

GOD REIGNS FROM HEAVEN OVER FLESHLY ISRAEL
(1 Samuel 8:1-7)
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1. But Israel "rejected God as their king."
2. God therefore "gave Israel an earthly king."
3. In spite of being told what their earthly king would be like, "they still wanted an earthly king." (1 Sam. 8:8-22)
4. From Saul to Jehoiachin (1050 597 BC), Israel had "earthly kings."
5. Zedekiah was appointed by Nebuchadnezzar to be king of Judah after Jehoiachin, but he was "not the rightful heir to the throne." (2 Chron. 36:9-11 / 597 586 BC / 2 Kings 25:1-7 / Ezekial 21:25-27)
6. Judah would "never have an earthly king again!" (1 Sam. 12:1, 6-13, 17-19 / Hosea 13:9-11)

ISRAEL TO HAVE ANOTHER KING SOMEDAY!

(Ez. 21:25-27 / Zech. 6:12-13)

1. "JESUS IS THAT KING!" (Heb. 8:1-4 / Jer. 22:30 / Matt. 3:11, 16)
2. Listen to some of the statements that Jesus makes about His kingdom

"Kingdom of God is at hand" (Mat 3:2 / Mk 1:14-15 / Mt. 10:1)

Other scriptures to consider: (Mk 9:1 / Lk. 1:30-33 / Acts 2:29-36 / 2 Sam. 7:12-16 > David in tomb.)

"My kingdom is not of this world." (Jn. 18:36 / Lk. 17:20-21 / Mt. 26:26-29)

Just as "God reigned from Heaven over fleshly Israel" in O.T. times, so now
CHRIST REIGNS FROM HEAVEN OVER SPIRITUAL ISRAEL TODAY! (Gal. 6:16 / Rom. 9:6-8 / Rom. 2:28-29)

THE REIGN OF HEAVEN HAS BEEN RESTORED!

1. This "reign of Christ will last until death becomes a defeated foe." (1 Cor. 15:22-26 / Jn. 5:28-29 / 6:44)
2. You must be "born again" in order to be in that kingdom today! (Jn. 3:3-7 / 1 Pet. 1:22-23)