

Psalm 110 A King, Priest and Victorious Conqueror is Born December 25 2011

INTRODUCTION

The story of the birth of Jesus is recounted in Luke 2.1-14.

The last verse in this chapter, verse 52, tells us that:

Psalm 110 will help us to recognize this wonderful gift from God and help us commit to follow Him.

1. The first two verses of this Psalm help us to recognize that

Jesus is _____.

LORD or Yahweh refers to God the Father; Lord or Adonay refers to God the Son.

God the Father grants God's authority and power to Jesus telling Him to "Sit at my right hand."

Jesus was God in the flesh. See Philippians 2.6 – 8 and Colossians 2.9.

His reign will extend from Jerusalem (here read Zion), in powerfully enforcing obedience of his enemies.

2. Verses 3 & 4 indicate **Jesus is _____.**

Revelation 5.10 [on screen] paints the picture is that of the vigorous King in all holiness and glory at the head of His forces.

By divine oath, God confirms His plan and this King is compared to the priest / king Melchizedek.

Melchizedek was King of Jerusalem and also a priest of the Most High God (Genesis 14.18; Hebrews 7.1)

Hebrews 7.25 [on screen] tells us that Jesus is the new eternal High Priest

3. In verses 5 – 7 of Psalm 110, *Jesus is our*

The victory of Jesus over His enemies will be great.

As Judge He will punish the nations who maintain disobedience.

Later revelation helps us understand that Jesus will come back to earth with His saints; fight against the nations that oppose Him; and rule on earth 1000 years.

4. Jesus is God, King and priest, and Conquering Warrior. Author C.S. Lewis, in *Reflections on the Psalms* writes of Psalm 110:

...The note is not 'Peace and good-will' but 'Beware. He's coming...'

In verse 7, we come to the scene of the Warrior pausing to renew His strength, being refreshed by the brook.

It is a picture similar to Gideon and his three hundred at the Jordan River (Judges 8.4).

How closely are you following Him?

Jesus is calling you—yet weary—to follow Him closely in the coming year.