

THE REIGN OF THE CHRIST

[Message 3 \(of 12\)](#) – *Maranatha: I'm Coming Soon*

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Introduction

We have grown comfortable with a gentle Jesus.

The Jesus who holds a lamb. The Jesus who weeps at Lazarus's tomb. The Jesus who says: Come to me, all who are weary.

And all of that is true and beautiful and worth preaching.

But in this message, heaven wants to show you the Jesus you may have forgotten.

The Jesus who will one day sit on a throne and divide the nations the way a shepherd divides his flock at the end of the day.

The Jesus whose eyes are like blazing fire.

The Jesus before whom every eye will see -- and many will wail.

This is not a Jesus to be managed or scheduled into Sunday mornings.

This is the King of kings.

And He is coming soon.

The Series

I am Dickson Wasake, a slave of God and the Lord Jesus.

About 8 years ago I fell into holy fire after I encountered the Lord Jesus while reading the Bible. He placed a love for Him in my heart, and so we preach because we love the Lord -- who is coming soon.

On December 4, 2025, the Lord Jesus spoke to me to preach a series of 12 messages titled: "Maranatha! I am coming soon..." This is Message 3.

In [Message 1, we heard the knock](#) -- the Bridegroom at the door of His own house, calling His lukewarm Bride back to first love.

In [Message 2, we unmasked the counterfeit -- the Antichrist](#), the one who will one day demand the throne that belongs to Another.

Today we turn our eyes to the One who OWNS that throne.

The King who was announced before Bethlehem. Crowned at Calvary. Enthroned in glory right now. And riding back.

Will you listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches?

Anchor Text

Matthew 25:31-34 (NIV) *"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'"*

There -- buried in the middle of that great scene.

Not the Judge. Not the Lord. Not the Ruler.

THEN THE KING WILL SAY.

The King.

On the most important day in all of human history, Jesus will be in the throne room, in the judgment seat, wearing that title like a crown.

Everything in this message hangs on that one word.

Let us follow the King -- from eternity past, all the way to that throne.

Part 1: The Sign That Could Not Be Changed

It was Roman custom at every crucifixion.

Above the condemned man's head, soldiers nailed a wooden board -- the titulus -- inscribed with his crime. Murder. Rebellion. Theft.

But on the day they crucified Jesus of Nazareth, Pontius Pilate himself wrote the charge, and it read:

"JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS"

Written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin -- the three great languages of the civilized world -- so that no one on earth could claim they did not see it.

The chief priests came to Pilate and demanded he change it. Write that this man only CLAIMED to be King, they said.

Pilate looked at them and said seven words that echo through all of eternity:

John 19:22 (NIV) *"What I have written, I have written."*

This was not mockery. Do not read it that way.

In Roman law, once a governor's written sentence was pronounced, not one letter could be altered. It carried the full weight of imperial authority. Irrevocable. Legally binding. Final.

What was happening beneath the surface? God held Pilate's hand. He could not change it. The divine Author was writing through a reluctant human pen.

And so across the cross of Jesus, in every language that mattered, heaven posted its first public royal announcement -- above the very instrument of His death:

THIS MAN IS KING.

The cross that His enemies thought would end His story became His coronation banner. If God could turn a Roman governor's stubbornness into a royal proclamation -- imagine what He will do when His Son rides back in full glory.

The King is coming. And He already knows.

He who has an ear -- let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Part 2: Heaven Kept Announcing Him

Before we stand before this King on that day, understand something: this throne was never a surprise.

Heaven has been announcing this coronation for thousands of years.

The tragedy is that so few were listening.

The Prophet Saw It -- 700 Years Before Bethlehem

Isaiah 9:6-7 (NIV) *"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne..."*

Isaiah wrote this 700 years before the manger.

Seven hundred years.

And notice what he saw -- not a priest, not a moral teacher, not a social reformer.

A government. A throne. An endless kingdom. A name above every name.

Heaven was already preparing the coronation announcement before Bethlehem was even a memory.

Daniel Saw the Throne Room of God

Then comes the most extraordinary vision in all the prophetic books.

Daniel is in Babylon -- a captive in a foreign empire, a man whose nation has been crushed. And God opens a window into heaven itself.

Daniel 7:9-10 (NIV) *"As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire... A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened."*

This is the throne room of the Eternal God.

Empire after empire rises from the sea like beasts -- Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome -- each one convinced it will last forever.

But above all of it, the Ancient of Days sits. Undisturbed. Eternal. The white hair of infinite wisdom. The flaming throne of absolute justice. The books -- open.

And then, one more figure enters the room:

Daniel 7:13-14 (NIV) *"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He 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 is one that shall not be destroyed."*

Six hundred years before the cross -- Daniel saw this moment.

A human figure -- one like a son of man -- approaching the very throne of the Eternal God and being handed dominion over everything.

An everlasting dominion. A kingdom that cannot be destroyed.

Now -- do you know what title Jesus used for Himself more than any other title in all four Gospels?

Not Messiah. Not Rabbi. Not Lord.

SON OF MAN. Eighty-five times.

Every time He said it, He was quoting Daniel's vision back to the people listening.

He was declaring: I am the one your prophet saw in that throne room. I am the one receiving the eternal kingdom. I am the one coming with the clouds.

The Angel Declared It Over a Womb

Luke 1:32-33 (NIV) *"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."*

Gabriel did not come to Mary with a lullaby.

He came with a coronation decree.

The infant forming in her womb was the heir to an eternal throne.

The crib was always a throne room in disguise.

The King is coming. And He already knows.

He who has an ear -- this was announced before you were born.

Part 3: What the Jewish World Has Always Known

Here is something that will open your eyes -- an insight from Jewish culture that most of the Church has never heard.

Every year, on Rosh Hashanah -- the Jewish New Year -- Jewish people around the world blow the shofar. The ram's horn.

Most Christians think of it as a religious tradition. A ceremonial sound.

But in ancient Israel, the shofar had one primary royal purpose:

IT ANNOUNCED THE CORONATION OF A KING.

When Solomon was anointed king in 1 Kings 1:34-39, the priest blew the shofar and the crowd roared: Long live King Solomon!

The shofar was not decoration. It was declaration.

And so every year on Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish people do something extraordinary: they crown God as King.

Not because God needs the ceremony -- He is already King.

But because THEY need the reminder. They blow the shofar to renew their submission to His reign. To cry out: come and rule over this earth as You rule in heaven.

One Jewish scholar explained it this way: the key spiritual event of Rosh Hashanah is the renewal of God's kingship -- we submit ourselves to God with our total being and entreat Him to reveal His kingship in the physical world.

This is exactly what is happening in Matthew 25.

The final shofar will sound. The Son of Man will receive the eternal kingdom from the Ancient of Days. All nations will stand in that courtyard.

Not to debate. Not to negotiate. To bow.

1 Thessalonians 4:16 (NIV) *"For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God..."*

A trumpet. A shofar. The last royal announcement the universe will ever hear.

The question is not whether the King reigns.

The question is whether you recognized His reign while you still had the chance.

The King is coming. And He already knows.

He who has an ear -- the shofar is about to sound.

Part 4: Every Eye Will See Him -- and Not All Will Rejoice

When He comes, there will be no ambiguity. No room for confusion. No question of whether this is really happening.

Revelation 1:7 (NIV) *"Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all peoples on earth will wail because of him. So shall it be! Amen."*

Every eye.

The eyes of the living and the raised dead. The eyes of emperors and beggars. The eyes of those who preached in His name and those who denied He ever existed. Every. Eye.

And notice what happens next.

Not universal celebration. Not a global party.

WAILING.

- This is not the wailing of repentance -- it is too late for that.
- This is the wailing of a soul that finally understands what it rejected.
- The wailing of people who spent their whole life building kingdoms of their own, and now watch them dissolve like morning mist before the one true King.
- The wailing of people who heard the knock at the door -- and did not open it.
- The wailing of people who saw the poor -- and kept walking.
- The wailing of people who knew the name of the King but never surrendered to His reign.

John says: So shall it be. Amen.

That is not cruelty. That is the weight of a decision every human being made while they still had a decision to make.

But here is the grace hidden inside this terrible verse:

You are reading this now.

Which means you are still on this side of that moment.

The wailing has not started yet.

The door is still open.

The King is coming. And He already knows.

He who has an ear – the wailing has not started yet. Choose now.

Part 5: The Day the King Sits Down -- Sheep and Goats

Now we walk slowly through Matthew 25. The details Jesus chose are deliberate and devastating.

The Throne Room

In every ancient culture -- Egypt, Babylon, Israel -- the throne was elevated on steps, raised far above everyone in the room.

Every person who entered had to look UP.

Solomon's throne had six steps, lions carved on each side, overlaid with pure gold. Scripture says nothing like it had ever been made in any kingdom on earth.

Now multiply that into eternity. One glorious throne. All the nations of history, looking up. And seated on it -- the One who was once nailed to a Roman cross wearing a crown of thorns.

The same man. A very different crown now.

Sheep and Goats -- Not Strangers

In the Middle East of Jesus's day, and still in many cultures today, sheep and goats grazed TOGETHER. Same field. Same shepherd. Same watering hole.

They looked similar from a distance. They moved in the same flock.

But the shepherd knew the difference. Always. Without hesitation.

So Jesus is not describing obvious villains being sorted from obvious saints.

He is describing people who were in the same religious community -- the same sermons, the same worship songs, the same prayers -- being separated.

The King separates them as easily as a shepherd separates what he has always known to be different.

YOU CANNOT FOOL THE SHEPHERD.

The Shock of Both Groups

Here is the most uncomfortable detail in the entire passage: BOTH groups are surprised.

The sheep say: Lord, when did we see you? We had no idea it was you.

The goats say: Lord, we would have served you if we had known you were there.

These goats are not obvious atheists. These may be people who attended church faithfully, gave offerings, served on committees, ran ministries, led worship.

But their religion never changed how they loved.

They served the institution. They never learned to see the King in the face of the suffering.

Matthew 25:40 (NIV) *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*

The King was hiding in plain sight.

In the homeless man on the corner. The widow who cannot pay her rent. The prisoner nobody visits. The refugee nobody welcomes. The sick person nobody checks on.

The sheep did not serve the poor in order to earn the kingdom.

The sheep served the poor because they already loved the King -- and they recognized His face in every broken face they passed.

A transformed heart produces transformed hands. Without genuine transformation, religion is merely performance.

And the King -- with eyes like blazing fire -- sees the difference instantly.

The King is coming. And He already knows.

He who has an ear -- the Shepherd already knows which you are.

Part 6: Enthroned Now. Reigning Forever. Riding Back.

He Is Already on the Throne

Hebrews 1:3 (NIV) *"After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven."*

He. Sat. Down.

In the ancient world, a king sat on his throne to rule and stood only in battle. He returned and sat when victory was secured.

Jesus finished the work of salvation. Defeated death. Rose from the grave. Ascended -- and sat down.

Not because He was tired. Because the victory was complete and the reign had begun.

Right now. While you are reading these words. The King is on the throne.

Isaiah 40:15,17 (NIV) *"Surely the nations are like a drop in a bucket; they are regarded as dust on the scales... Before him all the nations are as nothing; they are regarded by him as worthless and less than nothing."*

Let that be medicine to your anxiety.

Whatever empire is ascending right now. Whatever power is threatening God's people. Whatever headline is keeping you awake at night.

A drop in a bucket.

The King is not in heaven watching the news and wondering what to do. He is enthroned. Reigning. Returning.

The Reign That Has No End

Revelation 20:4,6 (NIV) *"They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years... Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years."*

One thousand years of the King ruling on this very earth.

Not in a far-off spiritual dimension. Here. On the ground. Tangibly.

Spurgeon described it: the whole earth will be a temple. Every day a Sabbath. The occupation of all humanity -- priestly. To serve God without shadow, without sin, without night.

Revelation 11:15 (NIV) *"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever."*

Every empire that ever called itself eternal -- Rome, Babylon, the British Empire, every modern superpower -- footnotes.

Only one Kingdom endures. Only one throne remains. Only one King reigns -- forever.

The King Who Rides

And before that reign begins -- He comes. Not as an infant. Not as a wandering rabbi. As a conquering King.

Revelation 19:11-16 (NIV) *"I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns... He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God... On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS."*

MANY crowns.

Every kingdom that ever crowned a human ruler -- Caesar, Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, Napoleon, every modern head of state -- those crowns ultimately belong to Him.

He is not wearing one crown of thorns now.

He is wearing every crown that ever existed.

Eyes like blazing fire.

The same eyes that wept at Lazarus's tomb. The same eyes that looked at Peter after the denial. Now blazing -- because He sees everything. Every thought you ever had. Every secret you kept. Every moment you chose self over King.

KING OF KINGS. LORD OF LORDS.

Pilate wrote it in three languages and refused to change it.

The angel declared it over Mary's womb.

Isaiah announced it 700 years before Bethlehem.

Daniel saw it in the throne room of the Ancient of Days.

John saw it on a white horse, with the armies of heaven behind Him.

And every eye will see it -- including those who pierced Him.

Does the King Know You?

The sheep and the goats were not sorted by their theological correctness. They were sorted by the evidence of a transformed heart.

The most terrifying sentence in all of the Gospels is not in Matthew 25. It is a few chapters earlier:

Matthew 7:22-23 (NIV) *"Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"*

I never knew you.

Not: I knew you and you fell short.

Not: I knew you but your record was too thin.

I. NEVER. KNEW. YOU.

The eternal tragedy of religion without relationship.

Ministry without surrender. Activity without intimacy with the King.

You can build a theological library and never know the King.

You can lead worship every Sunday and never know the King.

You can run a ministry to sixteen countries and never know the King.

The sheep did not know they were serving the King in the suffering. That is the point. Their love was not calculated -- it overflowed from a life surrendered to Him.

Spurgeon said: I take my text and make a beeline for the cross.

Today the cross leads to a throne. And the throne leads to one question:

DOES THE KING KNOW YOU?

A Prophetic Word Before the Altar

I want to say something slowly. Hear it not just with your mind -- hear it in your spirit.

*We are living in the days Daniel's vision described.
Empire after empire has risen and called itself eternal.
Every single one is dust on the scales.
One King remains.*

*We are living in the season the shofar was made to announce.
The coronation is coming.
The nations are already gathering.
The books are being opened.*

*Every eye will see Him.
Some will see Him and rejoice -- because they knew Him.
Some will see Him and wail -- because they chose everything else.
The difference is being made right now.
In the choices you make today.
In the door you open or leave closed.
In the suffering person you stop for -- or walk past.*

Today -- before the shofar sounds from heaven, before every eye sees Him, before the wailing begins, before that word rings through all of eternity:

Come, you who are blessed --

Today, the door is still open.

Today, He is still knocking.

Today, the King who will one day separate the nations is extending His hand.

Revelation 22:12 (NIV) *"Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what they have done."*

1 Corinthians 16:22 (NIV) *"If anyone does not love the Lord, let that person be cursed! Come, Lord Jesus."*

Maranatha.

It is not a comfort word. It is a dividing word.

It blesses those who love the King and long for His return.

It exposes those who do not.

The King is coming. And He already knows.

He who has an ear – this is the moment. The door is still open.

Altar Call

Today I am calling you to bow before the King while the door is still open.

On that great day, every knee will bow. But not all in love.

Today -- you can bow in love. In surrender. In the freedom that only comes from knowing the King before the judgment.

If you have been religious but not surrendered -- this moment is for you.

If you have served Christ with your calendar but not your heart -- this moment is for you.

If Revelation 1:7 stirred something in you -- a fear, a longing, a recognition that you are not ready -- this moment is for you.

Bow your head. Lift your hands. Do something with your body that says to heaven: I am serious about this King.

Pray with me:

"Lord Jesus,

I have known Your name more than I have known You.

I have been busy in Your house, but distant from Your heart.

I have seen the suffering and kept walking.

I have heard the knock and hesitated at the door.

Today I bow before You -- not just as Savior, but as KING.

I surrender my plans. My pride. My private kingdoms.

Wash me in Your blood.

Give me eyes to see Your face in the faces of the suffering.

Give me a heart that longs for Your appearing -- not with fear, but with love.

I choose You over comfort.

I choose relationship over religion.

I choose to be known by the Shepherd.

Come, Lord Jesus.

MARANATHA. Amen."
