Jesus At God's Right Hand

- A. PSA 110 is one of the richest Messianic psalms. It prophesies (directly or implied) of:
 - 1. the deity of Jesus Christ.
 - 2. the dual nature of Jesus Christ: God and man.
 - 3. the superiority of Jesus Christ over King David and the Levitical priesthood.
 - 4. the sufferings and glory of Jesus Christ.
 - 5. the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ.
 - 6. the coronation and reign of Jesus Christ.
 - 7. the judgments of Jesus Christ as King.

B. **PSA 110:1** is cited in **MAT 22:44; MAR 12:36; LUK 20:42; ACT 2:34-35; HEB 1:13.**

- 1. "LORD" in **PSA 110:1** is "Jehovah," the existing One, the eternal God.
- 2. **PSA 110:1** is the only O.T. text which, when cited in the N.T., retains "LORD."
 - a. There are other significant O.T. texts where "LORD" appears but the capitalization does not carry over in the N.T. Eg. **ISA 53:1 c/w JOH 12:38.**
 - b. There is something special about **PSA 110:1.**
- 3. The Apostles elsewhere refer to its language and purport.
 - 1CO 15:25; EPH 1:20-22; PHIL 2:9-11.
- 4. "Lord" in **PSA 110:1** translates "adon" (SRN H113) which means *sovereign, owner, master.* This lord is Whom Isaiah saw in **ISA 6:1.**
- C. **PSA 110** depicts Jesus Christ in His resurrected state upon the Davidic throne of promise.
 - 1. The throne of David promised to David's seed was going to be "...established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness IN HEAVEN" (**PSA 89:34-37**), not in earth.
 - 2. Jesus Christ now has David's throne because of His resurrection and ascension. ACT 2:29-36.
 - a. The promised Davidic throne's filling would be when David was dead in the grave (2SAM 7:12-13), which was the case when Christ rose from the dead.
 - b. The expectation of life and lasting pleasure at God's right hand was what supported Christ in His torments unto death. **PSA 16:8-11 c/w ACT 2:25-28; HEB 12:2.**
 - c. Contrast the above with the dispensational theory of a future throne on earth for Jesus Christ after He has raised all O.T. saints (including David) from the dead.
 - 3. To deny a present fulfillment of **PSA 110:1** would demand also a denial of a present fulfillment of **PSA 110:4**.
 - a. This would strip Jesus Christ of His present High Priestly office as a King-Priest. **HEB 6:20-7:2.**
 - b. The true Messiah has since His ascension to heaven been fulfilling ZEC 6:12-13 as "...a priest upon his throne..."
 - c. Believers see Christ now *crowned with glory and honour*, holding a royal *sceptre of righteousness* for the salvation of His people and an *iron rod* for the judgment of the nations. **HEB 2:9; 1:8; PSA 2:9 c/w REV 2:26-27.**
 - 4. Messiah's reign would be "...in the midst of thine enemies" (**PSA 110:2**), descriptive of the present reign of Christ from heaven, not of an imagined future reign on earth when He has vanquished His enemies.
- D. Compare **PSA 110:2-3** with **MAT 28:18-20.**
 - 1. Post-resurrection, the gospel went forth from earthly Zion. LUK 26:46-49.
 - 2. It did so by the Holy Ghost from heavenly Zion. ACT 1:8; 1PE 1:12.
 - 3. Note that Messiah's people would be a willing people, not conscripts put into His service by the will of another.
- E. The resurrected Messiah would be at the *right hand* of the LORD.

PSA 110:1 c/w ACT 2:33; ROM 8:34.

- 1. There He has replaced the Law which condemned us. c/w **DEU 33:2.**
- 2. Christ took the law out of the way and in its stead is at God's right hand as our Intercessor and Advocate. **1JO 2:1-2.**
- F. Christ is especially (**per PSA 110:1**) described as being *seated* at God's right hand.
 - MAT 26:64; MAR 16:19; EPH 1:20; HEB 1:3, 13; 8:1; 12:2; COL 3:1.
 - 1. This is significant because it distinguishes His single, perfect priestly sacrifice (of Himself) from the inadequate, continual sacrifices of the Levitical priesthood. **HEB 10:11-13.**
 - 2. There was no chair provided for the Levitical priests in the O.T. tabernacle or temple. Their work was never adequate enough to justify "taking a chair."
 - 3. That Christ is seated at God's right hand speaks to the perfection of salvation by a full and final atonement, and this is our comfort of hope. **ROM 5:7-11.**
- G. There was one time, post-ascension, where Christ was seen *standing* in glory. ACT 7:54-60.
 - 1. Have you ever stood to cheer on a hero to the finish line, or stood with someone who really needed your support? c/w **2TI 4:16-18.**
 - 2. Stephen had faith like Jesus. LUK 23:46.
 - 3. (**PSA 116:15**) Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.