

**DAILY BIBLE READINGS - Week of January 26, 2025**  
**"Jesus, Our King"**

**THE TRIAL**

**Sunday .....Read John 18:31-40**

*"Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews?"* The Sadducees and Pharisees used the misapplication of Biblical Prophecy to bring Jesus to trial before Pontius Pilate, the Roman governor. The Old Testament does say that the Jewish Messiah would be the King to rule the world; but it also said in the book of Daniel that the Messiah would be "cut off" first. In his questioning of Jesus in the trial, Pilate asked Jesus about the claim to be king, Jesus did not deny that, although He knew that assignment was in the future. Jesus knew in this first appearing on planet earth, He had come to be the perfect Lamb of God to pay the penalty of the sins of the world. The kingship was in the future. Because of that misapplied prophecy, Pilate, although he found Jesus to be innocent of the charges, turned Him over to the Pharisees to do as they pleased. Their decision resulted in the crucifixion of Jesus.

**PROPHETIC TRUTH**

**Monday .....Read II Samuel 7:12-17**

*"And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established forever."* In today's Bible reading, we read of God's covenant with David that the Israeli Kingdom would be an eternal kingdom. That, of course, is telling us that the throne in Jerusalem, the capital city of Israel, would be the place where the eternal King would sit and rule the whole earth. We do know that Jesus will sit on that throne of David after He wins the Battle of Armageddon in the war that ends all wars. Jesus, however, had a lot to do before establishing that fulfillment of the promise to David. We now know that Jesus first had to build the Church that would be comprised of people from all nations, Jews and Gentiles alike! When Jesus does return to take the throne, He will bring worldwide peace and rule from the throne of David.

**FOUR HUNDRED YEARS**

**Tuesday .....Read Daniel 9:20-24**

*"Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy."* God revealed to the prophet Daniel that His people, the Israelites, would be freed from captivity and return to their holy city Jerusalem. God gave Daniel the precise timing of these events leading to their Messiah taking the throne. It would be 490 years (seventy times seven) after they were given permission

to return to their homeland. The Jewish people from then until now are looking for their Messiah to fulfill that prophecy of the Old Testament. They are looking for their Messiah to rule the world.

### **MESSIANIC PROPHECY**

**Wednesday ..... Read Daniel 9:25-27**

*"And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined."* After 483 years from the time the Jewish people were set free to return to Israel, their Messiah would be "cut off." A study of world history will show that Jesus was crucified 483 years after the Persian emperor gave the Jews permission to return to Israel. That means that there are still seven years before Jesus returns to rule the earth. That seven years begins when the Church Age is complete, and Christians are taken to heaven. God truly is the Ruler of His planet earth! His timing is perfect!

### **KING OF KINGS**

**Thursday ..... Read Revelation 19:14-16**

*"And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords".* The earth is headed toward a final battle that will end all wars among the nations of the world. It will be when all nations team-up to wipe Israel off the face of the earth. That is the war to end all wars because Jesus will return to defeat the armies which had attacked Israel in the Battle of Armageddon. After winning that Battle, Jesus will take the throne of David in Jerusalem as the King of kings and Lord of lords! He will rule over earth for one thousand years.

### **SATAN SENTENCED**

**Friday ..... Read Revelation 20:10-15**

*"The devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."* God's judgments are coming. In this passage, we see God's final judgment of Satan. He was cast into the lake of fire to end his war against God. Jesus made reference to that same lake of fire in Matthew 25:41: *"Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels."* That lake of fire is the destination of all people who have never responded to God's love and received His Son Jesus to save them from the penalty of sin. That is the message of John 3:16: *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."* It is so important that Christians share the gospel message!

### **MILLENNIAL KINGDOM**

**Saturday ..... Read Revelation 20:4-6**

*"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God,*

*and which had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years."* When Jesus returned to earth from heaven with His army of saints who were in heaven, He began His thousand year reign on earth. As of now, we are waiting for events that must precede that kingdom. The next thing on God's prophetic calendar is what we call the Rapture. That is when Jesus appears in the air to take all born-again believers, dead and alive, home to heaven. That event is described in I Thessalonians 4:16-17: *"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."*