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2 Samuel 23:1-7

These are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Psalm 132:1-13

1 LORD, remember David, *
and all the hardships he endured;

7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool."

2 How he swore an oath to the LORD *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with joy.

3 "I will not come under the roof of my house, *
nor climb up into my bed;

10 For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.

4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
nor let my eyelids slumber;

11 The LORD has sworn an oath to David; *
in truth, he will not break it:

5 Until I find a place for the LORD, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

12 "A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.

6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephrathah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.

13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies
that I shall teach them, * their children will sit
upon your throne for evermore."

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 18:33-37

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”