

Psalm 110
Week Six: Psalm 110: Jesus, Yahweh's Royal Son Rules The Nations
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Review: My goals in this class are to:

- **Explore the biblical and theological rationale for why David wrote this Psalm, with its Messianic expectations. This will require us to go from Genesis all the way through the OT Scriptures to Psalm 110.**
- **Understand and appreciate Psalm 110 itself, and how it anticipates the coming of the Christ.**
- Briefly look at all of the NT passages that quote and allude to Psalm 110 to comprehend and appreciate the importance of it to Jesus and the Apostles.
- Allow Psalm 110 inform our understanding of the person of Christ in relation to us and the world, and to better appreciate what Christ has done for us, and the hope that we have in Jesus.

Davidic Authorship - Mt. 22:41-46 “David in the Spirit” [prophet]; Mk. 12:35-37 “David himself said by the Spirit” [prophet]; Lk. 20:41-44; Acts 2:30-35 “David...being a prophet”)

Matthew 22:41–46 (NKJV)

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?” They said to Him, “*The Son of David.*” ⁴³ He said to them, “How then does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying: ⁴⁴ *‘The LORD said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’*” ⁴⁵ If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his Son?” ⁴⁶ And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day on did anyone dare question Him anymore.

Mark 12:35–37 (NKJV)

³⁵ Then Jesus answered and said, while He taught in the temple, “How *is it* that the scribes say that the Christ is the Son of David? ³⁶ For David himself said by the Holy Spirit: ‘The LORD said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’” ³⁷ Therefore David himself calls Him ‘Lord’; how is He *then* his Son?” And the common people heard Him gladly.

Luke 20:41–44 (NKJV)

⁴¹ And He said to them, “How can they say that the Christ is the Son of David? ⁴² Now David himself said in the Book of Psalms: ‘The LORD said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand, ⁴³ *Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’*” ⁴⁴ Therefore David calls Him ‘Lord’; how is He then his Son?”

Acts 2:29–36 (NKJV)

²⁹ “Men *and* brethren, let *me* speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, ³¹ he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³² This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses. ³³ Therefore being exalted to the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, He poured out this which you now see and hear. ³⁴ “For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he says himself: ‘The LORD said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, ³⁵ Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.” ’ ³⁶ “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

Structure of Psalm 110

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Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”

² [Yahweh] ~~The LORD~~ shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.
Rule in the midst of Your enemies!

³ Your people *shall be* volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of
holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth.

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the order of Melchizedek.”

⁵ The Lord/master *is* at Your right hand;
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He shall execute the heads of many countries.

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[Doug Hayes’ Outline]

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[Brooks, Joyce M., An Exegetical Review of Psalm 110, p.3]

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Yahweh & Adonai = Lord/master

Yahweh is the proper covenant name of God. Adonai is not a name, but a title used of human masters or even husbands (Gen. 18:12; 19:2; 40:1; Ruth 2:13), as well as a title for Yahweh, as in Ex. 34:23 (“the lord Yahweh, God of Israel”).

David speaking/narrating through the Psalm, as if he is observing? Prophetic

V.1: Yahweh said “Sit at My right hand”

1 Kings 22:19 and 2 Chron 18:18

Psalm 2

² The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD/Yahweh and against His Anointed/Messiah, *saying*, ³ “Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us.” ⁴ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The LORD shall hold them in derision. ⁵ Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: ⁶ “Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion.”

V. 1: “Till I make Your Enemies Your footstool”

V. 2: Rod of Your strength out of Zion

V. 2: Rule in the midst of enemies

Homework: With all of this background in mind, Read Psalm 110 every day this week