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Israel's Next King

Introduction

As I write this, in less than eight weeks Charles will be officially crowned King Charles III. It will not be a momentous occasion with all the traditions of the British Empire on display. Charles was a little boy of approximately five years of age when his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, was crowned. Now, that little boy is a man of seventy-five years and he, like his mother, will sit on St. Edward's Chair. It was made in 1399 for Edward I, and used at almost every Coronation since that time. The only time it was not used was when Queen Mary II was crowned in 1689. Oliver Cromwell sat on it but had it moved from Westminster Abbey.

- a) While Charles's Coronation may be different from the Queen's, it is expected that on his way to the Coronation, he will wear the George IV State Diadem, which was made in 1820 and jewelled with 1333 diamonds and 169 pearls.
- b) The Coronation will be held in Westminster Abbey and Charles will be the 40th sovereign to be crowned there.
- c) The service used (if it is the same as Queen Elizabeth's) has been handed down the centuries from King Edgar in the city of Bath in 973, and the order is that followed from the 14th century.
- d) Since 1066 it has been the responsibility of the Archbishop of Canterbury to officiate and the service is in six parts. The recognition, oath, anointing, and investiture include the crowning, the enthronement, and homage. Charles (unless matters change) will be anointed with the oil of orange, roses, cinnamon, musk and ambergris.
- e) Charles will put on the newly-made Colobium Sindonis - a loose plain white linen indicating the divesting of the individual of all worldly vanity and standing bare before God. Over the Colobium Sindonis will be the Supertunica, a robe of golden silk trimmed with golden lace and various symbols. Over the Supertunica is the Robe Royal which takes on a priestly role. The Lord Great Chamberlain will present the golden spurs, the symbol of chivalry, and then the Archbishop of Canterbury will present a jewelled sword, the armills, and the golden bracelets indicating sincerity and wisdom. The St Edwards crown was made in 1661 and weighs approximately 2.5 kilograms or 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ pounds. There will be a stole and cloth of gold Robe Royal and will receive the orb, the Coronation ring, the glove, and the sceptre.

All this is very interesting for some folk, but my mind goes forward to a greater coronation, that of the Lord. He will be Israel's next king.

How will the Lord come for His Coronation?

When the Lord descends from Heaven to Earth He will come as the morally Almighty, Victorious King. There will not be a place on earth that His approach shall not be seen for every eye shall see Him (Rev. 1:7). His coming will be along four avenues (Rev. 20:11-15).

- a) As the Man of War (Ex. 15:3).
- b) As the Liberator/Deliverer (Psa. 37:40).
- c) As the Cleanser and restorer (Ezek. 36:25-27).
- d) As the King by God's appointment (Psa. 2:6) who has the perfect and complete qualifications. He will be morally perfect, His legal and biological qualifications being a son of David (Matt: 1-2); and the military qualifications. In the history of Israel there are only two Kings with whom there is unqualified approval, Hezekiah and Josiah (2 Kgs. 18:3-7; 22:2).

1) The Lord's moral qualifications

- a) He must be marked by:
 - i) Just, ruling in the fear of God (2 Sam. 23:3).
 - ii) His deity (Isa. 52:7; Zech. 14:9).
 - iii) Morally (Psa. 24:3-10).

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- 2) The Lord's legal qualifications (Matt. 1:1; Lk. 3:31).
- a) The Lord had to be of the seed of David, however, God had placed a curse on the house of Jechoniah therefore, Joseph, although a descendent of Jechoniah could not be a king. Mary came from the line of David which had not a curse put on it but no woman could be the queen of Israel. The problem was solved when Joseph took Mary as wife, so the baby born of her by association to Joseph had the legal rights to the throne.
- 3) His military qualifications (Rev. 19:-21).
- a) In the spiritual realm:
- i) In overcoming the temptations directly from Satan (Matt. 4:3-10).
 1. In the wilderness, the unknown temptations (Mk. 1:13).
 2. After the wilderness, in the temple and on the mountain (Matt. 4:5, 8).
 - ii) In overcoming the temptations of Satan consequently without sin (Heb. 4:15).
- b) In the government realm:
- i) In overcoming the powers infernal enslaving powers of Satan (Col. 2:15; Eph. 4:8-10).
 - ii) In overcoming the infernal governmental militaries of earth (Rev. 19:11-21; 6:14-17).
- 4) His regal qualifications:
- a) In the millennium He will manifest as the "King of Kings" (Rev. 19:16); "The blessed and only Potentate" (1 Tim. 6:15); the "Prince of the kings of the earth" (Rev. 1:5); "King over all the earth" (Zech. 14:9); God's anointed King (Psa. 2:6); the "King of glory" (Psa. 24:7, 9).
- 5) His biological qualifications:
- a) He must be a direct descendent of David (Matt. 1:1-2).

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| <p>His Titles relative to the Millennium</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melchizedek (Gen. 14:18-22; Heb. 7:1-2) • The Governor (Psa. 22:28) • My Firstborn (Psa. 89:27) • King of glory (Psa. 24:7-10) • A Son is given (Isa. 9:6) • Thy God reigneth (Isa. 52:7) • The Most High (Dan. 7:22-24) • An ensign of the people (Isa. 11:10) • A Foundation Stone, a tried Stone, a precious corner stone (Isa. 28:16) • A Stone cut without hands (Dan. 2:34; 44-45) • Messiah the Prince (Dan. 9:25) • The Lord (Mic. 4:7) • The Branch (Zech. 6:12) • A Priest upon His throne (Zech. 6:13) • Blessed and only Potentate, King of kings and Lord of lord's (1 Tim. 6:15) • Root and Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star (Rev. 22:16) |
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The characteristics of His rule

- **Peace**
 - Between People's individually (Isa. 32:17-28; 54:13)
 - Between people internationally (Isa. 2:4; 60:18; Mic. 4:3-4)
 - Between man and God by the acceptance of Christ as Messiah and His peace (Col. 1:20)
 - Between man and those which were wild animals and venomous snakes (Isa. 11:8; Ezek. 34:25; Hos. 2:18)
- **Righteousness**
 - In the inhabitants (Matt. 25:37); In his rule (Isa. 32:1; 60:17); He shall break them with a rod of iron (Psa. 2:9) and rule them with a rod of iron (Rev. 2:27; 12:5; 19:15). There will be no political correctness nor evil appealing.
- **Glory**
 - The glory of the Lord shall be revealed (Isa. 40:5; 60:2)
- **Joy**
 - With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation . . . Sing unto the Lord, cry and shout (Isa. 12:3-6; 14:7-8; 25:8-9; Jer. 30:19; Zeph. 3:14-17; Zech. 8:18)
- **Liberation**
 - Thou hast broken the yoke of his burden (Isa. 9:4)
- **Truth**
 - When the Lord reigns there will be truth (Isa. 42:3); Jerusalem shall be called the "City of truth" (Zech. 8:3); God will be their God in truth (Zech. 8:8)
- **Holiness**
 - The city of Jerusalem, and the mountain (Joel 3:17)
 - The house, and all the surrounding area (Ezek. 43:12)
- **Education**
 - "Thy children shall be taught of the Lord" (Isa. 54:13)

Concluding Thoughts

Since the Coronation of Charles as King will be a momentous occasion with much pageantry, glory and fanfare and watched using television etc. by millions of people, surely the Coronation of the King of Kings will be far superior. The Lord will not come in a golden coach but on a white horse. He will not come with the symbols of purity but with personal moral perfection and He will not have a single crown upon His head, but will wear many diadems.

- He will be honoured universally in the place of His rejection (Psa. 72:8-11; Jer. 23:5).
- He will reign refreshing and glorious for He will be as the dew unto Israel (Hos. 14:5).
- He shall come down like rain upon the earth, as showers that water the earth (Psa. 72:6).
- He shall sit a King-Priest on His Throne (Zech. 6:13).

Perhaps I am letting my imagination run a little bit, when he is crowned I can almost hear the celestial choirs and the voices of untold millions singing with the richest exuberance in glorious harmony.

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created" (Rev. 4:11).

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation" (Rev. 5:9).

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