

Luke 1:33

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Analysis

Gabriel's prophecy that Jesus 'shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever' and that 'of his kingdom there shall be no end' establishes Christ's eternal kingship. The phrase 'house of Jacob' connects Jesus to Israel's covenant promises while 'for ever' transcends ethnic boundaries to God's eternal kingdom. The emphasis on endless reign distinguishes Christ's kingdom from all earthly kingdoms that rise and fall. From a Reformed perspective, this prophesies Christ's mediatorial kingship that will culminate in delivering the kingdom to the Father (1 Cor 15:24-28). Jesus's reign isn't merely spiritual or future—it began at His resurrection and continues eternally.

Historical Context

Jewish expectation focused on Messiah's political reign over Israel, but Gabriel's words point to an eternal, spiritual kingdom. The promise of endless reign echoes 2 Samuel 7:12-16 where God promised David an everlasting dynasty, fulfilled ultimately in Christ.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Psalms 19:1 — Heavens declare God's glory

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's eternal kingdom differ from Israel's expectations of political messianic rule?
2. What does it mean that Christ's kingdom has no end while earthly kingdoms rise and fall?
3. How should Christ's present kingship shape how we live today?

Interlinear Text

καὶ βασιλεύσει ἐπὶ τὸν οἶκον Ἰακώβ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας
And **he shall reign** **over** G3588 **the house** **of Jacob** **for** G3588 **ever**
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καὶ τῆς βασιλείας αὐτοῦ οὐκ ἔσται τέλος
And G3588 **kingdom** **of his** **no** **there shall be** **end**
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Additional Cross-References

Daniel 2:44 (Kingdom): And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Hebrews 1:8 (Kingdom): But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Daniel 7:27 (Kingdom): And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

2 Samuel 7:16 (Kingdom): And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

Revelation 11:15 (Kingdom): And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Matthew 28:18 (Parallel theme): And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Psalms 45:6 (Kingdom): Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.

Micah 4:7 (Kingdom): And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever.

Daniel 7:18 (Kingdom): But the saints of the most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever.

Galatians 3:29 (Parallel theme): And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.