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"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars. And she being with child cried-out, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon (satan), having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars (fallen angels) of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to be delivered, to devour her Child as soon as He was born. And she brought forth a Son, a Man (Jesus), who is ready to Rule (Literally 'Shepherd') all Nations with a Rod of Iron; and her Child was caught up unto God, and to His Throne." (Revelation 12:1-5)

"And I saw Heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He who sat upon it was called **Faithful and True**, and **in Righteousness** He does judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a Name written, that no man knew, but He Himself. And He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood; and His Name is called **The Word of God**. And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And <u>out of His mouth</u> goes a sharp **Sword**, that with it He **Should Smite the Nations**; and **He will Rule them with a Rod of Iron**. And He treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a Name written, **King of Kings, and Lord of Lords**." (Revelation 19:11-16)

Will Rule: from the Greek verb <u>poimanei</u> which means: will-shepherd, or will-rule; (signifying a future event); the context implies an iron-grip Rule; but the literal translation implies that the Rule of Christ Jesus will be more like a shepherd who actually cares for the people under His Rule, and yet who shepherds the sheep with firmness and strength; it is as David wrote:

"The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His Name's sake. Yes, even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for You are with me; and <u>Your Rod and Your Staff</u> they comfort me." (Psalm 23:1-4)

All Nations: from the Greek words **panta ta ethne** which mean: all the nations; referring to the people of all the nations, which will be subdued by Jesus the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

With: from the Greek word <u>en</u> which means: in, or within the realm and sphere of the strong-iron rule of Christ Jesus.

Rod: from the Greek word <u>rhabdo</u> which means: <u>a staff</u> (for walking), <u>a rod</u> (prodding or beating: so as to guide or punish); <u>a scepter</u> (for ruling as King of kings); in context, in the hand of Jesus, used in the sense of both a Rod for discipline and guidance, and a Scepter of Rule and Authority. The Hebrew equivalent <u>shebet</u> also means: a staff, a rod, or scepter and is used in Psalm 2:9 and Psalm 45 prophetically in regards to the future Reign of King Jesus.

Iron: from the Greek word <u>sidera</u> an adjective which means: <u>iron-like</u>; from **sideros**: the metal iron; thus a strong solid scepter-rod; signifying an iron-grip firm, strong, rigorous rule over the subdued nations. This is certainly the context within the Revelation prophecy.

The Rod and Iron Rule over all the nations of Christ Jesus is a Rule shared with God the Father; it was foretold within the following prophetic Psalms:

"All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD. And all the families of the Nations shall worship before You. For the Kingdom is the LORD'S; and He is the Ruler over the Nations." (Psalm 22:27-28)

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"O clap your hands, **all you peoples**; shout unto God with the voice of triumph. For the LORD most high is awe-inspiring; **He is a great King over all the earth**. He shall subdue the peoples under us, and the Nations under our feet. He shall choose our inheritance for us, the excellency of Jacob whom He loves. Selah. God has ascended with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing you praises with understanding. God reigns over the Nations; God sits upon the throne of Hs holiness. The princes of the people are gathered together, even the people of the God of Abraham." (Psalms 47:1-9)

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, <u>against the LORD (God the Father)</u>, <u>and against His Anointed (the Christ-Messiah Jesus)</u>, saying, 'Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.' But <u>He who sits in the Heavens</u> shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision. Then He shall speak unto them in His wrath, and distress them in His sore displeasure. Yet have I set <u>My King</u> (King Jesus) upon My holy hill of Zion (Jerusalem: the location of Christ's Rule). I will declare the decree, the LORD has said unto Me, '<u>You are My Son</u>; this day have I begotten You. Ask of Me, <u>and I shall give the Nations as Your inheritance</u>, and the uttermost parts of the earth as Your possession. You shall break them with <u>a Rod (a scepter) of Iron</u>; You shall dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel. Be wise now therefore, O you kings (of the nations); be instructed, you judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son (give honor and respect to Him), lest he be angry, and you perish along the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. <u>Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.'</u> "(Psalm 2:1-12)

The rule over the nations is to be a strong rule, but it is to be loving also (like that of a shepherd over his sheep). To those who obey, will be a cared for by King Jesus; and only those who resist it will be dashed in pieces; as <u>Jesus Himself quoted</u> from Psalm 2 as follows:

"And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; 'These things <u>says the Son of God</u>, who has eyes like unto a flame of fire, and His feet are like fine brass; 'I know your works, and charity, and service, and faith, and your patience, and that your latter works are more than the first. ..., that which you have hold fast until I come. And <u>he who overcomes</u>, and keeps My works unto the end, to him '<u>I shall give power over the nations</u>; and he shall <u>Rule them with a Rod of Iron</u>; as the vessels of a potter are broken into pieces (<u>Psalm 2:8-9</u>); <u>even as I received of My Father</u>. And I will give him the Morning Star." (Revelation 2:18-19, 25-29)

Just as Jesus received from the Father "the nations an inheritance, with power to break them with the Rod (scepter) of Iron' of His Rule; so also He promises those believers who "overcome, and keep His works unto the end" a role in His Kingdom to also rule & shepherd with a rod of iron. His Kingdom, however, will be characterized by a rule of righteousness; as it says:

"But unto the **Son** (Jesus) He says, 'Your throne, O God, is forever and ever: **a Scepter of** Righteousness is the Scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved Righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even Your God, has **Anointed You** with the oil of gladness above Your companions." (Hebrews 1:8-9) This quote is from Psalm 45:8 as shown below:

"My heart is overflowing with a good matter. I speak my composition concerning the King; my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. You (speaking of Jesus the the coming Messiah King) are fairer than the children of men. Grace is poured into Your lips; therefore God (the Father) has blessed You forever. Gird Your sword upon Your thigh, **O Mighty-One**, with Your Glory and Your Majesty. And in Your Majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and Your right hand shall teach You awesome things. Your arrows are sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; and the people fall under You. Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; the **Scepter** of Your Kingdom is a Righteous Scepter. You love Righteousness, and hate wickedness: therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness above Your companions." (Psalm 45:1-6-7)

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In the context of Revelation, the reign of Christ Jesus as Ruler of the Kings of the Earth, encompasses the Thousand Year Reign of Christ, and includes those tribulation saints who were killed because they held to the testimony of Jesus Christ; and they will Reign with Christ during that thousand years; as it says:

"... and I saw the souls of those who were beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the Word of God, and who had not worshipped the beast, nor his image, nor had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and Reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall Reign with Him (with King Jesus) a thousand years!" (Revelation 20:4-6)

"And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. These shall make war with the Lamb, <u>and the Lamb</u> (<u>Jesus</u>) <u>shall overcome them</u>: for He is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and those who are with Him are called, and chosen, and faithful." (<u>Revelation 17:12-14</u>)

Finally, consider the following....

"But you, Bethlehem Ephratah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you, and unto Me (the Father), shall come forth <u>Him (Jesus) who is to be Ruler over Israel</u>; whose goings forth have been (foretold) <u>from of old</u>, from everlasting." (<u>Micah 5:2</u>)

"For unto us <u>a Child (Jesus)</u> is born, unto us a Son is given; and <u>the Government</u> shall be upon His shoulder; and <u>His Name</u> shall be called <u>Wonderful Counsellor</u>, <u>Mighty God</u>, <u>Everlasting Father</u>, The <u>Prince of Peace</u>. Of the increase of His <u>Government and peace</u> there shall be no end, upon the throne of <u>David</u>, and upon His Kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever." (Isaiah 9:6-7)

"And the LORD (God the Father) shall be King over all the earth. In that day the LORD shall be One, and His Name One. ... and Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited. ... And it shall come to pass, that all those who are left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles (Booths). And it shall be, that those nations which will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King (King Jesus), the LORD of hosts, even upon them their shall be no rain." (Zec. 14:9-17) (see also: Isaiah 60:1-14 and Isaiah 66:8-23)

Jesus Will Rule All Nations with a Rod of Iron

The Government shall be upon His shoulder!!

The increase of His Government and peace shall never end!!

He shall rule with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever!!

And a Scepter of Righteousness shall be the Scepter of His Kingdom!!

His Scepter of Iron Rule Shall last one thousand years !!
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... shall live and reigned with Christ during those thousand years !!

Lord Jesus, You are truly Lord of lords, and King of kings, over all the Nations!!

All Praise, and Blessing, and Power, and Dominion, and Honor, and Glory are Yours!!!

Forever and Ever – Eternally Yours !!!

Come soon Lord Jesus!