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Colors

Gold - The King's Scepter

There is a strong correlation in the scriptures between the color or metal, gold, and the subject of kings or kingdoms. Fourteen times in the Old Testament the word, sceptre is used to indicate a rod representing the authority of the King. One time in the New Testament it is used to represent the authority of Jesus Christ, our King.

Gold is associated with the sceptre in the case of the Medo-Persian King Ahasuerus:

1. Est. 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."
2. Est. 5:2 "And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre."
3. Est. 8:4 "Then the king held out the golden sceptre toward Esther. So Esther arose, and stood before the king,"

The law was that the person who dared come before the king without having been called was to be put to death. The exception was that the person would be given mercy and not put to death if the king held out the golden sceptre. In the above case, Esther, the queen went into the king's presence and the king held out the golden sceptre and Esther's life was spared.

The sceptre was sometimes used in the Old Testament to testify of the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and thus that he was coming as a King with authority:

1. Gen. 49:10 "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be."
2. Num. 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."

3. Ps. 45:6 "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. 7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows. 8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia, out of the ivory palaces, whereby they have made thee glad."

Ps. 45:6 is quoted 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." This leaves us no doubt that the Lord Jesus Christ has a kingdom and that he reigns with authority in that kingdom. He is the possessor of the true "golden sceptre" of the kingdom of God. He reigns and rules in righteousness.