

Who Am I?

Unlocking and Understanding the Mystery of Christ

Week Two

Day Five

ESTABLISHING KINGDOM ROOTS

“Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before Me; your throne will be established forever.”

(2 Samuel 7:16)



Unlocking the Mystery

It has been fun for my family to discuss our family’s roots. Usually, we refer to ethnic roots, but we have also looked back over time to see where our artistic or musical roots came from, as well as, the roots of medical conditions that may have arisen. It has been fun to see where certain parts of us had been established. As I was praying about what lesson needs to fill this spot, the words, “the root of Jesse...” kept entering my mind. So, I began to look into the family roots of Jesus to gain insight of the establishment of His eternal kingdom. It is a mystery, however, that the eternal kingdom that we live for has its roots established in an earthly kingdom, and after today’s lesson you will be able to trace the roots of King Jesus’ eternal kingdom back through history to the time even before God’s first earthly king was anointed and appointed to reign.



Understanding the Word

Today’s lesson begins with a time the people of God’s nation, the Israelites, were once again pretty rebellious. God sent priests, prophets, and judges to help the people serve Him, but this nation kept doing what they thought was right in their own eyes. He gave them the law, a covenant, and even His presence, but they still demanded a king so they could be like everyone else.

DIGGING DEEPER: Judges

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Judges 2:6-12

Be prepared, when you read the book of Judges you will see similarities to our world today!

You will read where God took His hand off them for a while, but He always had mercy and came to them when a sincere repentance cry was given.

V. 6-9: Who dies at age 110? _____

V. 10... another _____ grew up, who knew neither the Lord nor what He had done for Israel.

V. 11 Then the Israelites did _____ in the eyes of the Lord.

V. 12 They _____ the LORD, the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of Egypt. They _____ various gods of the peoples around them. They provoked the LORD to _____...

Recurring in the book of Judges...

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Judges 10:6; 17:6

V. 10:6 Again, the Israelites did _____ in the eyes of the LORD.

V. 17:6 In those days Israel had no _____; everyone did as he saw fit.

Following the book of Judges we visit the book of Ruth.

DIGGING DEEPER: Ruth

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Ruth 4

Ruth marries _____ and has a son.

V. 17 ...They named him _____. He was the father of _____, the father of _____.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Matthew 1:1

These roots go back to whom? _____

The roots are being established... let's read on about the kingdom that grows from these roots. In I Samuel, we are introduced to Samuel.

DIGGING DEEPER: 1 Samuel 7-10; 15-16

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: 1 Samuel 7:15; 8:5; 10:1

V. 7:15 Samuel continued as _____ over Israel all the days of his life.

V. 8:5 You are old and your sons don't walk in your ways; now appoint a _____ to lead us, such as all the _____ nations have.

Samuel talks with God and relays God's message of what it will be like under a king, and Samuel learns that in the cry for an earthly king, the people are actually rejecting God's reign over them.

V. 10:1 Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on _____ head and kissed him saying, "Has not the LORD anointed you leader over His inheritance?"

Samuel then anoints and appoints Saul as Israel's first king. Saul begins as an obedient servant but eventually becomes prideful and rebellious to God's commands. He was eventually rejected by God as king, and Samuel was instructed to anoint another. Let's see who...

V. 16:1 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to _____ of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

Samuel goes to Jesse and walks in front of the sons, yet one was missing as he was still out tending sheep. The youngest of Jesse's family was brought to Samuel, and as David approached the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; he is the one."

V. 16:13 So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came upon _____ in power...

Through the next portion of Scripture, we learn of David's service for Saul and of Saul pursuing David to kill him. At the end of 1 Samuel, Saul takes his own life.

2 Samuel tells of David's eventual reign over all Israel. We are establishing eternal kingdom roots. This next section connects the past to the future.

DIGGING DEEPER: 2 Samuel 7

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: 2 Samuel 7:2; 12-13; 16

V.7:2 King David was concerned about housing what?_____

Samuel's presence is gone, and Nathan was a prophet that spoke God's words to David. Nathan delivered a word significant to David for the time but also a promise concerning the Messiah.

V. 12-13 I will raise up your _____to succeed you who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a _____ for My Name, and I will establish the _____ of his kingdom forever.

David's son, Solomon, did build a resting place for the ark of God which is known as the Temple. A permanent place established for God's presence.

If you follow through the historic writing, you will notice one king after another failed to worship and serve God. Israel was given over to her enemy, Assyria, and Judah was given over to her enemy, Babylon. Over time though God's word remained true. He brought His people home from Babylon to begin again. Though His timing and understanding is not our timing and understanding. He will not break covenant.

PSALM 89:34-37 "I will not violate My covenant or alter what My lips have uttered. Once for all, I have sworn by My holiness- and I will not lie to David- that his line will continue forever and his throne endure before Me like the sun; it will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky."

MESSIANIC PROPHECY and FULFILMENT

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 9:6-7

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V. 7 ...He will reign on _____ throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Luke 1:26-33

V. 27 ...to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of _____.
The virgin's name was Mary.

V. 31 ...you are to give Him the name _____.

V. 32-33 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give Him the _____ of His father _____ and He will reign over the house of Jacob _____; His kingdom will never end.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: Acts 2:14-36

V. 30 But he [David] was a prophet and knew God had promised him an oath that He would place one of his _____ on his throne.

God's hand had been off His people but not His love for them. He gave prophecies about the Messiah coming, but they could not see the fulfilment right before their eyes. They were miserable under the different kingdoms that ruled over them: Assyria, Babylon, Greece, and eventually Rome. Israel had been without a king for a long time, so the people were looking for the Messiah to be an earthly king.

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES: John 12:13

V. 13 They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the _____ of Israel.”

Jesus’ kingdom, also known as the kingdom of God or the kingdom of heaven was promised by God to an earthly king of Israel, King David. Conditions to the immediate results of keeping a descendant on the throne were obedience to and a reverent fear of God. Many turned their back on Him, so He had to take His hand off them for a time. His promise was going to be fulfilled, just in a way that man could not understand. He was going to send His own son to establish His kingdom, so members of that kingdom could be saved.



It’s easy to picture a future kingdom. We see it as heaven, but we are also part of God’s kingdom here on earth, as well. If you are born again, you have entered His kingdom. Your roots are established in Jesus, and you can remain with Him forever. You can stay submitted to your king or you can choose to walk away and join forces back with the world from which you came. It’s not always easy to be part of this kingdom, but I promise you it will be worth it because His is the kingdom that will reign forever.