



JESUS
THE TRUE KING

Patient Zero – Ebola

- In reference to the 2014 West Africa Ebola outbreak:

“In a disease outbreak, it's important to find the first person to become infected with the pathogen — called “patient zero” — because knowing that person's history can help researchers determine how and when the outbreak started, said Dr. William Schaffner, a professor of preventive medicine and infectious diseases at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee.”



Patient Zero – Ebola

- In this Ebola instance - being able to trace how and where a subsequent outbreak started in Nigeria enabled them to quickly trace who had been possibly infected by contact, and quarantine them – before it got out of control
- In the case of Ebola – a ‘cure’ is not currently available
- **Control is the goal**



Patient Zero – Sin

- Sin is a deadly disease
 - Infection rate is 100% - “All have sinned...”
 - Humanly speaking there is no cure. Death rate 100% - “Wages of sin is death...”
- “Control” is possible
 - God said to Cain: *“You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.”*” (Genesis 4:7, NLT)



Patient Zero – Sin

- My Premise:
- Understand ‘patient zero’ for sin, and how it spreads – the damage can be limited
- Studying 10 Kings in the Old Testament , all infected with sin
 - Do they ‘manage’ sin?
 - Does sin ‘manage’ them?
- Most important: The only hope is The King of kings - Jesus



Patient Zero – # 1 - ????????



Patient Zero – # 1 - Satan

- Little known of his origin
- Imagery in two passages – surprisingly passages denouncing kings!
- Passages switch from denouncing the human king to denouncing the true force behind them – Satan
- The language is about more than a human
- It gives us insight into how the ‘disease’ of sin entered the world
- Satan twists the heart of man and spreads the disease



Patient Zero – # 1 - Satan

- **Ezekiel 28:12-17** pew bible pg. 607
- King of Tyre (Satan)
- In Eden v 13
 - A guardian cherub v 14
 - Blameless v 15
 - Sinned v 15
- He was entrusted with great responsibility and became proud v 17



Patient Zero – # 1 - Satan

- **Isaiah 14: 4, 12-15 Pew Bible pg. 493**
 - King of Babylon (Satan)
 - “I will” 5 x
 - “I will make myself like the Most High...” v 14
- The glorious Morning Star entrusted with much
- Declares himself God



Patient Zero – # 2 – Adam

- **Genesis 3:4- 5**

““You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.””

(Genesis 3:4–5, NLT)

- Rulers of the earth – entrusted by God - Adam and Eve seek to be like God
- And so death spread to all men



Patient Zero – # 2 – Adam

- The disease – Sin – in the heart
 - Pride, selfishness, independence
- No 'cure' but it can be 'controlled'
- David 'controlled' it
 - Man after God's heart
 - In his heart – sought to obey – lived by faith
 - Became the benchmark- standard of a good king
 - A picture of the Messiah – The King of kings



Jeroboam

- **1 Kings 11:30-40 pew bible pg. 247**
 - Solomon was an epic failure – severe idolatry
 - God's judgement – divided kingdom
 - Solomon's son- Rehoboam – gets 2 tribes
 - Jeroboam 10 tribes
- Jeroboam – entrusted by God
 - God promises him a dynasty
 - Rule like David – keep my commands!
 - God promises: I give you rule , I provide, I protect you!



Jeroboam – A Severe infection

- **1 Kings 12:25-33 Pew Bible pg. 248**
 - Protects the kingdom and the people – smart move! Good move! V 25
 - “says in his heart” ... v 26
 - I do not trust the Lord
 - I must control worship
 - I must protect my kingdom
 - I must control the people
 - Gets bad advice v 28
 - Sets up idols, priesthood, false feasts
 - Bethel is only 15 K from Jerusalem!



Jeroboam – A Severe infection

- As David was the benchmark or standard for a good king
- Jeroboam becomes the benchmark for evil
- All of the Kings of Israel- Northern kingdom are evil
- All the kings follow his pattern
- For 13 Kings it says “he walked in the ways of Jeroboam...”



Two Symbols – Two Kingdoms

- David became a symbol of Christ – the Heavenly Kingdom of God
- Jeroboam became a symbol of Satan – The earthly kingdom of darkness
- At the core it is about pride, selfishness and independence
- A choice made in the heart
- What a heritage to leave!
- **What is my heart heritage? What will be said of me?**





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Jesus: The Heavenly King!

The King of kings

- The hope for a cure:

“But why are you now screaming in terror? Have you no king to lead you? Have your wise people all died? Pain has gripped you like a woman in childbirth.” (Micah 4:9, NLT)

“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.” (Micah 5:2, NLT)



The King of kings

- The hope for a cure

“Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”” (Matthew 2:1–2, ESV)



The King of kings

- What does the King of kings do? Serve Himself or the Father? Pride? Independence or....?

“And he led Him up and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, “I will give You all this domain and its glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. “Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD AND SERVE HIM ONLY.’ ”” (Luke 4:5–8, NASB95)



The King of kings

- What does the King of kings do? Serve Himself or the Father? Pride? Independence or....?

“So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.” (John 6:15, NASB95)



The King of kings

- What does the King of kings do? Serve Himself or the Father? Pride? Independence or....?

“Therefore Pilate entered again into the Praetorium, and summoned Jesus and said to Him, “Are You the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Are you saying this on your own initiative, or did others tell you about Me?” Pilate answered, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered You to me; what have You done?”” (John 18:33–35, NASB95)



The King of kings

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“Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting so that I would not be handed over to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm.” Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say correctly that I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.”” (John

18:36–37, NASB95)



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Jesus last words.....

“And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, INTO YOUR HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.” Having said this, He breathed His last.”
(Luke 23:46, NASB95)

No pride, no selfishness, no independence –

The incurable disease was dealt a death blow!



The Control and the Cure

- **What should I do?**
- The disease is incurable , it is deep in my heart
- Abandon self and put simple faith in the King of kings



The Control and the Cure

- **What should I do?**

*“One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” **Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”** Jesus answered him, “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise.””* (Luke 23:39–43, NIV84)



The Control and the Cure

1. **Recognize my need and hopelessness – my connection to ‘patient zero’!**
2. **Believe on the King of kings – He gives us a new heart**
3. **Then, daily abandon pride, selfishness, independence and any thought I have anything to offer**
4. **Choose in my heart – daily – to live for the heavenly King**





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