

Making Promises

Part 6: The Kingdom

Review

- Everything that Yahweh had promised to the patriarchs and Moses was now being invested in the house of David, in order that the whole world might profit spiritually and participate by faith in that kingdom now being established.
- Solomon's building of the temple is the climax of Stephen's survey of Old Testament history in Acts 7. Stephen does not see, however, that Solomon's temple was the final fulfillment of God's promise that David's 'seed' would 'build a house for My name' because no human-built structure could contain the manifestation of God's presence in his end-time temple.
- Theologically, the Davidic covenant is not about exalting David's name but Yahweh's.

The Kingdom of God

- Before many years passed, and following his initial humbling of the Philistines at Rephaim, he overcame the **Moabites**, certain Aramaean states such as **Zobah** and **Damascus**, and the **Edomites** east of the Dead Sea (**2 Sam. 8:1-8, 13-14**).
 - ▶ Metheg-ammah, whose name means "**Bridle of the Mother City**," most likely refers to the Philistine capital, **Gath**. The capital city was often referred to as the mother city, and surrounding cities as daughters; the bridle represented control or authority (**1 Chr 18:1**).
 - ▶ This extended the borders of Israel from deep in the Negev in the south to the **Euphrates River**, with the exception of **Phoenicia**, with which he was allied, in the north.
- David and his seed have been granted kingship for the **security** and **welfare** of Israel; Yahweh has promised him rest from all his enemies. Now in 2 Samuel 8 Yahweh fulfills his promise to David. The victories over Moab and Edom may also be taken as a fulfillment of **Num. 24:17-19**.
 - ▶ Since David is Yahweh's **chosen king**, David's kingdom is Yahweh's **kingdom** in its introductory, visible form. Wherever David reigns, there the kingdom of God holds sway.
 - ▶ But David's neighbors were not longing for his **jurisdiction**; David must strike down his enemies to establish **his kingship**. All this, however, is not David's achievement but Yahweh's gift, for Yahweh saved David wherever he went (**2 Sam. 8:6, 14**).

- David collected wealth and spoils from conquered or subservient peoples, amassing treasure: **gold** shields from Hadadezer's officers and piles of **bronze** from his towns; articles of **silver**, gold, and bronze from Toi, king of Hamath, via his son Joram; and all this added to the silver and gold taken from all the nations he had **subdued** (**2 Sam. 8:9–12; 1 Chron. 18:9–10**).
 - ▶ David **consecrated it to Yahweh**; the wealth of the nations belonged to its rightful Owner (v. 11). David surely set it apart for the **house** his successor would build for Yahweh (**2 Sam. 7:13; 1 Chron. 22:14–16**).
 - ▶ David's kingdom is a **foreshadowing** of the kingdom at the last: all the wealth of the nations will come to Yahweh (**Isa. 60; Hag. 2:6–9; Rev. 21:24, 26**).
- Toi, king of Hamath, does not have to be **struck down**. Rather, when he hears how David has struck down Hadadezer, he sends his son Joram to ask for terms of **peace** and to express his delight over David's trouncing of Hadadezer, for Hadadezer had been Toi's perennial antagonist.
 - ▶ Toi exemplifies another pattern in the Bible's **kingdom doctrine**. If there are rulers and nations that war against Yahweh's kingdom, there are also some who lay down their arms and seek peace under his kingdom (**Isa. 45:22–23; 56:6–8; 66:18–24; Mic. 4:1–4; Jer. 3:17–18; Zeph. 3:9–10; Zech. 2:10–11; 8:20–23; Ps. 2:10–12**).
- Encouraged by his great increase in material prosperity, David took steps to be as **benevolent** as possible to his friends, especially the survivors of **Saul's family**. One of the sons of **Jonathan**, named Mephibosheth, he took into the protection of the palace and sustained the remainder of his life as a token of his friendship for his dearest friend (**2 Sam. 9:1–13**).
 - ▶ Mephibosheth was five when he suffered his tragic injury when his father Jonathan was killed at Mt. Gilboa (**2 Sam. 4:4**). It has now been **15–20 years** since David had entered into a covenant with Jonathan (**1 Sam. 20:14–17, 42**).
 - ▶ David promises Mephibosheth: (1) **protection** (v. 7a); (2) **provision** (v. 7b); and (3) **position** (v. 7c). As a descendant of the previous rival king, he would ordinarily be thought of as an opponent to the king. The new king always needed to **solidify his position**. (We see it in 1 Kings with Baasha, Zimri, and Jehu (**1 Kings 15:27–30; 16:8–13; 2 Kings 10:1–11**)).
- There are strong parallels between David's devoted love for his enemy, Mephibosheth, and **God's love for his enemies**. There is absolutely no reason why we should be eating continually at the King's table (**Rom. 5:6–10**).

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<p>2 Sam. 8:1-8</p>	<p>1 After this David defeated the Philistines and subdued them, and David took Gath and its villages out of the hand of the Philistines. 2 And he defeated Moab and he measured them with a line, making them lie down on the ground. Two lines he measured to be put to death, and one full line to be spared. And the Moabites became servants to David and brought tribute. 3 David also defeated Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to restore his power at the river Euphrates. 4 And David took from him 1,700 horsemen, and 20,000 foot soldiers. And David hamstringed all the chariot horses but left enough for 100 chariots. 5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hadadezer king of Zobah, David struck down 22,000 men of the Syrians. 6 Then David put garrisons in Aram of Damascus, and the Syrians became servants to David and brought tribute. And the Lord gave victory to David wherever he went. 7 And David took the shields of gold that were carried by the servants of Hadadezer and brought them to Jerusalem. 8 And from Bethah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, King David took very much bronze.</p>
<p>2 Sam. 8:13-14</p>	<p>13 And David made a name for himself when he returned from striking down 18,000 Edomites in the Valley of Salt. 14 Then he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David's servants. And the Lord gave victory to David wherever he went.</p>
<p>1 Chron. 18:1</p>	<p>After this David defeated the Philistines and subdued them, and he took Gath and its villages out of the hand of the Philistines.</p>
<p>Num. 24:17-19</p>	<p>17 I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel; it shall crush the forehead of Moab and break down all the sons of Sheth. 18 Edom shall be dispossessed; Seir also, his enemies, shall be dispossessed. Israel is doing valiantly. 19 And one from Jacob shall exercise dominion and destroy the survivors of cities!"</p>
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<p>2 Sam. 8:14</p>	<p>Then he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom he put garrisons, and all the Edomites became David's servants. And the Lord gave victory to David wherever he went.</p>
<p>2 Sam. 8:9-12</p>	<p>9 When Toi king of Hamath heard that David had defeated the whole army of Hadadezer, 10 Toi sent his son Joram to King David, to ask about his health and to bless him because he had fought against Hadadezer and defeated him, for Hadadezer had often been at war with Toi. And Joram brought with him articles of silver, of gold, and of bronze. 11 These also King David dedicated to the Lord, together with the silver and gold that he dedicated from all the nations he subdued, 12 from Edom, Moab, the Ammonites, the Philistines, Amalek, and from the spoil of Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah.</p>
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<p>2 Sam. 7:13</p>	<p>He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.</p>
<p>1 Chron. 22:14-16</p>	<p>14 With great pains I have provided for the house of the Lord 100,000 talents of gold, a million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond weighing, for there is so much of it; timber and stone, too, I have provided. To these you must add. 15 You have an abundance of workmen: stonemasons, masons, carpenters, and all kinds of craftsmen without number, skilled in working 16 gold, silver, bronze, and iron. Arise and work! The Lord be with you!"</p>
<p>Haggai 2:6-9</p>	<p>6 For thus says the Lord of hosts: Yet once more, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land. 7 And I will shake all nations, so that the treasures of all nations shall come in, and I will fill this house with glory, says the Lord of hosts. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, declares the Lord of hosts. 9 The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, declares the Lord of hosts.' "</p>
<p>Rev. 21:24</p>	<p>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,</p>

<p>Rev. 21:26</p>	<p>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.</p>
<p>Isaiah 45:22–23</p>	<p>22 “Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. 23 By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: ‘To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.’</p>
<p>Isaiah 56:6–8</p>	<p>6 “And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it, and holds fast my covenant— 7 these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.” 8 The Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares, “I will gather yet others to him besides those already gathered.”</p>
<p>Isaiah 66:18–24</p>	<p>18 “For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, 19 and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. 20 And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the Lord, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the Lord, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the Lord. 21 And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the Lord. 22 “For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the Lord, so shall your offspring and your name remain. 23 From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the Lord. 24 “And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh.”</p>
<p>Micah 4:1–4</p>	<p>1 It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it, 2 and many nations shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 3 He shall judge between many peoples, and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore; 4 but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid, for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.</p>
<p>Jer. 3:17–18</p>	<p>17 At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the Lord, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of the Lord in Jerusalem, and they shall no more stubbornly follow their own evil heart. 18 In those days the house of Judah shall join the house of Israel, and together they shall come from the land of the north to the land that I gave your fathers for a heritage.</p>
<p>Zeph. 3:9–10</p>	<p>9 “For at that time I will change the speech of the peoples to a pure speech, that all of them may call upon the name of the Lord and serve him with one accord. 10 From beyond the rivers of Cush my worshipers, the daughter of my dispersed ones, shall bring my offering.</p>
<p>Zech. 2:10–11</p>	<p>10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion, for behold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the Lord. 11 And many nations shall join themselves to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent me to you.</p>
<p>Zech. 8:20–23</p>	<p>20 “Thus says the Lord of hosts: Peoples shall yet come, even the inhabitants of many cities. 21 The inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, ‘Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the Lord and to seek the Lord of hosts; I myself am going.’ 22 Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of the Lord. 23 Thus says the Lord of hosts: In those days ten men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, ‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.’ ”</p>
<p>Psalm 2:10–12</p>	<p>10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.</p>

<p>2 Sam. 9:1-13</p>	<p>1 And David said, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake?" 2 Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and they called him to David. And the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "I am your servant." 3 And the king said, "Is there not still someone of the house of Saul, that I may show the kindness of God to him?" Ziba said to the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet." 4 The king said to him, "Where is he?" And Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar." 5 Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. 6 And Mephibosheth the son of Jonathan, son of Saul, came to David and fell on his face and paid homage. And David said, "Mephibosheth!" And he answered, "Behold, I am your servant." 7 And David said to him, "Do not fear, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan, and I will restore to you all the land of Saul your father, and you shall eat at my table always." 8 And he paid homage and said, "What is your servant, that you should show regard for a dead dog such as I?" 9 Then the king called Ziba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "All that belonged to Saul and to all his house I have given to your master's grandson. 10 And you and your sons and your servants shall till the land for him and shall bring in the produce, that your master's grandson may have bread to eat. But Mephibosheth your master's grandson shall always eat at my table." Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11 Then Ziba said to the king, "According to all that my lord the king commands his servant, so will your servant do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table, like one of the king's sons. 12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all who lived in Ziba's house became Mephibosheth's servants. 13 So Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, for he ate always at the king's table. Now he was lame in both his feet.</p>
<p>2 Sam. 4:4</p>	<p>Jonathan, the son of Saul, had a son who was crippled in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel, and his nurse took him up and fled, and as she fled in her haste, he fell and became lame. And his name was Mephibosheth.</p>
<p>1 Sam. 20:14-17</p>	<p>14 If I am still alive, show me the steadfast love of the Lord, that I may not die; 15 and do not cut off your steadfast love from my house forever, when the Lord cuts off every one of the enemies of David from the face of the earth." 16 And Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, "May the Lord take vengeance on David's enemies." 17 And Jonathan made David swear again by his love for him, for he loved him as he loved his own soul.</p>
<p>1 Sam. 20:42</p>	<p>Then Jonathan said to David, "Go in peace, because we have sworn both of us in the name of the Lord, saying, 'The Lord shall be between me and you, and between my offspring and your offspring, forever.' " And he rose and departed, and Jonathan went into the city.</p>
<p>Rom. 5:6-10</p>	<p>6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.</p>