

Psalm 110

This remarkable psalm is one of the most quoted in the New Testament. One scholar ascribes 27 direct or indirect references to Psalm 110 in the New Testament.

This Psalm bears witness to the prophetic intent to its fulfilment in the “Son of David” whom God “raised... from the dead and made... sit at His right hand in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 1:20). This Psalm cannot refer to any other person in history except Jesus Christ; yet it was written 1,000 years before Christ.

Jesus’ interpretation of this Psalm is paramount to unlocking the messianic understanding...

Matthew 22:41-45

*Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question: “**What do you think about the Christ, whose son is He?**” They said to Him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “**Then how does David in the Spirit call Him ‘Lord,’ saying,***

‘THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD,

“SIT AT MY RIGHT HAND,

***UNTIL I PUT YOUR ENEMIES BENEATH YOUR FEET”?** (Psalm 110:1)*

If David then calls Him ‘Lord,’ how is He his son?”

Jesus asserted in Psalm 110:1 that David was speaking of someone greater than David since no carnal “son of David” could be greater than “the Lord.” David prophetically attributed the words to Yahweh (the Lord), the Messiah, David’s Lord.

David had some understanding of the Trinity. David starts Psalm 110 by stating, “**The LORD said to my Lord.**” And here is the messianic connection... The **LORD** (Yahweh), the covenant God of Israel, spoke to One that David himself called **Lord** (Adonai). One commentary explains, “Yahweh is the Triune God, with references to the persons of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit each being Yahweh. However, when Yahweh is mentioned without specific connection to the person of the Son or the Holy Spirit, the reference is to God the Father. Here God the Father is speaking to the Messiah, God the Son.”

David continues this Psalm by ascribing a conversation between God (Yahweh) and God the Son (Adonai) whereby the Son is recognized and honored, established as an eternal priest, and will judge all nations.