





The War Scroll



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their enemies were the "Sons of Darkness"**

**Essenes waited in the desert for the imminent
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Literally: *If the salt has*
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Romans 1:21-22

The world is dark (21).

The world is foolish (22).

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And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church. . .

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Acts 28:23

Colossians 1:13

These usages highlight the *confrontational* character of the gospel. By his death, resurrection, and ascension Christ has inherited the title above all titles—that of Lord (Philippians 2:9-11). In the Roman world of Paul's day the word **kurios** (lord) was regularly used to denote the political-social superior above all other superiors. . . . From the Roman perspective there was only one lord of the world, the Roman Caesar.

But according to the Christian gospel, he and all other kings now have a rival Lord who wears a crown that out-rivals all the lords of the earth, before whom every knee will bow and every tongue will confess his Lordship to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, to *do the work of an evangelist* (II Timothy 4:5) is not simply to tell people “how to be saved;” to evangelize is to proclaim, to announce, from the housetops that Jesus Christ is Lord of lords. And to announce that Jesus Christ reigns as King and Lord of the universe is to announce to the Caesars of this world that they do not.

To proclaim Christ's lordship is to *confront* all the petty pretensions of the religious and secular pagan lords of this world with his true and sovereign Kingship which demands heart submission.

--Robert Reymond, *Paul: Missionary Theologian* (85)

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the *wisdom* which none of the rulers of this age has understood; for if they had understood it they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of those
 who bring good news
 who proclaim peace,
 who bring good tidings,
 who proclaim salvation,
 who say to Zion,
 Your God reigns!

--Romans 10:15 (Isaiah 52:7)



