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The LORD Jehovah will be King over All the Earth.

- **Zechariah 14:9:** And the LORD (JEHOVAH) will be king over all the earth. On that day the LORD will be one and his name one.

These words of Zechariah have been used to support the theory that Jesus is God. This is because Zechariah not only states that the LORD of Hosts (Jehovah's name in the Old Testament) will be King over all the earth, but also says that on that day the LORD will be one and his name one. But does this mean that Jesus is God or do the prophetic words of Zechariah mean something quite different?

Zechariah is saying that the LORD Jehovah the immortal, invisible, eternal God Almighty will be King over all the earth while John in the book of Revelation says that the Lord Jesus Christ will be the mighty King of kings and Lord of lords over all the earth (Rev. 19:11-16).

This raises the question, "How do these two statements harmonize together?"

THE FOLLOWING VERSES CLEARLY SHOW THAT GOD JEHOVAH WAS CALLED THE KING IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

- The LORD is King for ever and ever (Psalm 10:16).
- Thou art my (the sons of Korah) King, O God (Psalm 44:4).
- For the LORD is our defence; and the Holy One of Israel is our king (Psalm 89:18).
- For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods (Psalm 95:3).
- I (David) will extol thee, my God, O king (Psalm 145:1).
- For mine (Isaiah) eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts (Isa. 6:5).
- I am the LORD, your Holy One, the creator of Israel, your King (Isa. 43:15).
- The LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king (Jer. 10:10).
- My (David) King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray (Psalm 5:1-2).
- Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle (Psalm 24:7-8).
- Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory (Psalm 24:9-10).
- The King of glory will come in the LORD, strong and mighty in battle! The LORD of hosts who is the King of glory! Selah (Psalm 24:7-10).

These verses clearly show that the Old Testament prophets knew the LORD God Jehovah as King so when reading Zechariah's prophecy, it should always be kept in mind that it is an Old Testament prophecy. As we move through the Bible and enter the New Testament, we get further insight, understanding and greater detail of prophecy we see that Jehovah the supreme Almighty God begot a Son. We have light that the faithful of the Old Testament never had we clearly see that God the Father's most beloved Son laid down his life so that whoever believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16) and that God raised him and seated him at his right hand side in the heavenly places (where he is at this present time). God has exalted Jesus far above all rule, authority, power, dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come and (Ephes. 1:20-21). This is why in the

New Testament the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God is given the title, the King of kings and Lord of lords over the entire world (Rev 19:12-16). God Jehovah has not only exalted Christ He has given him His title of everlasting King of glory. Clearly the fact that God and Jesus are both given the title King does not mean that Jesus the Son of God became Jehovah the Father, but that Jesus' Father Jehovah God has given His title of King to His begotten Son to rule the entire world from King David's throne over an everlasting Kingdom.

GOD HAS HIGHLY EXALTED JESUS AND GIVEN HIM A NAME WHICH IS ABOVE EVERY NAME

- Wherefore God (Jehovah) also hath highly exalted him (Jesus) and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philip. 2:9-11).

These verses show the following four things:

1. God has exalted Jesus and has given him all authority and a name that is above every name, this name is God Jehovah's own name
2. There will be no other name on earth that will be above the name of Jesus
3. Jesus will be King over all nations and his name will be above every king, president and prime minister on earth, there will be no name or authority above the name of Jesus during his glorious millennial reign as King of kings and Lord of lords.
4. That the immortal, invisible, eternal God the Almighty the creator of all things and the source of all life has exalted His most beloved Son the Lord Jesus Christ above all things.

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NOTICE: everyone will give glory to God the Father and His Son the Lord Jesus Christ. Clearly Jesus is not God since both God and Jesus are seen in these verses as being together. Perhaps this would be a good moment to point out that all Scriptures concerning salvation to eternal life state that a sinner must confess and believe that Jesus is the Son of God there is not one verse in the entire Bible that states that we must believe Jesus is God to be saved.

Philip is not saying in these verses that every tongue should confess that Jesus is Jehovah God the Father, but that they will confess that he is Lord and King to the glory of Jehovah God the Father. Everyone is going to confess that Jesus is Lord (one person) to the glory of Jehovah (another person). The following verses of Revelation show that Jesus will bring the wrath of the Almighty Jehovah God upon his enemies:

- From his mouth (the Lord Jesus Christ) comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh, he has a name written, King of kings and Lord of lords (Rev. 19:12-16).

These verses shine a brilliant spotlight on the truth that even when Christ returns there are still two distinct individuals, the Father and the Son. Surely this must inspire those who believe Jesus is God to question what they have been taught. Zechariah's words:

- On that day the LORD will be one and his name one (Zech. 14:9).

Raises a second question, "How is it that the LORD Jehovah the Almighty God is one Lord if Jesus Christ is also called Lord surely this must mean that Jesus is God (as many believe), but does it?" During the time of this prophecy not only did the Gentiles believed in all sorts of gods and idols,

but even God's chosen people Israel had turned to idols and pagan gods. Zechariah is saying that a day is coming when the Jews and the Gentiles worldwide will only worship one God in contrast to the multitudes of gods people believed in at the time of Zechariah and even today. It does not mean the Lord Jesus Christ will become God the Father, but that a day is coming when everyone will worship the one true God through the Lord Jesus Christ. Zechariah by revelation and inspiration of God is seeing a time when all the world will acknowledge that the only true immortal, invisible, eternal God of all creation and the source of all life is the heavenly Father the Lord Jesus Christ.

With this light that we now have Zechariah's prophecy could read:

- It shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King *of* the LORD of hosts (Jehovah) and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles and it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, *of* the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain (Zech. 14:16 17).

By replacing the missing word (*of*) too Zechariah's prophecy the entire chapter is then in harmony with the rest of Bible teaching and especially the New Testament book of Revelation, but even without replacing the missing word (*of*) the prophecy still makes sense. The Old Testament faithful only knew one true God and to Him was rightly given all recognition and honor. The prophets spoke of Christ, but did not have a full understanding of the words they spoke, nor did they fully understand that the LORD God Jehovah would bring a Son into the world to whom He would give all His authority and power and even His own name. Even Jesus' own apostles did not fully understand this truth until they saw the risen Christ standing before them in his immortal, eternal resurrected body.

Throughout these Scriptures we see a clear pattern of a Son who is submitted to the will of his Father and a Father that is so pleased with His Son that He gives him all His authority and power without any limitations. This is the beautiful picture the Bible unfolds from Genesis to Revelation concerning God the Father and His loving relationship with His only begotten son. From cover to cover the Bible teaches throughout Scripture and prophecy that through all eternity there will always be one true God Jehovah the Father and His beloved Son the Lord Jesus Christ. There is not one verse that teaches or even hints that this beautiful relationship between the immortal, invisible, eternal God Jehovah the Almighty and His most beloved Son will one-day dissolve in some mysterious fashion so that the Father and the Son somehow become one individual eternal being (as many believe).

FOOTNOTE

Those who have not been indoctrinated with the idea that Jesus is God find it enormously difficult how Christians could arrive at such a strange doctrine, but most who have embraced the doctrine that Jesus is God have not been taught it, nor have they questioned it, but simply embraced it because it is so ingrained in traditional Christian consciousness and in most of the traditional churches.