

2006 Spring Retreat
Christian Assembly of San Gabriel Valley
「 The Kingdom of Priests 」

Message 2 **Zerubbabel, The Signet Ring of God**

I - The Kingdom God Desires - A Kingdom of Priests

1. The Calling at Exodus

Ex 19:6 And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These [are] the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

2. The Reality of Kingdom in the New Testament Era

1Pe 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

II - King and Kingdom

1. Zerubbabel is listed in the King's Geneology - decendant of David, ancestor of Jesus

Mat 1:6 and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

Mat 1:12 After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel,

Mat 1:13 Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, Abiud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor,

Mat 1:14 Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Eliud,

Mat 1:15 Eliud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob,

Mat 1:16 and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

2. King of the Heavenly Kingdom

Luk 1:30 But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God.

Luk 1:31 You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus.

Luk 1:32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,

Luk 1:33 and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end."

Rev 11:15 The seventh angel sounded his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, which said: "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever."

3. King that rules by life and overcomes through resurrection

Luk 23:42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

Mat 28:18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Rev 1:4 John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne,

Rev 1:5 and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,

Rev 1:6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

III - Zerubbabel - the Leader That Returned to Rebuild the City

1. The leader that returned - The destroyed nation and remnants

- Ezr 2:1 Now these are the people of the province who came up from the captivity of the exiles, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had taken captive to Babylon (they returned to Jerusalem and Judah, each to his own town,
- Ezr 2:2 in company with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum and Baanah):
- Ezr 2:64 The whole company numbered 42,360,

2. The leader that rebuilt the city - Restore worship and service

- Ezr 3:2 Then Jeshua son of Jozadak and his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his associates began to build the altar of the God of Israel to sacrifice burnt offerings on it, in accordance with what is written in the Law of Moses the man of God.
- Ezr 3:8 In the second month of the second year after their arrival at the house of God in Jerusalem, Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, Jeshua son of Jozadak and the rest of their brothers (the priests and the Levites and all who had returned from the captivity to Jerusalem) began the work, appointing Levites twenty years of age and older to supervise the building of the house of the LORD.
- Neh 12:47 So in the days of Zerubbabel and of Nehemiah, all Israel contributed the daily portions for the singers and gatekeepers. They also set aside the portion for the other Levites, and the Levites set aside the portion for the descendants of Aaron.

IV - God Will Surely Complete His Work - The Building of the Kingdom of Priests

1. The Lord is very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion

- Zec 1:14 Then the angel who was speaking to me said, "Proclaim this word: This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'I am very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion,
- Zec 8:2 This is what the LORD Almighty says: "I am very jealous for Zion; I am burning with jealousy for her."

2. By the Lord's Spirit, overcome all the difficulties

- Zec 4:6 So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.
- Zec 4:7 "What are you, O mighty mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become level ground. Then he will bring out the capstone to shouts of 'God bless it! God bless it!'"
- Zec 4:8 Then the word of the LORD came to me:
- Zec 4:9 "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this temple; his hands will also complete it. Then you will know that the LORD Almighty has sent me to you.
- Zec 4:10 "Who despises the day of small things? Men will rejoice when they see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. "(These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range throughout the earth.)"

3. The Signet Ring of God

- Hag 2:23 "'On that day,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,' declares the LORD, 'and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,' declares the LORD Almighty."
- Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.