

God's servants preaching salvation to all nations of men.

Q. But there is to be trouble at the end of that period and before the coming of Christ, is there not?

A. Yes, an infidel apostacy, as Peter plainly shows, 2nd Peter 3:3-4, "Knowing this first that there shall come in the last days scoffers walking after their own lusts and saying where is the promise of His coming."

Q. Can it be said that this will be David's throne or government which Christ will establish when the restitution of all things shall have been accomplished?

A. Yes, undoubtedly; for it will be over the whole house of Israel *i. e.*, over all Israel who, as Paul assures us, shall be saved. Of course only through faith in the Messiah, for they are not all Israel who are of Israel; that is to say not all who share the temporal blessings promised to Ephraim shall enter into the spiritual kingdom of the saved in Christ. The kingdom will endure forever. Isa. 9:7, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." But I presume this is far enough to go in this direction; we will now return and show that God has never suffered this throne to be vacant as he said. Ezek. 21:27, "Thus said the Lord God; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: this shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him."

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QUESTION. Does not this passage prove that there was to be a cessation of David's line until the coming of Christ?

ANSWER. No, it only refers to the removal of the royal seed from *Jerusalem*, as Matthew Henry admits. If any other meaning be given to it we should have Ezekiel in conflict with himself, for, as shown above he says that after the return of Judah they will have a prince of the seed royal to reign over them.

Q. But the Jews never had a man of David's seed to occupy the throne after the captivity, and they say they have no such person among them to this day. Where then is the Prince Royal to come from?

A. This is a very important question, and unless it can be shown that God has preserved David's line prophecy would be in great confusion. But God has watched over the house of David and although the throne has been *overturned* yet it has not been destroyed; and I would have you observe the repetition of the word *overturn* in this passage; why was it three times repeated?

Q. Is not that explained by the Jewish Rabbis who refer