

## ***Session 2 Jesus, the King of the Nations***

### **INTRODUCTION**

The Body of Christ has emphasized Jesus as the Savior who forgives. I like that. We've emphasized Jesus the Healer; Jesus the Provider; Jesus the Protector. I believe the Holy Spirit wants to emphasize the revelation of Jesus, the Magnificent One: the revelation of the majesty and glory of this Man as King of the nations.

This truth is emphasized throughout the Bible, but Revelation 5 is deeply moving. It's moving for us to see the destiny of Jesus as a man on the earth. John had an open vision of Jesus' destiny on the earth as a human being in the future. When I read this, it touches me; I'm awestruck by this Man. We're moved by His glory as God, but it's His deity and His humanity together on the earth as a real man ruling the nations. He's amazing. He's the most amazing Man. I don't think we've even begun to comprehend who it is that we're talking about. We'll have the shock of our lives when we see Him for the first time in His amazing splendor. He's a real man with a body, teeth, and hair. He's a real man who will govern every sphere of society and every nation of the earth in total perfection and beauty.

I don't want to wait until then to be awestruck. I take these passages and begin to talk to Him now: "Jesus, show me Yourself as the Magnificent One, as the King of the nations." He's not just a magnificent king, He's magnificent in many ways, but we're looking at His kingship in this session. It's a most amazing reality, the reality of this Man as King.

Genesis 1. God gave an eternal, foundational decree: that human beings would rule the earth forever. That's the meaning of this decree. He gave an eternal decree: "Humans shall have dominion. They will rule the earth forever" (Gen. 1:28-30).

Paragraph B. Adam forfeited his authority by yielding to Satan (Luke 4:6). That's the time when Satan became the god of this world. However, the plan didn't stop there. Why? Because the Father had already decreed. Again, it's an eternal decree. He said, "Man shall have dominion over the earth," speaking of man and woman together. When Satan usurped this authority, the Father would say, "My plan isn't over, for there is another One who is coming. He'll become fully Man. He'll win back the authority of the earth to the human race. He'll govern, and all of those who are connected with Him as His bride, His eternal companion, will govern with Him forever and forever."

Paragraph C. Daniel 7. This is one of the premier prophecies about the Messiah. You want to get this one down. Daniel 7:13-14. It's one of the premier prophecies about the Messiah who would come as a human, and all the nations of the earth would be given to Him. It's pretty remarkable!

### **THE DOMINION OF THE EARTH IS NOW GIVEN TO ONE MAN**

In Daniel 7, Daniel the prophet has an open vision. He sees "One like the Son of Man" (Dan. 7:13). This is the only prophecy in the Old Testament where the Messiah is called "the Son of Man." The reason this is important is because Jesus used this title, the Son of Man, more than any other title in the gospels referring to Himself. He called Himself the Son of Man more than anything else. Every time He did so, He was referring to this one prophecy. It might have been His favorite prophecy. I don't know if it works that way.

Daniel, 500 years before Jesus became a man, had the open vision: there's a human being who's coming to the Ancient of Days. That's a title for the Father, denoting the Father's eternal nature: "the Ancient of Days."

Daniel was a little thrown off. How can a human, a man, approach God in the heavens? It's not possible. Because Moses taught that if any man saw God he would die, overwhelmed by the glory (Ex. 33:20). Yet here we see a real human approaching the Father's throne. Daniel is a little overwhelmed by this vision. Look at verse 14, how startling it is! The dominion of the earth that was given to Adam is now given to this one Man. This is the Man who would win the dominion back. Because the Father will never change His plan to rule the earth through humans forever. I mean, a billion years from now, the earth will be ruled under God's authority through humans. God wants to rule with His people—not in spite of His people, not separate from His people, but in deep relationship with His people, even as the eternal companion of Jesus, the Bride of Christ.

Daniel is startled by this vision in verse 14. He sees a man, a messianic figure. Daniel doesn't know who He is. Jesus doesn't become a man for 500 more years. To Him is given the dominion of all the nations of the earth. This means all the nations, not just Israel. All the nations of the earth will serve this Man.

Daniel after this vision must have thought, "How can this possibly be? How can one human govern so much?"

#### **A MAN WILL BE KING OVER ALL THE EARTH**

Yet in Psalm 2:8, David saw the same thing that Daniel saw. David saw the Father's decree to the Son. Undoubtedly this was an overwhelming experience for David, when the Father declared to the Messiah, "The nations are Your inheritance." David and Daniel could see the same truth. In Zechariah 14:9, Zechariah sees it: "There is coming a day when the Messiah, a human, a man, will be King over every nation of the earth" (Zech. 14:9).

This is staggering. He's the best Man, the most anointed Man. Even King David could hardly manage little Israel. Imagine all the nations of the earth, over 200 nations. Imagine being ruler over those nations at the same time and forever.

Zechariah saw it: "A man, King over every nation? Don't you just mean King over Israel?"

John saw it in an open vision in Revelation 19. His title was clear; it was on His robe: "King of all kings" (Rev. 19:16, paraphrased). Yes, there will be other kings, but He'll be King over every other king. Just think of this glorious Man!

#### **JESUS WILL CONQUER THE NATIONS WHEN HE COMES AGAIN**

Turn to Psalm 45. This is so wonderful. It's describing what happens when Jesus conquers all the nations at the time of His second coming: when this Jewish Man, this Messiah, will conquer every nation and drive the Antichrist's kingdom off the face of the earth. Psalm 45 says He'll do it on behalf of truth, humility and righteousness. He will triumph over all His political enemies, the evil kings of the earth. He will take over all the nations.

When He dispenses the resources of all the nations, He'll do it with such truth and humility. He'll do it with such generosity. He'll cause love to increase across the earth. Beloved, when He rides victorious over all the nations, He'll do it with kindness, humility, and righteousness in His heart. In other words, this Magnificent

One is our only assurance that the earth will never diminish in love, ever. Once He takes control at the time of His second coming, love will only increase; it will never diminish, ever again, for billions and billions of years, because the leadership is in this Man's hand.

When I think of that now, I don't want to wait until then. I think, "Jesus, You're utterly amazing. We can't comprehend who You really are!" Again, it will be the shock of our lives when we see this Man as a real human with this kind of ability, this kind of humility, and this kind of righteousness. He will have such generosity. All the kingdoms will be His, and He will dispense them in glorious ways. Never has there been a man with so much authority, with so much humility, with so much wisdom, with so much generosity, with so great a level of authority and wisdom and power.

### **REVELATION 5: JESUS' ETERNAL DESTINY ON THE EARTH**

Top of page eight. Revelation 5. It's the grand drama in heaven. It's the Daniel 7 vision of the Son of Man having dominion over every nation, but John elaborates on it as he receives this vision. He sees more than Daniel the prophet saw. It's the same idea: one Man having dominion over all nations, the Son of Man. There are far more details in Revelation 5. When you study Daniel 7, about the magnificent of Jesus, make sure you read Revelation 5, which elaborates on it in great detail.

Paragraph A. It's one of the grandest chapters in all the Bible that magnifies Jesus. We see Jesus' eternal destiny on the earth as a man. We know that as God He lives forever in the past and in the future. It's not amazing that God has authority over the earth; that's not surprising at all. What is surprising is that one Man has authority over all the earth. That's the part that's remarkable.

John recorded his vision. In his vision he sees a title deed. He sees a scroll in the hand of the Father, which is the title deed of the earth. The title deed of the earth is lifted up, and the question is asked: "Who is worthy to take the scroll" (Rev. 5:2)? What human being can stand in that place of honor that God originally gave to Adam, the dominion over all the earth? What man would be worthy? What man would have so much power and authority but use it in perfect love and righteousness? Is there any man who deserves this kind of honor and this kind of power?"

When Jesus takes the scroll from the Father, the idea is that Jesus will own all the property of the whole earth. He'll own all the money, all the banking systems, all the natural resources. All the oil, all the gold of the whole earth will be His in the millennial kingdom.

Some of you might say, "What is the millennial kingdom?" It's one of the grand themes of the Bible. The Messiah will come back to the earth and reign for 1,000 years. You and I will have resurrected bodies. There will be millions, and undoubtedly billions eventually, who will still have natural bodies and live out their lifetime.

Jesus, as the Son of David, as the King ruling in Jerusalem, as a man, will govern these nations that have natural bodies. The nations will go for 1,000 years. After that, God brings us to the next part of His plan. That's for another time. Yes, we'll have resurrected bodies when the full leadership of the earth is given to the Lord. Millions, eventually billions, will still have natural bodies. You want to study the millennial kingdom. So much of Jesus' destiny is wrapped up in that truth—His destiny on the earth ruling as King over the natural nations.

Let's look at the vision. Revelation 5:1-7. How dramatic! John is seeing the same vision of Daniel 7. "I saw in the right hand of the Father a scroll" (Rev. 5:1, paraphrased). In other words, he saw a title deed. This title deed had seven seals. It was sealed up. It was secure. The contents were private.

Then, John sees a strong angel (Rev. 5:2). What an amazing vision. John must have been overwhelmed. This mighty angel takes the center stage and proclaims, "What human being is worthy to take the title deed of the earth" (ibid, paraphrased)? I'm adding a little interpretation; you can read it as we go.

Why is it important that a human being take the leadership of the earth? Because God gave the dominion of the earth to humans. God determined from eternity past, when He created the earth, that He would only rule it in relationship to human beings, not separate from humans, but with them in relationship. A man has to rule the earth. Humans will live in relationship to that Man who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals. That's pretty intense! If you read the book of Revelation, that's describing releasing the end-time judgments. The question is this: what man is qualified to take the full leadership of the earth and what man is qualified to loose the judgment seals to cleanse the earth by releasing the judgments of God? What man has enough wisdom, humility, power, and love to be entrusted with the judgments to cleanse the earth? That's what the strong angel is asking.

Verse 5. There are twenty-five elders around the throne. One of them speaks out, "There's one Man who is worthy! He's the Lion of the tribe of Judah" (Rev. 5:5, paraphrased)! He's from the tribe of Judah: He's a Jewish man. Beloved, Jesus will be a Jewish man forever. Jesus will never be anything but a Jewish man. He'll never be a Swede or an African or an American in that sense. He's a Jewish man. He's a lion. He's bold, He's strong, He's fearless. This Man, there's no one like Him.

### **THE ONLY MAN WHO CAN BE TRUSTED TO RELEASE THE JUDGMENTS**

The elder says, "He has prevailed" (Rev. 5:5b, paraphrased). He has already triumphed over Satan by His obedience to the Father as a man. He lived like we live in this world. He resisted every singled temptation and obeyed God perfectly. Then He offered Himself up to pay the debt of our sin so that we could participate with Him in this great destiny and world government.

### **THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH IS THE LAMB OF GOD**

When Jesus had all the glory as God, when He had all the glory, He said, "Father, I will lay it down to go purchase the earth back, to cleanse it, and to buy back the people. They can be with Me forever when I rule."

One thing is for sure: when He has all the glory and the power, we know what He'll do with it. He will honor God and love people when He has the power. He's already demonstrated it in the past. He has prevailed by His obedience for thirty-three years. He resisted every temptation of the evil one. He prevailed by accepting the role of the Lamb who would die for us. The innocent One became guilty so that you and I, the guilty ones, could become innocent before God. He prevailed. He rose from the dead; He defeated the power of death. He can open the scroll. More than that, He can loose the judgment seals. He can cleanse the earth. He's the only Man who can be trusted with the power to release the judgments of God.

What if you could release the judgments of God at your will? Someone offends you. You might get a bad spirit and say, "Bah, humbug," and something bad happens to them. Don't give yourself power over judgment. Don't

give it to me. We would stumble with that much power, but there's One who has proven that when He has all the glory, He only uses it for love.

He stood—verse 6—like a lamb slain. Not only is He a bold lion; He's a meek and humble lamb. Which is He? The Lion, or the Lamb? He's both, with no contradiction in His personality.

In verse 7, He takes the scroll. He walks up to the Father, just like in Daniel 7, in the vision of the Son of Man. He takes the scroll, the title deed of the earth. He says, "I will accept the responsibility to cleanse the earth of evil and fully restore it and govern it and replace all the evil leadership on it. I'll see to it, Father. It will be done in wisdom, humility, love and righteousness, every single step of the way."

Beloved, who is this Man? He isn't just the One who forgives you. Yes, He forgives us. He isn't just our Healer and Provider. He has a dimension of glory about His personhood that's beyond our comprehension in this age. When John saw Him in the book of Revelation, John fell like a dead man before Him. He was so overwhelmed. John was about ninety years old. John is the one who laid his head on the Lord's breast. He was Jesus' best friend, according to some translations. But here in Revelation 1, he sees Jesus with eyes like fire, with a face like the sun, and he falls like a dead man: "Jesus, I hardly know who You are!"

That's the truth. Beloved, I want the power of who this Man is to touch my heart—the splendor, the glory of this Man.

Paragraph B. The living creatures and the elders represent the government of heaven. When Jesus took the scroll, the creatures and the elders fell down (Rev. 5:8). They fell down before this Man. They sang a song to this Man: all the government of heaven, representing all the redeemed and all the angels; they fell before this Man. John fell before this Man back in Revelation 1. Here we are in Revelation 5. Whenever anyone sees this Man in His glory, they fall down before Him, overwhelmed with His glory. Beloved, I don't want to wait until then to be awestruck by Him. I don't want to wait until then to tell people of His majesty. I want to tell them now. He's worthy of it.

### **JESUS DESERVES THE SUPREME EXALTATION**

In verse 9, they sing a song: "Jesus, You're worthy to take the leadership of the earth. You're worthy to open the seals, to administrate the cleansing of the earth with the judgment of God" (Rev. 5:9, paraphrased). Why? "For You were slain and redeemed us to God. When You had all the glory for eternity as God, You laid aside Your privileges because of love to come after us. We trust You with the authority over all things."

Paragraph D. They said, "You're worthy." On earth, we agree with that glorious decree, "You're worthy." When we declare the worth of Jesus, the worthiness of Jesus, we declare it in at least three distinct ways. There might be more.

Number one: when we say, "You're worthy," we're saying, "You deserve the highest exaltation of any man in history. You deserve the supreme role of leadership over all the earth. You deserve it. You deserve to be worshiped night and day." That's the first thing we say: "You deserve it. You're worthy."

It means more than that. Number two: we're declaring, "You're capable of this unprecedented responsibility. You're actually capable of doing it in perfect love, humility and righteousness."

Can you imagine the work that will be involved in driving evil off the planet, restoring every nation, replacing every government, and bringing the earth to the full dimensions of the garden of Eden worldwide? That's a big responsibility. There's only one Man. He's worthy of it. He's capable of doing this.

### **JESUS IS WORTH OUR OBEDIENCE AND UNQUALIFIED TRUST**

Number three: when we say, "You're worthy," we're saying, "You're worth it. You're worth our obedience." We say no to sin. We endure persecution. People mock us and laugh at us. Life is hard. The assignment we have in the kingdom is difficult. It's small. Many people don't even know what we do.

Those are the things you might say. We say to Jesus, "You're worth it. You're worth it. Every step of obedience that we've walked in, we're saying "You're worth it. If I had to do it over again, I would do it over again. You're worth it." He's worth our unqualified trust.

### **JESUS WILL POSSESS UNPRECEDENTED FAVOR OVER EVERY SPHERE OF LIFE**

Page nine. Now to one of the ultimate verses in the Bible about the majesty of Jesus and His destiny on the earth as a man. Revelation 5:11-12: the great crescendo of the chapter.

In this vision, John sees the Father giving Jesus unprecedented favor over every sphere of life. John sees seven spheres of society, of life. One Man is receiving all the power in every sphere. Notice the word, *receives*. It's interesting that Jesus as God would receive anything. "How can God receive?" you might ask. Well, Jesus, in His humanity—yes, not diminishing His deity. We're awestruck by His deity. It's the combination—fully God, fully Man. He's one Person with two natures, fully God and fully Man. No one is like Him.

In verse 12, we hear the voice of many angels saying, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive. . ." (Rev. 5:12). That's the word. "To receive power. To receive riches. To receive wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing" (v.12b, paraphrased).

In what way does Jesus receive these seven spheres of favor from the Father? Number one: by the Father's decree. It's the Father, ultimately, who is giving them to the Son.

It doesn't stop there. The response of the people in the millennial kingdom. Again, these are millions, and eventually billions of people, who for a thousand years on the earth have natural bodies as the cities are rebuilt and the agriculture is restored; as the lion and the lamb lie down together and the animal kingdom is restored; as the atmosphere is cleansed. This Man, Jesus, will be so effective in His leadership that all the people in all the nations will give their allegiance to Him in every sphere of life.

Paragraph F. We'll just abbreviate this. I want to give you the sense of what is happening. During the Millennium, the 1,000-year reign of Jesus that begins at the time of His second coming, all the power, all the government of all the nations, over 200 nations, will be given to Him. All the governments will be given to Him. Everyone in government will be under His authority.

Number two: all the riches. All the money in all the national resources of every nation in the earth will belong to Him. Can you imagine if one Man owned all the natural resources of our nation? All the gold, all the silver, all the oil, all the gas, all the water rights, all the property rights for the entire nation. That would be terrifying to

us. I have good news. He'll own all the riches of all the nations, and all the people of all the nations will gladly submit their riches to His leadership during this 1,000-year period.

### **EVERYTHING THAT GIVES US STRENGTH WE'LL SUBMIT TO HIM**

All the wisdom. He'll have the insight to fix every problem fully; to restore everything back to God's original intention. Not only that: the fruit of all the wisdom of all the people of the nations; the fruit, the benefit of all their wisdom will also be submitted to Him. All the strength; all the physical strength: Beloved, the nations will love Him with all their strength. That means their natural resources. That means their physical resources: their time, their energy, their affections. Everything that gives them strength they'll submit to Him. All the glory; all the honor; all of these will belong to Him. All the blessing; all the governments of the earth. They won't resist Him; rather, they'll bless all of His policies. Could you imagine if the president of our nation, at any given time, had the rest of the government cooperating with him instead of resisting him? This Man Jesus, every single nation will bless Him and cooperate with Him fully.

Let's look at these for just another moment. Paragraph G. The power. Beloved, this is a real Man with all the power of government. He will replace every evil government in every sphere of society.

### **THE NATIONS WILL GATHER IN JERUSALEM TO HEAR JESUS SPEAK**

Paragraph H. All the banking systems will be under Him. All the state-owned natural resources will belong to Him. All the buildings, all the property, all the real estate will be rightfully His. The way He'll use it will be in perfect love, humility, and righteousness. He'll dispense it with such generosity that will be so overwhelming as we see Him, because it will really be His. He won't have to share it, except that His nature is love and it will compel Him to share everything with His people. Wisdom, again: all the intellectual ability of all the nations will be submitted to Him. In other words, the fruit of what they accomplish. This Man will have wisdom far greater than the wisdom of Solomon. All the nations will come to Jerusalem to learn His wisdom for every sphere of society (Isa. 2:3). They'll come to Jerusalem and say, "How can we restore the water and the agriculture? How can we restore education in our nation?" Jesus, with wisdom that will far surpass Solomon, will have every single answer to restore every sphere of life as a man under the anointing.

Who is this Man? I can just imagine, 500 years into that 1,000-year reign. They'll come to Jerusalem for a conference on economics. They'll come to Jerusalem for a conference on agriculture. He'll give them some new information. I can imagine someone saying, "Why didn't You tell us this 200 years ago? You knew it back then."

I can imagine Jesus smiling, saying, "I have many more surprises that will fascinate you for billions of years. Don't worry, I have much more to teach you."

Paragraph K. All the glory; all the adulation of the people. All the people in the nations will glory in this Man. He'll be the magnificent obsession of the nations all over the earth. Not just a pocket of believers here and there; He'll be preeminent in the minds, the affections, the conversations of the whole earth. Everyone will talk about Him continually, but it will never move Him from humility. The fame of His name will cover the earth.

### **YOU WILL LIVE ON THE EARTH WITH A PHYSICAL, SUPERNATURAL BODY**

Paragraph L. He'll receive all the honor. Paul the apostle in Ephesians 6 spoke of children honoring their parents in the sense of respectful obedience (Ephesians 6:1-3). He will be the most obeyed, respected, listened-

to Man in all of history. They won't listen to Him in part; they'll honor and obey Him in every way. Imagine the earth filled with this!

By the way, when you have a resurrected body, your body will still be physical. You won't have an ethereal, spirit body, where when I see you, we hug and pass through one another: "Whoa!" Try to hug each other—"Whoa!"

That's not going to happen. You'll have a body that's physical with flesh and bones, like Jesus declared in Luke 24 (Luke 24:39). You'll have a body with all the supernatural capacities of Jesus' body, and you'll be deeply involved in the nations with Him. You won't be standing in a theater looking down; you'll be involved with His leadership over the people of the nations. Again, the subject of the millennial kingdom is a very important subject. Many young believers have never studied it. It's glorious. It changes our picture of our future. You won't be in heaven, far away, on a white cloud, playing a harp, feeling bad because you feel a little bored. You'll be on the earth, because heaven is coming down to the earth, with a physical, resurrected body. You'll be ruling and reigning in an intimate relationship with Jesus and the peoples of the nations. You'll love it. Things won't become ethereal and symbolic and spiritual. The spiritual and the natural will come together in fullness on the earth, just a little ways from now. Just down the road, after the Lord returns, all this is going to happen.

Beloved we have it made. We have it made.

### **THE MOST UNITED, JOYFUL WORKFORCE IN ALL OF HUMAN HISTORY**

Paragraph M. He'll receive all the blessing. All the nations will agree with His policies, His plans. They'll cooperate with His leadership. There will be no filibustering His laws. No one will resist His laws. He will be blessed in all His plans across the earth. The leaders will say, "We bless Your plans. We say yes to You." Such enthusiastic cooperation will result in the most unified, joyful workforce in all of human history.

Summary. Paragraph N. I love this. This is my favorite paragraph. I just went on and on. I just stopped, smiled, cried, and kept writing. I love it. He'll be the most powerful, the wealthiest, the wisest, the most loved, the most praised, the most obeyed, the most respected, the most listened-to, the most talked about Man in the earth. That's the One who loves you now.

Page ten and eleven. I'll just leave that to you. I give some practical ways to respond to these seven dimensions of favor He's going to receive. Glory, honor, and praise. I give you ways to respond to that—to each one of these seven facets of the favor the Father has ordained for Him. Again, I want to highlight page sixty-three: the short teaching on the millennial kingdom. If you don't understand that, so much of this won't make sense to you. We won't look at it in this conference, but I just wanted to put it in the notes for your own edification.

Amen.