

Emotionally Free

Narnia Narrative for Counseling

by Rita Bennett

The C.S. Lewis's Narnia stories say something that I have rarely, if ever, heard from a church pulpit. That is, Believers have a "now and in the future" identity in Christ as – royalty.

It is such good news, and so different from the normal message to the Body of Christ that it takes C.S. Lewis in his Narnia fiction, to be able to bring it to the table. Sometimes the miraculous and supernatural in the Word of God can only be received comfortably in a fictionalized manner.

The first book of the series, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* gives us this good news. Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy are the children who are investigating their elderly uncle's upstairs and while trying on the winter fur coats in a large walk-in wardrobe, find that a door opens in the back that whisks them into a land called Narnia. Finding themselves in a snowy scene, they are very happy for the coats!

A casual reader might think that this is just an interesting, imaginary story with no real purpose. But I believe it is much, more.

- First of all, these four children are sent here to become kings and queens over this country where they will rule and reign. They will eventually serve with their great leader, Aslan the Lion, who is a type of the Lion of Judah.

- There is a huge problem in that the White Witch has taken over God's property of Narnia and her wicked presence causes it to be cold and dangerously winter all the time. Her great plan is to break up the incoming kings and queens by causing one of their own to defect to her side. That person is Edmund who is deceived by her cold beauty and her deceptive, flattering ways. She also hooks Edmund with a special addictive candy "Turkish Delight" that she uses to control him further.

- The next problem is that in order for the land to come under Aslan and the Royal Children's rule, and the power of darkness to be broken, someone has to give his life to save this rebellious child from earth. The only perfect, willing, and capable Being to do this is Aslan.

The Witch is only too happy to tie the submissive, humble Lion to the large flat rock so she and her goblins can kill him. They march around the rock cackling and

They all gather to see the coronation of Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy. The royal children in their crimson and white robes, walk forward to bow before King Aslan who sets sparkling gold crowns upon their heads. He touches them on each shoulder with the sword of the Word and truth. Everyone is cheering. There is peace in the kingdom of Narnia at last, and all other kingdoms of the world.

Aslan stands on his hind legs and lets go with the biggest roar one can imagine. Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, all animals, and the children all breakout with applause and with rejoicing.

This story is also about you and me, as God has truly called us to rule and reign with Christ. You can find more about it in the oldest and greatest book in the world, the Holy Bible.

NARNIA NARRATIVE HELPS

How could this story of Narnia help us?

Sometimes on our fallen planet, physical or emotional problems can take the joy out of life. Depression may set in, making a person feel that he's reached a dead-end street, "No where to go from here." Christians, who not aware of God's plans for one's future, may feel there is no reason to go on.

It would be a great disservice to fail to teach others how to prepare themselves for the reign of Christ. We have a lot to do to get ready, as we dig into the study of the sixty-six books of the Bible, and put what we have learned into practice. The Bible is the only Book that shows us the most successful and joyful way to live now, and the most exciting, fruitful, way to live after this life.

It's a bigger story than I have time to fully share. [CONTINUED ON PAGE 2]

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cheering when they have killed the King.

- But the Witch doesn't realize that there will soon be a great miracle. Aslan, three days later will come back to life. She never dreamed that his death and resurrection would break her evil power over Narnia.

After Aslan's resurrection, the snow begins to melt as spring arrives. The trees come back to life, and flowers begin to blossom. The birds delight in singing and the squirrels chatter.

Edmund has repented, is set free, and joins the other royal children and King Aslan. Everyone, including all the animals of Narnia, rejoice together.

Narnia Narrative

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My new book, *Heaven Tours – Astonishing Journey* can help.

No, death is not the end of our story. We have a future ahead. We too will rule and reign with Christ, the Messiah on this earth, bringing peace, joy, and purpose at last. And that's not fiction this time, but fact.

SCRIPTURES TO CONFIRM

Now let's look at some of the scriptures that help to confirm our kingship:

"... You received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, 'Abba, [Daddy] Father.' The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are children of God. And if children, then heirs; heirs of God and joint-heirs with Christ" (Romans 8:15b-17a KJV MOD).

"... From Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen (Revelation 1:5-6 NKJV).

"To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, even as I also overcame, and sat down with My Father on His throne" (Revelation 3:21 KJV MOD).

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was committed unto them" (Revelation 20:4a KJV).

"Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and they shall reign with Him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:6 KJV MOD).

HELPING YOUR CHILDREN

You can personalize these scriptures as a Christian by putting in the personal pronoun. For example: "I received the Spirit of adoption by whom I cry out, 'Abba [Daddy] Father.'" (It's good to speak these words aloud.)

Children and adults can also draw pictures of the Narnia Story or the significant scriptures. Help your children put their pic-

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tures up on their bedroom doors with the dates for the Series of Narnia chapters. Have the father or mother read each chapter of C.S. Lewis's book on *Narnia*—aloud to the family gathered.

Those who like drama could act out some or all of the chapters. You could offer to present a play at your church or perhaps at children's church, or Vacation Bible School.

AVOID THE RUSH

Ruling and reigning as royalty with our King Jesus Christ, the Lion of Judah is an awesome truth. Wouldn't we be wise to begin preparing for our future – now?

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*Jesus came to earth
 gentle as a Lamb.
 He's coming back
 mighty as a Lion,
 the Lion of Judah,
 King Jesus!*

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*"One of the elders said to me
 'Weep not: behold the Lion of
 the tribe of Judah, the Root
 of David, has triumphed...'"*

REV. 5:5 KJV MOD.