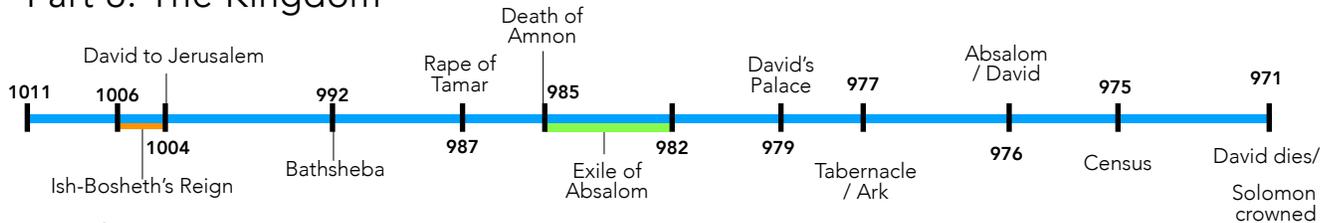


Making Promises

Part 6: The Kingdom



Review

- David set up a tent which housed only the ark. David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings to consecrate the tent, but the Mosaic tabernacle continued to operate in Gibeon throughout David's reign.
- Michal took exception to David's dancing in front of the ark. But Michal, mentioned three times as the daughter of Saul (vv.16, 20, 23), would end her life childless thus the house of Saul was finally cut off.
- The Lord halted David's plans to build a temple by revealing through the prophet Nathan that not only would David not be the builder of Yahweh's house, but that Yahweh was going to build David an everlasting kingly lineage.

Kingly Covenant

- What is being said by the sequence of chapters 6 and 7, is that **Yahweh's kingship** must be first provided for before the question of **Israel's** can be taken up. Only when such an acknowledgement of **Yahweh's rule** has been made may the possibility of a firmly established Israelite royal line be discussed.
 - ▶ David had captured Jerusalem and had brought the ark into the city, and God had given him **rest** from all his enemies (**2 Sam. 7:1**). God reminds David that since the time he brought Israel out of Egypt he has moved with the people in the **tabernacle**, and he has been with him wherever he went and has defeated David's enemies (**2 Sam. 7:4-9**).
- God then makes eight promises to David:
 1. He promises to make for David a **great name** (**2 Sam. 7:9**).
 2. He promises to appoint a **place** for his people (**2 Sam. 7:10**).
 3. He promises to give them **rest** from their enemies (**2 Sam. 7:11**).
 4. He promises to give David **offspring** after him (**2 Sam. 7:12**).
 5. He promises to establish **the kingdom** of that offspring (**2 Sam. 7:12**).
 6. He promises to establish his **throne** forever (**2 Sam. 7:13**).
 7. He promises to be a **father** to David's offspring (**2 Sam. 7:14**).

8. He promises to **discipline** him when he commits iniquity (**2 Sam. 7:14**).
- Although the Hebrew term for “**covenant**” is not found in this chapter, Scripture elsewhere does refer to this promise as a covenant (**2 Sam. 23:5; Ps. 89:3**). The Davidic covenant had also been anticipated in the **Mosaic covenant (Deut. 17:14–20)**.
 - ▶ The Davidic king would be the expression of God’s **theocratic rule** in Israel. He was to reflect the righteous rule of the divine King. He was also to lead Israel in the **faithful observance** of the Mosaic law.
 - ▶ The Abrahamic covenant had promised **a realm** and **a people** for God’s kingdom. The Mosaic covenant provided **the law** of the kingdom. The Davidic covenant now provides **a human king** for the kingdom.
 - ▶ God’s creational purpose to establish his kingdom with his image-bearer **exercising dominion** now reaches a new stage in its progressive accomplishment.
 - In **Gen. 49:10**, Jacob had prophesied that the scepter would belong to the tribe of **Judah** until the coming of the one to whom such royal status truly belonged. This prophecy finds its initial fulfillment in the establishment of the Davidic kingship.
 - ▶ The Davidic covenant becomes the foundation for the **messianic prophecies** of the later prophets. The throne of David was a representation of the throne of God itself. The relationship is so close that the throne of David is referred to in Scripture as the “throne of Yahweh” (**1 Chron. 29:23**).
 - ▶ With the coming of the Davidic monarchy, then, God’s kingdom had already come to some extent, but it remained **a shadow** of a greater future reality.
 - ▶ As the monarchy eventually began to slide into wickedness, the prophets began to understand the promises of the Davidic covenant as having an **end time fulfillment**.
 - ▶ The prophets taught that David’s **booth** would be repaired (**Am. 9:11-12**); a Davidic child would establish his throne with **justice** and **righteousness (Is. 9:6–7)**; a branch from the **stump of Jesse** would yet create an ideal kingdom (**Is. 11:1–9; Je. 23:5; Zc. 3:8**), and the promises that had not yet been fulfilled would be fulfilled in the future (**Isa. 7:13–25; 16:5; 55:3; Jer. 30:8; 33:14–26; Ezek. 34:20–24; 37:24–25; Hos. 3:5; Zech. 6:12–13; 12:7–8**).
 - ▶ Ultimately, these messianic hopes would be fulfilled in **Jesus**, the true Son of David (**Matt. 1:1; Acts 13:22–23; 15:15-18**).

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2 Sam. 7:1	Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies,
2 Sam. 7:4-9	4 But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, 5 "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: Would you build me a house to dwell in? 6 I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. 7 In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ' 8 Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.
2 Sam. 7:9	And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.
2 Sam. 7:10	And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly,
2 Sam. 7:11	from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.
2 Sam. 7:12	When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.
2 Sam. 7:13	He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.
2 Sam. 7:14	I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men,
2 Sam. 23:5	"For does not my house stand so with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. For will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?
Ps. 89:3	You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:
Deut. 17:14-20	14 "When you come to the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you possess it and dwell in it and then say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me,' 15 you may indeed set a king over you whom the Lord your God will choose. One from among your brothers you shall set as king over you. You may not put a foreigner over you, who is not your brother. 16 Only he must not acquire many horses for himself or cause the people to return to Egypt in order to acquire many horses, since the Lord has said to you, 'You shall never return that way again.' 17 And he shall not acquire many wives for himself, lest his heart turn away, nor shall he acquire for himself excessive silver and gold. 18 "And when he sits on the throne of his kingdom, he shall write for himself in a book a copy of this law, approved by the Levitical priests. 19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read in it all the days of his life, that he may learn to fear the Lord his God by keeping all the words of this law and these statutes, and doing them, 20 that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he may not turn aside from the commandment, either to the right hand or to the left, so that he may continue long in his kingdom, he and his children, in Israel.
Gen. 49:10	The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.
1 Chron. 29:23	Then Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord as king in place of David his father. And he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.
Am. 9:11-12	11 "In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, 12 that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name," declares the Lord who does this.

<p>Is. 9:6-7</p>	<p>6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.</p>
<p>Is. 11:1-9</p>	<p>1 There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. 2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. 3 And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, 4 but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. 6 The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. 9 They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.</p>
<p>Jer. 23:5</p>	<p>"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.</p>
<p>Zech. 3:8</p>	<p>Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch.</p>
<p>Is. 7:13-25</p>	<p>13 And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? 14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. 15 He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. 16 For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. 17 The Lord will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father's house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria!" 18 In that day the Lord will whistle for the fly that is at the end of the streams of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. 19 And they will all come and settle in the steep ravines, and in the clefts of the rocks, and on all the thornbushes, and on all the pastures. 20 In that day the Lord will shave with a razor that is hired beyond the River—with the king of Assyria—the head and the hair of the feet, and it will sweep away the beard also. 21 In that day a man will keep alive a young cow and two sheep, 22 and because of the abundance of milk that they give, he will eat curds, for everyone who is left in the land will eat curds and honey. 23 In that day every place where there used to be a thousand vines, worth a thousand shekels of silver, will become briers and thorns. 24 With bow and arrows a man will come there, for all the land will be briers and thorns. 25 And as for all the hills that used to be hoed with a hoe, you will not come there for fear of briers and thorns, but they will become a place where cattle are let loose and where sheep tread.</p>
<p>Is. 16:5</p>	<p>then a throne will be established in steadfast love, and on it will sit in faithfulness in the tent of David one who judges and seeks justice and is swift to do righteousness."</p>
<p>Is. 55:3</p>	<p>Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.</p>
<p>Jer. 30:8</p>	<p>"And it shall come to pass in that day, declares the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and I will burst your bonds, and foreigners shall no more make a servant of him.</p>

<p>Jer. 33:14–26</p>	<p>14 “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 15 In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.’ 17 “For thus says the Lord: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, 18 and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever.” 19 The word of the Lord came to Jer.: 20 “Thus says the Lord: If you can break my covenant with the day and my covenant with the night, so that day and night will not come at their appointed time, 21 then also my covenant with David my servant may be broken, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and my covenant with the Levitical priests my ministers. 22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered and the sands of the sea cannot be measured, so I will multiply the offspring of David my servant, and the Levitical priests who minister to me.” 23 The word of the Lord came to Jer.: 24 “Have you not observed that these people are saying, ‘The Lord has rejected the two clans that he chose’? Thus they have despised my people so that they are no longer a nation in their sight. 25 Thus says the Lord: If I have not established my covenant with day and night and the fixed order of heaven and earth, 26 then I will reject the offspring of Jacob and David my servant and will not choose one of his offspring to rule over the offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them.”</p>
<p>Ezek. 34:20–24</p>	<p>20 “Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, 22 I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.</p>
<p>Ezek. 37:24–25</p>	<p>24 “My servant David shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd. They shall walk in my rules and be careful to obey my statutes. 25 They shall dwell in the land that I gave to my servant Jacob, where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children’s children shall dwell there forever, and David my servant shall be their prince forever.</p>
<p>Hosea 3:5</p>	<p>Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days.</p>
<p>Zech. 6:12–13</p>	<p>12 And say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, “Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord. 13 It is he who shall build the temple of the Lord and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on his throne. And there shall be a priest on his throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.” ’</p>
<p>Zech. 12:7–8</p>	<p>7 “And the Lord will give salvation to the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem may not surpass that of Judah. 8 On that day the Lord will protect the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them on that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the angel of the Lord, going before them.</p>
<p>Matt. 1:1</p>	<p>The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.</p>
<p>Acts 13:22–23</p>	<p>22 And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king, of whom he testified and said, ‘I have found in David the son of Jesse a man after my heart, who will do all my will.’ 23 Of this man’s offspring God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.</p>
<p>Acts 15:15–18</p>	<p>15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, 16 “ ‘After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, 17 that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who makes these things 18 known from of old.’</p>