

I. Introduction and review.

II. David is anointed as king over all Israel. v. 1-5

A. The tribes of Israel seek David as their king. v. 1-2

1. Because he is their flesh and bone. v. 1 Deut. 17:15
2. Because he is a proven leader. v. 2a I Sam. 18:5,13,16,30 29:3 8:20 9:16
3. Because the LORD had appointed him to be shepherd and ruler over Israel. v. 2b 3:18 I Sam. 13:14 16:13 25:30 Ps. 78:70-72 Dt. 17:15 Gen 49:8-10

B. David makes a covenant with the elders of Israel. v. 3 I Ki. 12 Dt. 17:14-20 I Sa. 10:25 8:10-18

1. The king of Israel is not a typical Oriental despot with unlimited power.
2. David becomes the paradigm of the shepherd-king. v. 2b I Sa. 16:11 Ps. 78:70-72
3. The parallel account describes a coronation feast. I Chron. 12:38-40

C. Why did it take so long for David to be made king? v. 4-5

1. The people should have recognized him much sooner.
2. David's journey to the throne has been long and hard. I Sam. 16:13
3. David's hardships prepared him for his future elevation to great responsibility.
4. He writes Psalms about his trials and God's faithfulness. Ps. 59 56 34 57 142
5. The LORD keeps His promise, even if the fulfillment is not immediate. Ps. 52:8-9
6. Thirty seems to be an ideal age at which to take on responsibility. Gen. 41:46 Nu. 4:3 Luke 3:23
7. David reigns for forty years. I Sam. 4:18 I Ki. 11:42 Judg. 3:11 5:31 8:28
8. David's ascent continues. 5:6-7:29

III. How does David's coronation apply to us?

A. How does this passage speak to how we choose our church leaders?

1. The people of God typically do well when led well and poorly when led poorly.
2. The church, like Israel, often chooses fleshly (Saul-like) rulers who fleece and injure God's flock. Ezek. 34:1ff Jer. 10:21 23:1ff 50:6ff
3. Does God still appoint leaders over us? Acts 20:28 Deut. 17:15
4. How can we know whom God has chosen to lead us? I Tim. 3:1-7 Titus 1:5-9
 - a. Leaders should be closely identified with the people they lead. v. 1b
 - b. Leaders should be men with a proven track record. v. 1b-2 I Tim. 2:6
 - c. They must be qualified and gifted.
5. What is the process by which we recognize our leaders? Acts 14:23 6:3 Titus 1:5ff
6. Our leaders are to shepherd the flock of God. Acts 20:28 I Pe. 5:1ff Ps. 23
 - a. Lead. I Ti. 5:17 Ps. 23:2-3 Heb. 13:17 Ro. 12:8 I Th. 5:12 I Pe. 5:3
 - b. Feed. Ps. 23:5 Acts 20:20 6:4 I Ti. 5:17 3:2 II Ti. 4:1ff I Th. 5:12 Titus 1:9
 - c. Care. Ps. 23:1,5b Heb. 12:13 John 10:11-13 Acts 6:4 20:20 I Pe. 5:3
 - d. Protect. Acts 20:29ff I Ti. 1:3,18-20 Titus 1:9,11 3:10 Ps. 23:4 Heb. 13:17
7. Our leaders are under the LORD's authority as defined by His Word.
8. Why doesn't the church have one strong leader or chief like David? I Pe. 5:4
9. Honor and pray for our leaders. Heb. 13:17 I Th. 5:12

B. Does this passage apply to how we choose national leaders?

1. Our constitution requires that the President be a natural born citizen (not a foreigner) with some life experience (at least 35 years old). v. 1-2

2. Our heritage emphasizes that rulers must not act as self-serving despots, but are under the authority of God and the rule of the law. v. 3 Rom. 13:4 I Pe. 2:14
 3. The character of rulers matters. Pr. 16:12 29:4,2b 31:3ff 17:7 20:28b 14:34 28:15
 4. Nations need leaders who will shepherd them instead of fleecing them.
 5. Ultimately God chooses our political leaders – sometimes as a blessing and other times as judgment. Ro. 13:1ff Dan. 2:21 Pr. 21:1
 6. We are to respect and pray for those whom God has placed over us. Rom. 13:1-7 I Pe. 2:13-17 Mark 12:17 I Ti. 2:1ff.
 7. We will be sorely disappointed if we look to human rulers as messiahs.
- C. This passage also illustrates how we need to patiently wait on the Lord. Ps. 37:9 94:3
1. David had to wait a very long time to receive God’s promise. I Sa. 13:14 Ps. 35:17
 2. We can be tempted to be impatient as we wait for our hopes to be fulfilled.
 3. Those who aspire to spiritual leadership must patiently wait on the Lord.
 4. Our hardships are preparing us for what God has for us in the future. Acts 14:22 James 1:2ff I Pe. 2:6ff Heb. 11:13-16,39-40
 5. God’s promises cannot be thwarted, but they may be delayed (from our perspective). Js. 5:7-11 I Cor. 4:5
 6. We are waiting patiently for the return of our great King Jesus. II Pe. 3:9ff

IV. The coronation of David point us to Christ (the Anointed One) our King.

- A. Jesus is fully qualified to be our King. Luke 1:32
1. He shares the same flesh as those He serves. v. 1b Dt. 17:15 He. 2:17,14 Ro. 1:3
 2. Jesus is a proven leader who shepherds His people. v. 2a Mic. 5:4 I Pe. 5:4 2:25 Eze. 37:24 34:23f Ps. 78:70ff Zec. 13:7 Mt. 26:31 Jo. 10:11,16 He. 13:20 Is. 40:1
 3. He is appointed by the Father. v. 2b Deut. 17:15 Is. 42:1 Mt. 12:18 Luke 2:34
 4. Jesus alone is worthy to lead His people (flock). Ps. 24:1ff 74:1 77:20 78:52 80:1 95:7 23:1ff Jo. 1:18 10:11,16 6:39 Ezek. 34:23 37:24
- B. Jesus’ experience is like that of David.
1. He grew and matured in his younger years as preparation for His public work (which began at age 30). Lu. 2:52 3:23 Heb. 5:7-8
 2. Jesus identified His ministry with the inauguration of God’s kingdom. Mk. 1:15
 3. He patiently endured suffering before He entered into His glory. Luke 24:25-26
 4. Those whom He was appointed to rule initially resisted Him. John 1:10
 5. Many who had rejected Him now acknowledge His Lordship. Acts 2:37ff
 6. Jesus establishes a New Covenant with His people. v. 3 Ezek. 34:25ff Jer. 31:31ff
 7. Jesus fulfils God’s promise that David’s kingdom would endure forever. 7:13 Rev. 11:15 Mic. 5:2-5a Ezek. 34:11-16,23-24 37:24 Isa. 55:3-4 II Co. 1:20
- C. Have you submitted to God’s Anointed King? Ps. 2:6 Heb. 13:20

Discussion questions

1. What qualified David to be king over Israel?
2. Do our leaders have to meet the same kinds of qualifications?
3. How can we know whom God has appointed to lead us?
4. How are the duties of our spiritual leaders like those of David?
5. In what ways, if any, can this passage be legitimately applied to our political leaders?
6. What limitations has God placed on the authority of human leaders?
7. In what ways does Jesus meet the qualifications to be king of Israel?
8. In what ways was Jesus’ path to the throne like that of David?
9. In what ways does Jesus surpass David (and all other human leaders)?