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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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David's Throne In Judah

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Many religious people believe that Jesus will one day return to Jerusalem and sit on David's throne, ruling the world for a thousand years. Let us reflect on this theory by examining a prophesy of Jehovah: “*O earth, earth, hear the word of Jehovah. Thus saith Jehovah, write this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days; for no more shall a man of his seed prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling in Judah (Jeremiah 22:30).*”

God speaks through His prophet Jeremiah concerning Coniah (Jeconiah) the son of Jehoikim. Coniah was a “broken vessel” who would be “cast out” from the land of his birth and die in “another country” (*Jeremiah 22:24-28*). God further tells all to write this man “childless.” The word or the context does not necessarily promise that this man would not have children, for the Bible speaks of seven (*I Chronicles 3:17-18*). His grandson, Zerubbabel, did return to Jerusalem, but more as a commissioner, and not as king of David's throne (*I Chronicles 3:19; Ezra 3:3, 5:1*). God is saying that Coniah would no longer be honored as king nor would he prosper

through the kingship of his descendants in Judah.

God clearly promises that no man of Coniah's seed would “prosper, sitting upon the throne of David and ruling in Judah.” How does this relate to Jesus sitting on the throne of David in Jerusalem? Jesus, in the flesh, is a descendant of Coniah, Coniah begat Shealtiel (*I Chronicles 3:17, Matthew 1:12*). Christ is a descendant of Shealtiel (*Matthew 1:12*). Therefore, Jesus Christ cannot prosper by sitting on the throne of David, and ruling in Judah. Jesus ruling successfully and prospering by bringing the world to submit to His earthly reign is at the very heart of the theory of premillennialism. The theory must be false!

What about Christ ruling as king on David's throne? Peter spoke of the prophesy to David, “...that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, He would set one upon his throne; he foreseeing this spake of the resurrection of the Christ... Being therefore at the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured

forth this, which ye see and hear” (*Acts 2:30, 33*).

Jesus is on the throne of David in heaven. He would never prosper reigning in Judah. God has so ordained this through His true prophet Jeremiah. People, who believe and obey the gospel message of salvation, have been translated, one by one, to His kingdom ever since the first gospel message of Christ being Lord was heard and obeyed (*Acts 2:36-41; Colossians 1:13-14*). Jesus will continue to reign on David's throne in heaven till all things are put under His feet (*I Corinthians 15:25*), the last enemy being death (*I Corinthians 15:26*). Then, Jesus will deliver the kingdom to God, the Father (*I Corinthians 15:24*).

If you are waiting for Jesus to reign gloriously from David's throne in Jerusalem of Judah, you will be forever disappointed. God promised a long time ago that the descendants of Coniah would not prosper sitting on David's throne, and ruling in Judah. Submit to Jesus' heavenly reign today. Obey the Gospel, and enter His kingdom, the church, while you have the opportunity.