

DIGGING DEEPER

David Resurrected

Text: 2 Sam. 7:1-17

INTRODUCTION:

I. THE DAVIDIC COVENANT (2 SAM. 7)

- A. **With the nation unified, the Philistines subdued, and the Ark of the Covenant resting in the Tabernacle, all was at peace for the first time since David's anointing.**
- B. As God had blessed him to move from tents to a house, **David wanted to bless God by building the Temple to replace the Tabernacle.** He told the prophet Nathan of his intention, and at first the prophet said that David should do what was on his heart.
- C. However, during the night, God spoke to Nathan. Nathan delivered the message to David. In essence, **God said, "You want to build me a house? I have not ever dwelt among you in a house; I have met with you in the Tabernacle, a tent. Have I ever asked anyone to build me a house? Let me tell you what: I will build you a house."**
- D. Then the Lord through his prophet gave to David words recorded in **2 Sam. 7:12-16** that have been labeled the Davidic Covenant. This promise of God is of great importance of Israel and to Christians.

"When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I removed from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."

Notice the promises the Lord made.

1. **One of David's natural sons would inherit David's throne after him.**
2. **That son will be allowed to build a House of God.**
3. **God will establish the throne of His kingdom forever.**
4. **God will be his Father, and he will be God's son.**
5. **God will discipline him as necessary, but the mercy of the Lord will not depart from him as it did with Saul.**
6. **The house of David will be established forever.**
7. **The throne of David will be established forever.**

It is very significant that three times in this Davidic Covenant, the Lord says "forever." This covenant has promises that are important far beyond Israel, far beyond the age of the

church, far beyond history. We will consider these implications as we look at David's future.

II. DAVID'S FUTURE

A. Each of the following prophetic passages refer to David and/or Israel in the future. This is interesting because they were given by the Holy Spirit to the prophets long after David was dead.

1. Jer. 30:8-11 ⁸ 'For it shall come to pass in that day,' Says the LORD of hosts, 'That I will break his yoke from your neck, And will burst your bonds; Foreigners shall no more enslave them. ⁹ But they shall serve the LORD their God, And David their king, Whom I will raise up for them. ¹⁰ 'Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,' says the LORD, 'Nor be dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar, And your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, And no one shall make *him* afraid. ¹¹ For I *am* with you,' says the LORD, 'to save you; Though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, Yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, And will not let you go altogether unpunished.'

God promises that foreigners will no longer enslave Israel and Judah, that the seed of those carried captive will return to their homeland, and that they will serve the Lord and David their king whom God will raise up!

2. Ezek. 34:23-31 ²³ I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken. ²⁵ "I will make a covenant of peace with them, and cause wild beasts to cease from the land; and they will dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. ²⁶ I will make them and the places all around My hill a blessing; and I will cause showers to come down in their season; there shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷ Then the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. They shall be safe in their land; and they shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. ²⁸ And they shall no longer be a prey for the nations, nor shall beasts of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make *them* afraid. ²⁹ I will raise up for them a garden of renown, and they shall no longer be consumed with hunger in the land, nor bear the shame of the Gentiles anymore. ³⁰ Thus they shall know that I, the LORD their God, *am* with them, and they, the house of Israel, *are* My people," says the Lord GOD. ³¹ "You are My flock, the flock of My pasture; you *are* men, and I *am* your God," says the Lord GOD.

God says that one day He will establish David as the shepherd over Israel. The Lord will be their God and David will be their prince. In those days Israel will be freed from her enslavement and shall have peace and rest in their land. The area around Zion will be especially blessed. They shall be safe from man and beast, shall not hunger anymore, and shall not be ridiculed by the Gentiles any more.

3. Ezek. 37:21-28 ²¹ "Then say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; ²² and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. ²³ They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God. ²⁴ "David My servant *shall be* king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they

shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. ²⁵ Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David *shall be* their prince forever. ²⁶ Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. ²⁷ My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ²⁸ The nations also will know that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.””

The Lord declares that He will take the children of Israel from among the nations of their captivity and bring them back to their own land where He will unite them into one kingdom under one king. There will be no more idolatry or sin; they will be God's people and He will be their God. David will be the king over them, and they will live according to God's law. God will set up a sanctuary in their midst and the nations will know the Lord sanctifies (sets apart) Israel.

4. Hosea 3:4-5 ⁴ For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or *sacred* pillar, without ephod or teraphim. ⁵ Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.

After many days without a king or sacrifices being offered, Israel shall return and seek the Lord and David their king. They will live fearing the Lord in the latter days.

5. Zech 12:1 – 13:1

Zech 12:2, 10, 13:1 ² “Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. ¹⁰ “And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. ¹ “In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.

The Lord says that there is coming a day when the nations shall attack Jerusalem and Judah but He will destroy them. The Lord then tells them that afterward, He will pour out the Spirit of grace and supplication and they will look on “Me whom they pierced” and mourn. On that day, God says, that a fountain shall be opened to cleanse the people.

- B. **These passages are just a small sampling of numerous O.T. prophetic passages that speak of the reestablishment of Israel as the people of God who live obedient to the Lord in their land of peace and safety.** They are promised to be the prince of the nations in a world ruled by God while their nation serves Him under the shepherding hand of King David.
- C. **It is hard for anyone to argue credibly that these prophecies have already been fulfilled.** The return of the remnant and subsequent rebuilding of Jerusalem and the temple at no time produced a period that even approximated the golden age of Israel described in these passages.
- D. **Therefore, most students of Scriptures believe the fulfillment of these prophecies and promises of the Lord are yet future.** At this point, conservative students of the Bible diverge. Although there are many variations, there are two primary streams of interpretation:
1. **One view is that these prophecies made about Israel are allegorical of the state of all believers in the eternal age.** Those who hold this view believe that the promises made to Israel and Judah defaulted to the church after the cross and that the church is the “New Israel.” They believe the reign with Christ pictured in Rev. 20:1-10 is

symbolic of conditions in heaven which everyone who trusts in Christ, Jew and Gentile alike, shall enjoy for eternity.

2. **Another view (and my own) is that these prophecies will be fulfilled literally, most of them in the end times or the latter days.**
 - a. **Those who hold this view believe that the Jews will be regathered to the land of Israel preceding and during seven years of tribulation.**
 - b. **At the end of the seven years, Christ will return and rescue Jerusalem and Israel from the armies of the antichrist.**
 - c. **The antichrist will be cast into the Lake of Fire, his followers slain, and Satan chained in the pit (Tartarus).**
 - d. **The returning risen Christ will appear to the Jews and they will look on Him whom they pierced. God's grace will be poured out upon them, and they will trust in Christ and be forgiven of their sins.**
 - e. **They and other Gentiles who trusted in the Lord during the tribulation and lived through it, will enter the Millennial Kingdom, a time when Christ rules over the earth as He lives upon it.**
 - f. **His capital will be Jerusalem; and Israel will be the chief nation of the earth.**
 - g. **Believers in Christ who have died (O.T., N.T., and tribulation saints) will be given assignments of authority and responsibility in this thousand year kingdom to rule and reign with Christ. This will include King David, who many believe will be given responsibility for Israel, under the supreme rule of the Lord Jesus Christ.**
 - h. **Edenic conditions will be restored to the earth; agriculture will prosper, and animals will return to their original gentle state. By the end of the thousand years, every specific promise made to Israel will have been fulfilled.**

CONCLUSION: The Bible is an intricately woven tapestry with each thread in its perfect, proper place, offering to us a glorious picture of the revelation God wants all people to have of Himself, of His ways, and of His plan.