

# The Deity of Christ the Coming King

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I often hear the statement that nowhere does the Bible specifically say that Jesus Christ is God and equal to the Father in every way. Coming back to that in a moment, I might also reply that nowhere does the Bible specifically state that God is Triune (a Trinity), or attempt to prove that God even exists, or that Jesus is both fully God and fully man; yet these truths are everywhere clearly implied when the text is logically compared and understood. One of the books that contains a wealth of unmistakable implications that Christ Jesus is equal to the Eternal God, One and the same is Isaiah. Both within the prophecy of Isaiah itself, and in prophetic statements compared to the New Testament writings, The Holy One of Israel is clearly both God the Father and Jesus Christ the Lord, depending on the context.

## I. The Deity of Christ in Isaiah: Examples from Isaiah 41-50

- A. Isaiah 41:4 c/w Rev. 22:13, *I the Lord, am the first, and with the last. I am He.*
- B. Isaiah 43:3 c/w 2 Pet 3:2, *I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior;*
- C. Isaiah 43:11 c/w John 4:42, *I, even I, am the Lord, and there is no savior besides Me.*
- D. Isaiah 44:6 c/w Rev. 22:13, *Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and the last, and there is no God besides Me.*
- E. Isaiah 45:12 c/w John 1:1-3, *It is I who made the earth, and created man upon it. I stretched Out the heavens with My hands and ordained all their host.*
- F. Isaiah 45:22-23 c/w Phil. 2:10-11, *For I am God, and there is no other . . . That to Me every knee Will bow, and every tongue will swear allegiance.*
- G. Isaiah 48:12-13 compare with above NT passages, *Listen to Me, O Jacob, even Israel whom I called; I am He, I am the first, I am also the last. Surely My hand founded the earth, and My right Hand spread out the heavens; When I call to them, they stand together.*
- H. Isaiah 50:6-7 compare this passage also with the abuse of Jesus leading to the crucifixion

## II. Jesus is the Savior of Israel/Judah and the Whole World

### A. The Savior of Judah and the whole world:

*Listen to Me, O islands, And pay attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called Me from the womb; From the body of My mother He named Me. 2 He has made My mouth like a sharp sword, In the shadow of His hand He has concealed Me; And He has also made Me a select arrow, He has hidden Me in His quiver. 3 He said to Me, "You are My Servant, Israel, In Whom I will show My glory." 4 But I said, "I have toiled in vain; I have spent My strength for nothing and vanity; Yet surely the justice due to Me is with the LORD, And My reward with My God." 5 And now says the LORD, who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, so that Israel might be gathered to Him (For I am honored in the sight of the LORD, And My God is My strength), 6 He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations So that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth." (Isa 49:1-6 NAU)*

### B. The Final Restoration of Israel:

*Thus says the LORD, "In a favorable time I have answered You, And in a day of salvation I have helped You; And I will keep You and give You for a covenant of the people, To restore the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages; 9 Saying to those who are bound, 'Go forth,' To those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' Along the roads they will feed, And their pasture will be on all bare heights. 10 "They will not hunger or thirst, Nor will the scorching heat or sun strike them down; For He who has compassion on them will lead them And will guide them to springs of water. 11 "I will make all My mountains a road, And My highways will be raised up. 12 "Behold, these will come from afar; And lo, these will come from the north and from the west, And these from the land of Sinim." 13 Shout for joy, O heavens! And rejoice, O earth! Break forth into joyful shouting, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people And will have compassion on His afflicted. (Isa 49:8-13 NAU)*

## New Testament References for Comparison

- A. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev 22:13 NAU)
- B. This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you in which I am stirring up your sincere mind by way of reminder, 2 that you should remember the words spoken beforehand by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior spoken by your apostles. (2Pe 3:1-2 NAU)
- C. Many more believed because of His word; 42 and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world." (Joh 4:41-42 NAU)
- D. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev 22:13 NAU)
- E. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. (Joh 1:1-4 NAU)
- F. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phi 2:9-11 NAU)
- G. See Revelation 22 and John 1 above
- H. See Matthew 26:65—27:33 and related passages