

## The Sceptre

**Nu 24:17** I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.

**Es 4:11** All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days.

According to the law of the king, if you were not called to come and you came into the presence of the king, if he did not hold out the sceptre to you; your sentence was death.

**"and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel"** Notice here that Sceptre is capitalized signifying that it is representative of a name. We know that that capitalized Sceptre is speaking of Christ from the New Testament scripture in: **Heb 1:8** But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

Notice that it says **"a Sceptre shall rise"** Christ Jesus came and finished the work of salvation by grace for all the Father gave unto him. He is now risen and returned to the Father's throne in heaven.

Thinking about the end of time and the judgement of all mankind; we see God the Father sitting on the throne of God, with God the Son at his right hand. We see God the Father holding forth the Sceptre, Christ Jesus, to all that have obtained eternal salvation **"Es 4:11 except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live"** This thought helps us to understand the scripture in: **Mt 11:28** Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Those who enter into the eternal rest are those who have believed the Word of God as seen in: **1Jo 5:13** *These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.*

This name, Christ Jesus, is the only name whereby men may have eternal life, in the eternal heaven. **Ac 4:12** *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

The saddest thought is, that at the end of time, those who did not believe on the name of the Son of God will not have the sceptre held out to them and this shall bring to them death; eternal death and an eternity in the lake of fire.

Aren't you glad for the grace of God and the golden Sceptre? Lord help mine unbelief; that I be among that number to whom the Sceptre is extended.

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