

Jesus Is the Root and the Offspring of David (Rev 22:16)

The last recorded revelation from Jesus' mouth is found in Revelation 22:16:

"I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches.

I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

Why does Jesus identify Himself this key way at the very end of Scripture?

1. God Promised David that His Descendant Would Reign Forever

2 Sam 7:12-16 "... I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men....¹⁶ "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.""

2 Chr 21:5-7 Jehoram was thirty-two years old when he became king, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. ⁶ And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, just as the house of Ahab had done, for he had the daughter of Ahab as a wife; and he did evil in the sight of the LORD. ⁷ Yet the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that He had made with David, and since He had promised to give a lamp to him and to his sons forever.

Ps 89:3-4 "I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: ⁴ "Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations."" Selah

Ps 89:34-37 My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. ³⁵ Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: ³⁶ His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me; ³⁷ It shall be established forever like the moon, Even *like* the faithful witness in the sky." Selah

Ps 132:11 The LORD has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: "I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body.

2. God Prophesied that the Messiah Would Descend from David

Num 24:17 "I see Him, but not now; I behold Him, but not near; A Star shall come out of Jacob; A Scepter shall rise out of Israel..."

Is 11:1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots.

Is 11:10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious." (cf. Rom 15:12)

Isa 16:5 In mercy the throne will be established; And One will sit on it in truth, in the tabernacle of David, Judging and seeking justice and hastening righteousness."

Is 53:2 For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness; And when we see Him, *There is* no beauty that we should desire Him.

Jer 23:5 "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

Jer 33:15 "In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

3. Jesus' Genealogies Confirm His Connection to David

Mt 1:1 The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham:

Mt 1:6 and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by her *who had been the wife* of Uriah.

Mt 1:17 So all the generations from Abraham to David *are* fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon *are* fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ *are* fourteen generations.

Mt 1:20 But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David..." (cf. Lk 1:27; 2:4)

Lk 3:31 *the son of Melea, the son of Menan, the son of Mattathah, the son of Nathan, the son of David,*

4. People in Israel Understood the Messiah's Connection to David

Mt 9:27 When Jesus departed from there, two blind men followed Him, crying out and saying, "Son of David, have mercy on us!" (cf. Mt 15:22; 20:3-31)

Mt 21:9 Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' Hosanna in the highest!" (cf. Mt 21:15)

Mt 22:42(-45) saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "*The Son of David.*" (Acts 2:29-34)

Jn 7:42 "Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the seed of David and from the town of Bethlehem, where David was?" (cf. Mt 12:23)

5. This Was a Key Factor in the Announcement and Arrival of Jesus

Lk 1:32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.

Lk 1:69 And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of His servant David,

Lk 2:11 "...born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

6. This Connection Is a Key Factor of Jesus' Identity in the Gospel

Rom 1:3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,

2 Tim 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel,

7. This Connection Is a Continual Highlight as Fulfillment of Prophecy

Rev 3:7 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David,...

Rev 5:5 But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." (and Rev 22:16)