

JESUS CHRIST: PROPHET, PRIEST, & KING

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What is the main theme of the Bible? What "common thread" do we find from Genesis to Revelation? Jesus Christ! He is the key to God's plan of redemption for mankind. Could we place too much importance on God's Son? Never!

Today, I would like to discuss three roles that Jesus holds for all the world to see. Understanding these positions will give us a deeper appreciation for Christ, our Savior.

PROPHET. "The Lord thy God will raise unto thee a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear, according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.' And the LORD said to me: 'What they have spoken is good I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.'" {Deuteronomy 18:15-18}

This prophet would be God's "mouth" unto the world! Whoever would reject His words would be rejected of God! Did men understand He was a prophet sent from God? Please read Acts 3:22,23; John 4:19; 6:14; Jesus foretold, prior to His death, the destruction of the city of Jerusalem in graphic detail in Matthew 24. Did what He spoke in Matthew 24:1-34, come to pass?

PRIEST. Under the Levitical priesthood, the priests made the sacrifices for God's people. A High Priest was appointed and held that office till death. Yet, we have a special High Priest, never to be replaced or better qualified for this office.

"And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but it was He who said to Him: You are My Son, Today I have begotten You." {Hebrews 5:4,5}

"Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus. " {Hebrews 3:1}

"Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. "{Hebrews 9:12} He is our Mediator, "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus." {1 Timothy 2:5}

KING. He now is in heaven at the right hand of God. What is He doing? Reigning. Over what? A kingdom. That makes Him a king!

"Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." {Isaiah 9:7}

"Which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords," {1 Timothy 6:15}

"Who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him. " {1 Peter 3:22}

"And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, " {Revelation 1:5}

One could actually say these are the "credentials" of Jesus Christ. Another such list can be found in the first three verses of Hebrews 1. If He is king, and He is, then of necessity a kingdom must exist. The kingdom is His church, Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 1:19-23; Colossians 1:13. He rules until He delivers it back to His Father, 1 Corinthians 15:24-26. Prophet, Priest, and King! Amen! ***