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“Jesus Christ” = Jesus, the Christ, the Messiah
The anointed one chosen by God to carry out certain roles.

Christ

Greek = *Christos*

A Greek translation of the Hebrew word “Messiah”.

= Messiah

Hebrew = *Messiah*

Messiah = “anointed”

= Anointed

A person or object daubed with special oil,
chosen (or “appointed”) for a particular role.

Most commonly, a king or priest, but not exclusively these.

= God’s chosen person

One who has been anointed
(and thus appointed) for a particular role.

We have found the Messiah, which is translated, the Christ
(*John 1:41; see also John 4:25*)

Jacob anointed a pillar (*Genesis 31:13; see 28:1-22*)
Anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it (*Exodus 40:9*)
→ The anointed priest shall ... (*Leviticus 4:5*)
There they anointed David king (*2 Samuel 2:4*)
And Elisha ... you shall anoint as prophet (*1 Kings 19:16*)

→ God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit (*Acts 10:38*)
He has anointed Me to preach ... heal ... etc. (*Luke 4:18*)
This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah (*Acts 17:3 NIV*)

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 - Descended from David
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The Deity of Christ

Several important Scriptural phrases affirming the deity of Christ:

John 1:1, 14 – The Word was God ... the Word became flesh.

John 20:28, 29 – Thomas: “My Lord and my God.”

1 Timothy 3:16 – God manifest in the flesh.

Colossians 2:8,9 – In Him dwells the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

Matthew 1:23 – Immanuel / “God with us”.

John 8:58 – Before Abraham was, I AM.

Acts 20:28 – God has purchased the church with His own blood.

The Deity of Christ

G O D

Father

↑
Christ (the Son)

*The deity of Christ,
and His relationship
to God the Father.*

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worship

M a n k i n d

- *There is only one God (James 2:19).*
- *God is superior to mankind and worthy of worship (Matthew 4:10).*
- *Christ, who is God in the flesh, is superior to mankind and worthy of mankind's worship (John 5:23).*
- *Within the Godhead, Christ the Son is subservient to God the Father (John 5:30; 1 Corinthians 15:24,28).*

Kings of Israel

Saul

David

Solomon

Northern kingdom Southern kingdom
 "Israel" – 10 tribes "Judah" – 2 tribes
 975 B.C.

20 kings -
 ✓ Upright : 0
 ✗ Evil: 19 (20)

- ✗ Jeroboam
- ✗ Nadab
- ✗ Baasha
- ✗ Elah
- ✗ Zimri
- (✗ Tibni)
- ✗ Omri
- ✗ Ahab
- ✗ Ahaziah
- ✗ Jehoram
- ✗ Jehu
- ✗ Jehoahaz
- ✗ Joash
- ✗ Jeroboam II
- ✗ Zachariah
- ✗ Shallum
- ✗ Menahem
- ✗ Pekahiah
- ✗ Pekah
- ✗ Hoshea

722 B.C. Israel exiled by Assyrians

20 kings -
 ✓ Upright: 8
 ✗ Evil: 12

- ✗ Rehoboam
- ✗ Abijam
 - ✓ Asa
 - ✓ Jehoshaphat
- ✗ Jehoram
- ✗ Ahaziah
- ✗ Q.Athaliah
 - ✓/✗ Joash
 - ✓/✗ Amaziah
 - ✓/✗ Uzziah
 - ✓ Jotham
- ✗ Ahaz
 - ✓ Hezekiah
- ✗ Manasseh
- ✗ Amon
 - ✓ Josiah
- ✗ Jehoahaz
- ✗ Jehoiakim
- ✗ Jehoiachin
- ✗ Zedekiah

(722 B.C. Israel exiled by Assyrians)

605 B.C. Judah exiled by Babylonians

586 B.C. Temple destroyed

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(Isaiah 35:4-6; Matthew 12:22,23; 11:1-6; Acts 2:21,36)

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(Isaiah 35:1-7; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Exodus 19:5,6; 1 Peter 2:9,10; Revelation 5:9,10)

Hence the call to “Repent”, to live appropriately as God’s nation of priests to the other nations, before the Messiah’s advent. *(Matthew 3:1,2,8-10; Matthew 4:17,23; Acts 3:19; Luke 3:3, 10-14)*

➤ Live in Israel’s midst as king

- over Israel *(Matthew 2:2; 27:11; John 1:49)*
- over all nations *(Revelation 11:15; 19:11-16)*

➤ Be a Saviour

- save Israel from her enemies *(Zechariah 12:8,9; 14:1-4,11,12)*
- save Israel from her sins, on a national level *(Isaiah 64:5b-9; Matthew 1:21; see also Isaiah 53:5,11,12)*

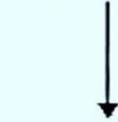
Individual Israelites and Gentiles may also be saved from eternal death and separation from God. *(Colossians 3:11)*

Genesis 12:2,3

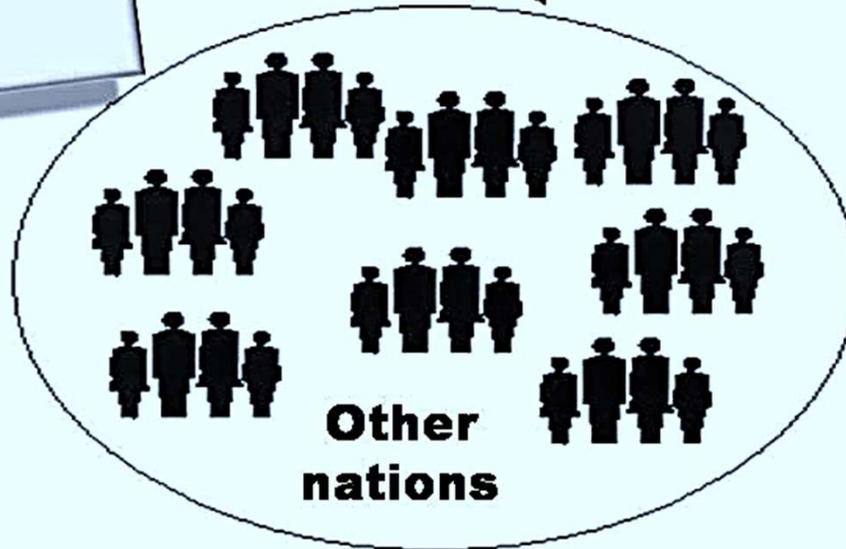
"I will make you into
a great nation (Israel)

-
... all peoples on earth
will be blessed
through you."

God



Israel

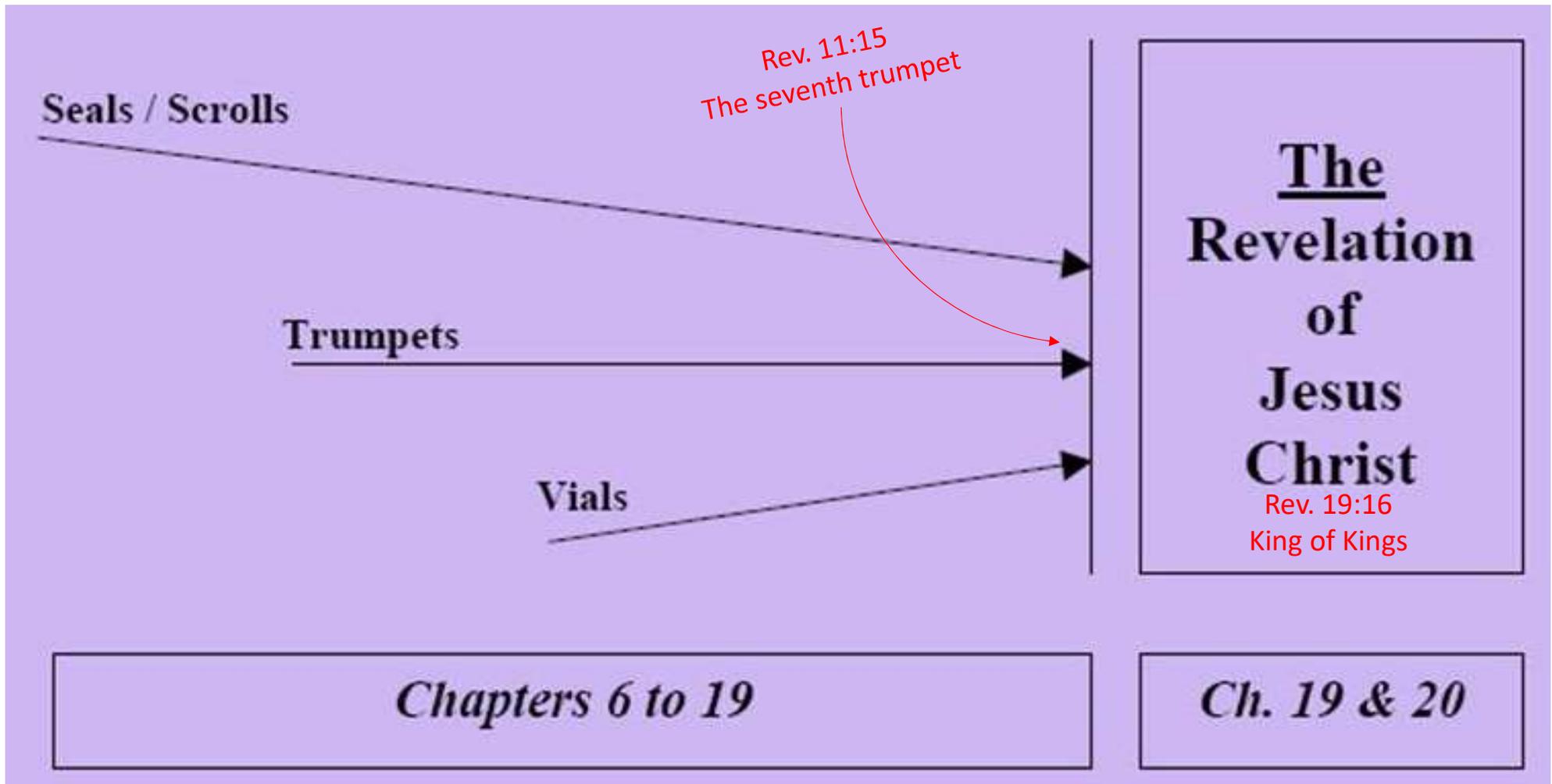


**Other
nations**

Possible Hierarchy of the Millennial Kingdom?

- **Christ - the LORD**, the King of all kings of the earth (Zechariah 14:9; Revelation 17:14; 19:16; 1 Timothy 6:15)
 - **David**, the King of Israel (Ezekiel 37:24)
 - **The prince** / ruler / prime minister / chief civil leader (Ezekiel chs.45 & 46; 48:21,22)
 - **12 apostles** - one ruler of each of the 12 tribes of Israel (Luke 22:29,30)
 - **The rejuvenated nation of Israel** - a kingdom of priests, mediating between God and the Gentile nations (1 Corinthians 6:2)
(see also Genesis 12:3; Revelation 5:9,10; Exodus 19:5,6; 1 Peter 2:9,10)

Revelation – chapters 6 to 20 – an overview



What were Israelites expecting of the promised Messiah?

Three ideas closely linked with Messiah's coming and the "kingdom of God" on earth...
"salvation" "redemption" "consolation"

For example:

- The prophetic utterance of Zachariah, John the Baptist's father (Luke 1:67-75) – **redemption, salvation**
- Simeon's expectation (Luke 2:25-32; see Isaiah 40:1,2,9-11; John 14:15,16; 1 John 2:1)
– **consolation, salvation**
- The expectation of Anna and others (Luke 2:36-38; see Exodus 6:5-7; Deuteronomy 7:7,8; Isaiah 59:15b-20) – **redemption, salvation**
- Joseph of Arimathea's expectation – **waiting for the kingdom of God** (Luke 23:50,51)
Consistent with the messages of ...
 - the message of John the Baptist (Matthew 3:1,2)
 - the message of the Lord Jesus Himself (Matthew 4:17,23)
 - the promises of the Old Testament (Zechariah 14:3,4,9)

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**The promised Messiah would not only be glorious.
He was also to be lowly and to be rejected, suffer and die.**

As prophesied throughout the OT Scriptures (the “Tanakh”, cp. Luke 24:25-27, 44,45); for example:

“Moses” / “Law” (*torah*)

- Hinted at in various sacrifices and laws throughout the books of Moses (i.e. the Pentateuch)
- Deuteronomy 21:23, applied to the Messiah in Galatians 3:13
- Exodus 12:46, applied to the Messiah in John 19:36

“Prophets” (*nevihim*)

- Zechariah 9:9,10 (cp. Matthew 21:1-11 ... 15,16)
- Isaiah 42:3,4 (cp. Matthew 12:15-21)
- Zechariah 12:10-14 (cp. John 19:36,37)
- Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (cp. John 12:37,38; Luke 22:37; 1 Peter 2:21-25; Acts 8:26-35)

Law of Moses = Torah

Prophets = Nevihim

Psalms = Ketuvim

TANAKH

Tanakh = the Hebrew Scriptures (what we usually call the Old Testament)

“Psalms” (*ketuvim* = “writings”)

- Psalm 22 (cp. Matthew 27:20-46)
- Daniel 9:26