



JESUS – NAME ABOVE EVERY NAME

Rev. 22:16

“The Root and the Offspring of David, and the Bright and Morning Star”

Rev. 22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. **I am the root and the offspring of David, *and* the bright and morning star.**

As we continue considering the different names and titles of the Lord Jesus, tonight we observe the titles contained in Rev. 22:16, “*The Root and the Offspring of David, and the Bright and Morning Star.*”

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Original Word: ῥίζα **Transliteration:** rhiza

Definition: a root **Usage:** a root, shoot, source; that which comes from the root, a descendent.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/4491.htm>

Original Word: γένος **Transliteration:** genos

Definition: family, offspring **Usage:** offspring, family, race, nation, kind.

<https://biblehub.com/greek/1085.htm>

I. THE LORD JESUS FULFILLS THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

2 Sam. 7:8 Now therefore so shalt thou say unto **my servant David**, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, **I took thee** from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over **my people**, over Israel:

9 And **I was with thee** whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great *men* that *are* in the earth.

10 Moreover **I will** appoint a place for my people Israel, and **will** plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

11 And as since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over **my people Israel**, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that **he will** make thee an house.

12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, **I will** set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and **I will** establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build an house **for my name**, and **I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.**

14 **I will** be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

16 And **thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.**

17 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

Psa. 89:3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,

4 Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah. ...

36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

- ❖ The Davidic Covenant is an unconditional covenant that is yet to be fulfilled.
- ❖ The genealogies in Matthew 1 and Luke 3 indicate that Jesus Christ is a physical descendant of David.
- ❖ The Lord Jesus is revealed to be “...**the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David**...”

Rev. 5:5 And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, **the Root of David**, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.

- ❖ In many ways the Davidic Covenant is a continuation of the covenant with Abraham.
- ❖ It's a gracious covenant. God makes unilateral promises.
- ❖ Just as God had promised to Abraham that it would be through a seed, a son of Abraham that the promise would flow, so now we learn that seed, that son is going to be a king.
- ❖ It's going to be David and finally it's going to be a son of David.

- ❖ God promises David that he will have a son to sit on his throne forever, and that that son will be God's son, God's king, God's representative, and that that son will deliver God's people.
- ❖ As believers look to the future, the promise of the Lord Jesus ruling and reigning upon the throne of David should be an encouragement to live life walking by faith.
- ❖ As the world sinks into greater spiritual darkness and chaos, the bright and morning star shines ever brighter.

II. THE LORD JESUS IS THE BRIGHT AND MORNING STAR

- ❖ In the title *Bright and Morning Star, the Lord Jesus* conveys hope and assurance.
- ❖ The morning star is the harbinger of the day. As night falls away and a new day dawns, the morning star is the most prominent and beautiful of the celestial bodies.
- ❖ The identification of the “Morning Star” is clouded by other versions of the Bible with satanic counterfeits:

Isa. 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, **O**
Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down
to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

New International Version

How you have fallen from heaven, **morning star,**
son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the
earth, you who once laid low the nations!

English Standard Version

“How you are fallen from heaven, **O Day Star, son of Dawn!** How you are cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! (See 2 Pet. 1:19)

2 Pet. 1:19 We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and **the day star** arise in your hearts:

New American Standard Bible

“How you have fallen from heaven, You **star of the morning, son of the dawn!** You have been cut down to the earth, You who defeated the nations!

Holman Christian Standard Bible

Shining morning star, how you have fallen from the heavens! You destroyer of nations, you have been cut down to the ground.

New American Bible

How you have fallen from the heavens, **O Morning Star, son of the dawn!** How you have been cut down to the earth, you who conquered nations!

<https://biblehub.com/isaiah/14-12.htm>

New World Translation ¹² How you have fallen from heaven, **O shining one, son of the dawn!** How you have been cut down to the earth, You who vanquished nations! <https://www.jw.org/en/library/bible/study-bible/books/isaiah/14/>

- ❖ In many bad translations, Isa. 14:12 is not clearly identified with Satan, and then identifies the morning star with Jesus in Rev. 22:16, equating Satan = Jesus.
- ❖ As the darkness of this evil world gives way to the brightness of God's glorious kingdom, Jesus Himself will capture our attention as the One who ushers in the brand new day.
- ❖ It relates to His second coming. When Venus rises, it means the sun will follow very soon (in a morning, usually within an hour or two, sometimes just a matter of minutes).

- ❖ Christ's coming will mean God's light is about to shine forever on the universe, making all wrongs right, wiping away all tears, and fulfilling Revelation 21, with the creation of the new heavens and new earth, etc.
- ❖ On a long dark night, the appearance of the morning star means daybreak is imminent.
- ❖ In the long dark night of suffering on earth, Jesus, as the morning star, means the eternal morning is about to dawn.
- ❖ Hence, Christ as the morning star is a picture of great promise and hope.

Summary

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CONCLUSION

Zech. 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. ...

9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

2 Cor. 4:6 For God, who commanded the **light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to *give* the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

1 Pet. 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; **that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:**