

Divine Covenants...the King

1. Read 2 Sam 7:8-17 and 1 Chron 17:8-15. What did God promise to King David?

"I will make you a great name,..." David will have a name of renown (2 Sam 7:9).

"Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever." An eternal dynasty is promised (2 Sam 7:16). This is also repeated elsewhere in the Bible: *"I have made a covenant with My chosen; I have sworn to David my servant, I will establish your seed forever and build up your throne to all generations"* (Ps 89:3-4); *"So I will establish his descendants forever and his throne as the days of heaven"* (Ps 89:29). David's dynasty may cease being a governing authority, but it will not be destroyed or ended. Despite the fact that David's dynasty of governance had stopped for several centuries, the angel Gabriel stated to Mary, *"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end"* (Luke 1:31-33).

"When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom." David's descendant will follow on the throne left by David (2 Sam 7:12). And it is Solomon, David's son with Bathsheba, who is established on the throne.

"He shall build a house for My name, ..." David is promised that his descendant would build the temple, which Solomon does later (2 Sam 7:13).

"...and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." David is promised that the throne of his descendant will endure forever (2 Sam 7:13).

"I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he commits iniquity, I will correct him with the rod of men and the strokes of the sons of men, but My loving kindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you." David is promised that God will love his descendant as a son, disciplining and maintaining loving kindness (2 Sam 7:15-16).

But I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever, and his throne shall be established forever." David is promised that a descendant (the Messiah) will be established in God's Temple and Kingdom forever (1 Chron 17:14).

2. What is the difference between the passage in 2 Samuel and 1 Chronicles?

2 Samuel is primarily about Solomon and God promises that the throne, not Solomon, will be forever. In the genealogy of Jesus, we observe that the Seed does not pass through Solomon.

1 Chronicles is primarily about Christ, a descendant of David. There is no reference to sin or iniquity and God refers to this person in an eternal manner (*"I will settle him in My house and in My kingdom forever,..."*).

3. What is the significance of the Davidic Covenant?

Like the Land Covenant expanding on the promise of land, the Davidic Covenant expands on the Seed aspect of the Abrahamic Covenant. The Abrahamic Covenant promises that the Messiah, the universal blessing, will be a descendant of Abraham. Jacob, in passing out his inheritance, indicates Judah as the receiver of the Seed (Gen 49:8-10). The Davidic Covenant reveals that the Seed will come from the House of David.

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