

# Making Promises

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## Part 6: The Kingdom

### Review

- God then makes eight promises to David, including making his name great, giving his people a place and rest from their enemies, providing male offspring for David, and establishing his kingdom and throne forever.
- 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.
- God's creational purpose to establish his kingdom with his image-bearer exercising dominion now reaches a new stage in its progressive accomplishment.

### Kingly Covenant (cont'd)

- 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**).

## Biblical Theology

- An important concept in biblical theology is the theme of **rest**. The thread is opened from the earliest pages of the creation narrative where on the **seventh day God rested**.
  - ▶ There is significance that the word used for God 'putting' Adam 'into the garden' is not the usual Hebrew word for '**put**' (**śûm**) but is the word typically translated as '**to rest**' (**nûah**) (**Gen. 2:15**). Adam was to begin to reflect the sovereign rest of God and that he would achieve a consummate rest after he had faithfully performed his task of '**working and keeping**' the garden.
  - ▶ Though Adam and Eve failed to adequately stay in God's rest due to their disobedience, God promises Israel that he will one day, once again, give them rest **from their enemies** (**Gen. 22:17; Exod. 23:22; 2 Sam. 7:11**). The children of Israel came to associate **the promised land** with entering into God's rest, where they would be free from said enemies (**Deuteronomy 12:8-11**).
  - ▶ The children of Israel under Moses, however, failed to enter into God's rest due to **their unbelief** in God's promise of the land as their inheritance (**Heb. 3:16-19**). Joshua also fails to give the people of God rest from their enemies (**Heb. 4:8**).
  - ▶ Once in the land, the nation of Israel had two significant pieces missing in order to return to the Edenic rest of ages past: **eradicating their enemies**, and **dwelling** in the land with **the Lord**. Once the Lord gives David rest from his enemies, he wants to build the Lord a house (**2 Sam. 7:1-2**).
- It appeared that in David and his offspring, particularly in **Solomon**, God was fulfilling his covenant promises to re-establish his kingdom. Israel, like Adam, **subdued** the nations and enjoyed rest from their enemies (**1 Kgs 8:56**).
  - ▶ Israel **dwelt securely** in their land, experienced God's blessing and presence as well as the **blessing of the nations**, and they enjoyed their status as God's treasured possession, a **kingdom of priests** who mediated God's rule and presence to the world.
  - ▶ In the end, **Jesus** becomes the anticipated **king**, bringing both **peace** and **dominion** to his people (**Matt. 11:28-30; 1 Pet. 2:9; Rev. 14:11-13**).

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<b>Genesis 49:10</b>	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.
<b>1 Chronicles 29:23</b>	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.
<b>Amos 9:11–12</b>	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.
<b>Isaiah 9:6–7</b>	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.
<b>Isaiah 11:1–9</b>	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.
<b>Jeremiah 23:5</b>	"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.
<b>Zechariah 3:8</b>	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.
<b>Isaiah 7:13–25</b>	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.
<b>Isaiah 16:5</b>	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."

<b>Isaiah 55:3</b>	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.
<b>Jeremiah 30:8</b>	"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.
<b>Jeremiah 33:14–26</b>	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 Jeremiah: 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 Jeremiah: 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."
<b>Ezekiel 34:20–24</b>	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.
<b>Ezekiel 37:24–25</b>	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.
<b>Hosea 3:5</b>	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.
<b>Zechariah 6:12–13</b>	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." '
<b>Zechariah 12:7–8</b>	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.
<b>Matthew 1:1</b>	The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
<b>Acts 13:22–23</b>	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.
<b>Acts 15:15–18</b>	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.'

<b>Genesis 2:15</b>	The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.
<b>Genesis 22:17</b>	I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of his enemies,
<b>Exodus 23:22</b>	"But if you carefully obey his voice and do all that I say, then I will be an enemy to your enemies and an adversary to your adversaries.
<b>2 Samuel 7:11</b>	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.
<b>Deuteronomy 12:8-11</b>	8 "You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes, 9 for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that the Lord your God is giving you. 10 But when you go over the Jordan and live in the land that the Lord your God is giving you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you live in safety, 11 then to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, and all your finest vow offerings that you vow to the Lord.
<b>Hebrews 3:16-19</b>	16 For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? 17 And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? 19 So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.
<b>Hebrews 4:8</b>	For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on.
<b>2 Samuel 7:1-2</b>	1 Now when the king lived in his house and the Lord had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, 2 the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent."
<b>1 Kings 8:56</b>	"Blessed be the Lord who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant.
<b>Matthew 11:28-30</b>	28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."
<b>Rev. 14:11-13</b>	11 And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night, these worshipers of the beast and its image, and whoever receives the mark of its name." 12 Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus. 13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"
<b>1 Peter 2:9</b>	But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
<b>Ex. 19:5-6</b>	5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; 6 and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."