

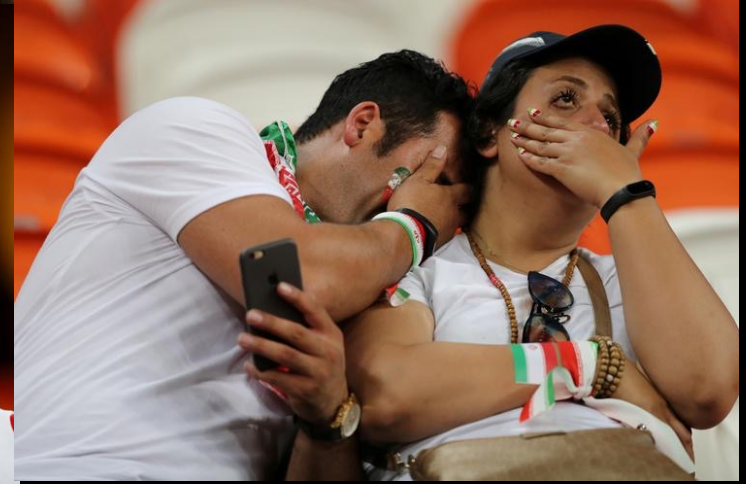


Poretold

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multiplicasti gentem non magnificasti laetitiam
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exultant quando dividunt spolia
iugum oneris eius et virgam umeri eius et
sceptrum exactoris eius superasti sicut in die Madian
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vestimentum mixtum sanguine erit in combustionem
et cibus ignis
parvulus enim natus est nobis filius datus est nobis et
factus est principatus super umerum eius et vocabitur
nomen eius Admirabilis consiliarius Deus fortis Pater
futuri saeculi Princeps pacis
multiplicabitur eius imperium et pacis non erit finis
super solium David et super regnum eius ut confirmet
illud et corroboret in iudicio et iustitia amodo et usque
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A lit candle in a dark holder is the central focus on the left side of the image. The candle is yellow with a small blue flame. In the background, there are several out-of-focus, warm-toned circular lights (bokeh) against a dark background.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 4 p.m.

Come early for treats, hot
drinks, and a photo booth!



New Year's Day Dinner

January 1, 5:30 p.m.

- No gathering in the morning
- Soup dinner together as a family
- Loose discussion, followed by some prayer
- Kids with us, no classes



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Genesis 3:15 “I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”





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Isaiah 53:5-6 ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.





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3. Rule as King.





Today we will...

1. Trace the line of prophecies in the Old Testament related to the kingship of the Messiah.
2. Consider how and why we need a king.
3. Offer ourselves in submission to the King.





Genesis 49:9-10 (~1800 B.C.)

- ⁹ Judah is a lion's cub;
from the prey, my son, you have gone up.
He stooped down; he crouched as a lion
and as a lioness; who dares rouse him?
- ¹⁰ The scepter shall not depart from Judah,
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,
until tribute comes to him;
and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.





Numbers 24:17-19 (~1400 B.C.)

¹⁷ I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near:

a star shall come out of Jacob,
and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;
it shall crush the forehead of Moab
and break down all the sons of Sheth.

¹⁸ Edom shall be dispossessed;

Seir also, his enemies, shall be dispossessed.

Israel is doing valiantly.

¹⁹ And one from Jacob shall exercise dominion
and destroy the survivors of cities!





2 Samuel 7:12-16 (~1000 B.C.)

¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men...





2 Samuel 7:12-16 (~1000 B.C.)

¹⁵ but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.

¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’ ”





Isaiah 9:6-7 (8th century)

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.





Micah 5:2 (8th century)

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.





Jeremiah 23:5-6 (7th century)

⁵ “Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’





Daniel 7:13-14 (6th century)

¹³ “I saw in the night visions,
and behold, with the clouds of heaven
there came one like a son of man,
and he came to the Ancient of Days
and was presented before him.





Daniel 7:13-14 (6th century)

¹⁴ And to him was given dominion
and glory and a kingdom,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him;
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,
which shall not pass away,
and his kingdom one
that shall not be destroyed.





Ezekiel 21:25-27 (6th century)

²⁵ And you, O profane wicked one, prince of Israel, whose day has come, the time of your final punishment, ²⁶ thus says the Lord God: Remove the turban and take off the crown. Things shall not remain as they are. Exalt that which is low, and bring low that which is exalted. ²⁷ A ruin, ruin, ruin I will make it. This also shall not be, until he comes, the one to whom judgment belongs, and I will give it to him.





Zechariah 6:12-13 (5th century)

¹² And say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, “Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord. ¹³ It is he who shall build the temple of the Lord and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on his throne. And there shall be a priest on his throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.” ’





Zechariah 9:9-10 (5th century)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.





Zechariah 9:9-10 (5th century)

**¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**





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Jesus is that King

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20)





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2. Even as Christians, many of us tend to picture Jesus primarily as Savior rather than King.





1 Peter 1:1-2

**Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus,
Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² according to
the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the
sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ
and for sprinkling with his blood:
May grace and peace be multiplied to you.**





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5. Is the King asking you to cultivate your relationship with him through a particular spiritual discipline?





Matthew 26:26-29

²⁶ Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” ²⁷ And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

