

# “Born is the King of Israel”

I wonder how many of us really understand what we are singing in many of the songs about the birth of Jesus. These particular words struck me as we sang the “Noel” song together in last Sunday’s gathering. “Born is the King of Israel!”

King of Israel! Not only was He born to be the Redeemer of all mankind, but He was born to be Israel’s King, He is still the King of Israel, and will return to earth to sit on David’s throne in Jerusalem (See Zechariah 14, especially verse 9, Acts 1:6-11).

“Are you the king of the Jews?” Jesus was asked by Pilate just hours before His execution (See John 18:33).

To which Jesus answered, “You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world.”

“The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end,” were the words spoken to Mary on the night of Jesus/Yeshua’s conception (Luke 1:32-33).

This Christ, this Messiah, this Anointed One who came to earth as World Redeemer, is the Israel’s soon-coming King. A Jewish man sits now at the right hand of the Father awaiting the time of His return. He will rule over the earth in a thousand year reign of peace before ushering in a completely restored earth in which God and man live together through all eternity (See Ephesians 1:19-20 regarding Jesus’ present position, Isaiah 65:18-25 to see a future time of peace when men still die, but live exceptional long lives and Revelation 20-22 to find a description of the 1000 year reign and the final battle before eternity).

As we continue to rejoice because the birth of Jesus is being celebrated around the world, let us continue to pray for the coming together of Jew and Gentile in a world of peace, led by Israel’s Messiah and King – Yeshua/Jesus.