

Ezekiel 37:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

"And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them." The Messianic promise appears again—David's greater son ruling as king-shepherd. Christ perfectly fulfills both roles: king exercising sovereign authority, shepherd providing tender care. The result of Messianic rule is covenant obedience—"walk in my judgments." True kingship produces willing submission, not coerced compliance. Christ's rule transforms hearts, creating love for God's law. This is gospel transformation: Christ's lordship producing joyful obedience.

Historical Context

The Davidic dynasty ended with Zedekiah's capture (586 BC), yet God promises restoration through the Messiah. Jesus claimed this fulfillment: "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11), and "All authority has been given to me" (Matthew 28:18). His kingdom transcends political expectations—a spiritual kingdom of transformed hearts. The early church recognized Jesus as the promised Davidic king, though His kingdom differed from Jewish nationalist expectations. The church experiences His shepherd-king rule now; complete fulfillment awaits His return.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does Christ combine kingly authority and shepherd care in your experience?
2. What does Messianic rule producing obedience teach about gospel transformation?

Interlinear Text

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| וְעַבְדִּי | דָּוִד | מֶלֶךְ | עָלֶיהָ | רוֹעֵה |
| my servant | And David | shall be king | H5921 | shepherd |
| H5650 | H1732 | H4428 | | H7462 |
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| אֶחָד | | לְכָל | וּבִמְשָׁפֵטִי | יְלִכּוּ |
| over them and they all shall have one | | H1961 | H3605 | in my judgments |
| H259 | | | | H1980 |
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| וְחֻקֹּתַי | וְיִשְׁמְרוּ | וְעָשׂוּ | אוֹתָם: | |
| my statutes | and observe | and do | H853 | |
| H2708 | H8104 | H6213 | | |

Additional Cross-References

Hosea 3:5 (Kingdom): Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

Hebrews 13:20 (Parallel theme): Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Isaiah 40:11 (Parallel theme): He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young.

Jeremiah 30:9 (Kingdom): But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

Jeremiah 23:5 (Judgment): Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

Ezekiel 37:25 (References David): And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.

Ezekiel 36:27 (Judgment): And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

John 10:11 (Parallel theme): I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.