king's **1st mission** led to the **king** being **crucified** on the cross for our sins.

You will only find **purpose, hope, encouragement,** and **peace**, when you **surrender** your **rebellion against the king** and **ask the king to forgive you** and become your deliverer.

- When you are **willing to humble yourself**, you will **experience** the king!
 - Not only that, but when the king does return, **you will be with him**. You will be **part of his Family**.

The KING is Coming!

Are you Ready for the King's Return?