KING OF ISRAEL

"The following day Jesus went forth into Galilee, and found Philip, and said unto him, "Follow Me." Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Then Philip found Nathanael, and said unto him, "We have found Him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." And Nathanael said unto him, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" But Philip said unto him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming to Him, and said of him, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!" And Nathanael said unto Him, "How do You me?" Jesus answered and said unto him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered and said unto Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel." Jesus answered and said unto him, "Because I said to you, "I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You shall see greater things than these." And He said unto him, Truly, Truly, I say unto you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."" (John 1:43-51)

"On the next day many people who had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet Him, and cried, "Hosanna; Blessed is **the King of Israel** who comes in the name of the Lord." And Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, Daughter of Zion: behold, your King comes, sitting on a donkey's colt."" (quoted from Zechariah 9:9) in (John 12:12-15)

King: from the Greek word: *basileus* which means: a king, a ruler; but in some passages: an emperor. (the male ruler of an independent kingdom, especially one who inherits the position by right of birth.)

Israel: from the Greek word: *Israel* which is the name of the Jewish Nation and their Land; the <u>elect Nation</u> of God in the Old Testament; (from the Hebrew language, meaning: "wrestler with God" - originally a secondary name given by God to Jacob.)

Jesus is declared '**King of Israel**' right then and there! However, Jesus did not reestablish the Throne of David at that time. Instead He died on the Cross for the forgiveness of our sins; then He rose from the dead; and after forty days He ascended into Heaven, where He now sits at the right hand of God our Father, interceding for us, and waiting for the time of His second coming.

The title 'King of Israel' implies that the Nation of Israel, as it was at His first coming, will be around at the time of the second coming of Jesus. It is now, and will be! Then shall King Jesus sit upon the Throne of David, and shall rule over the nation Israel, and all nations actually, for one thousand years on earth, and then eternally within the new heavens and earth!

Consider these scriptures:

"He shall be great, and shall be called the <u>Son of the Highest</u>: <u>and the Lord God shall give</u> <u>unto Him the Throne of His father David</u>; And He shall reign over the house of <u>Jacob</u> (<u>Israel</u>) forever; <u>and of His Kingdom there shall be no end</u>." (Luke 1:32-33)

"Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this." (Isaiah 9:7)

JESUS is ... the KING of ISRAEL,

Jesus, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel!

Blessed are You Lord Jesus
- the King of Israel who comes in the name of the Lord!