

## Thursday Evening Bible Study

Series: the End Times – Bible prophecy about future events and periods

### Teaching Summary for Week 16

#### The Kingdom and the Covenants

##### Part 4. The Davidic Covenant

**The Davidic Covenant** is an unconditional, eternal, literal covenant whereby the Lord re-affirms the **seed promises** of the Abrahamic Covenant.

There is a further provision: the seed promises to Abraham will now attach permanently to the historic house and succession of **David**.

The Lord made His covenant with **David** in **2 Samuel 7:12-16**.

There are three aspects to this Davidic covenant:  
his **house**, his **kingdom**, and his **throne**.

**HOUSE** = RULER (David's descendent – the King)

**KINGDOM** = REALM (the nation of Israel)

**THRONE** = RULERSHIP (the right to rule, the authority as King)

By God's grace, these rights, even if historically interrupted for a season, will at last, in a **FUTURE KINGDOM**, be restored to the nation and to the line of David in perpetuity (forever), with no further possibility of interruption.

*16 " Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever."*

## Confirmed

The Davidic covenant is restated and reconfirmed in the following passages (the ones in **bold** have not been read yet):

Isa 9:6-7; Jer 23:5-8; 30:1-10; Eze 37:21-28; **Dan 7:13-14; Hos 3:4-5; Amo 9:11-12; Zec 14:4-16**

## Messianic Significance

The Davidic covenant points forward to **our Lord Jesus Christ**. He is the promised Messiah (anointed King) for the nation of Israel.

The **prophets** connect the Davidic Covenant with the promised Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ. They point forward to Christ, and how He will fulfill the Davidic Covenant in the future. They also make it clear that He will be both God and man. His throne and kingdom will last forever.

## Scriptures:

*Isa 9:6-7*

*6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;*

*And **the government** will rest on His shoulders;*

*And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, **Mighty God,***

***Eternal Father**, Prince of Peace.*

*7 There will be **no end** to the increase of His government or of peace,*

*On the **throne of David and over his kingdom,***

*To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness*

*From then on and **forevermore**.*

*The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.*

*Jer 23:5-8*

5 "Behold, **the days are coming**," declares the Lord,  
"When I will raise up for David **a righteous Branch**;  
And He will **reign as king** and act wisely  
And do justice and righteousness in the land.

6 "In His days **Judah will be saved**,  
And **Israel will dwell securely**;  
And this is His name by which He will be called,  
**'The Lord** [Yahweh] our righteousness.'

7 " Therefore behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "when they will no longer say, 'As the Lord lives, who brought up the sons of Israel from the land of Egypt,' 8 but, 'As **the Lord lives, who brought up and led back the descendants of the household of Israel from the north land and from all the countries where I had driven them.**' Then they will live on their own soil."

Zech 14:3-4

Then **the Lord** will go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fights on a day of battle. 4 In that day **His feet** will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

Zech 14:9

9 And **the Lord will be king over all the earth**; in that day the Lord will be the only one, and His name the only one.

Zech 14:16

16 Then it will come about that any who are left of all the nations that went against **Jerusalem** will go up from year to year to worship **the King, the Lord of hosts**, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

Also: Isaiah 7:14; Psalm 45; **Psalm 72**; Psalm 110; **Amos 9:11-15**; **Micah 5:2-9**;

The **New Testament** reveals how Christ is the promised descendant of David. The New Testament also reveals that the Davidic Covenant will be fulfilled at the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Scriptures:**

*Matt 19:28*

*28 And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the **regeneration** when **the Son of Man** will sit on **His glorious throne**, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.*

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*Luke 1:30-33*

*30 The angel said to her, " Do not be afraid, Mary; for you have found favor with God. 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Him Jesus. 32 "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**; 33 and **He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.**"*

*Luke 24:25-27*

*25 And He said to them, "O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 " Was it not necessary for **the Christ** to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 Then beginning **with Moses and with all the prophets**, He explained to them the things **concerning Himself** in all the Scriptures.*

*Also: Matthew 11:3-5 [with Isaiah 35:5-6; 61:1-4;] Matthew 22:41-46 [with Psalm 110:1]; Acts 2:22-36; Act 13:22-39; Act 15:15-18 [with Amos 9:11-12]; Hebrews 1:6-8 [with Psalm 45]; Revelation 5:5 [with Genesis 49:10 and Isaiah 11:1]; Revelation 22:16.*

### **Importance for Eschatology**

The establishment and confirmation of the Davidic Covenant in the Bible answers several crucial end times questions, including:

1. Is the church the promised kingdom?
2. Is the kingdom a present reality or a future reality?
3. Will the nation of Israel be regathered and restored under the rulership of the Messiah in the future?
4. Will there be a literal millennial kingdom where Messiah will reign on earth?
5. Is the Lord Jesus Christ the Messiah, the descendent of David who will sit on his throne forever?

Let's discuss these together, making sure to cite specific scriptures to support our answers.

### **Prophetic implications of the Davidic Covenant**

The Bible foresees a future literal fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant. This guarantees certain things about Israel's future:

1. Israel must be preserved as a **people**.
2. Israel must be restored as a **nation**, and be brought back to **the land** promised by the Lord.
3. David's Son, **the Lord Jesus Christ**, must literally return to earth in His resurrection body, in order to reign over David's promised kingdom.
4. A **literal, earthly kingdom** must exist over which the returning Messiah will reign.
5. This kingdom must become an **eternal** kingdom. David was promised a **throne, a house, and a kingdom** forever. There must be **no end** to the Messiah's reign over David's kingdom from David's throne.

## Part 5. The New Covenant

**The New Covenant** is an unconditional, eternal, literal covenant whereby the Lord reaffirms the promises to Abraham of **future blessings** for Israel and all the nations of the earth.

The most complete account of the New Covenant is found in chapter 31 of the book of Jeremiah.

*Jer 31:31-40*

*31 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when **I will** make a **new covenant** with the **house of Israel and with the house of Judah**, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the Lord. 33 "But this is the covenant which **I will** make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord, "**I will** put **My law within them** and on their heart I will write it; and **I will** be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 "They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' **for they will all know Me**, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the Lord, "for **I will forgive** their iniquity, and their sin **I will** remember no more."*

*35 Thus says the Lord,  
Who gives the sun for light by day  
And the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night,  
Who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar;  
The Lord of hosts is His name:  
36 "If this fixed order departs  
From before Me," declares the Lord,  
"Then the offspring of Israel also will cease  
From being a nation before Me **forever**."*

*37 Thus says the Lord,*

*" If the heavens above can be measured  
And the foundations of the earth searched out below,  
Then I will also cast off all the offspring of Israel  
For all that they have done," declares the Lord.*

*38 "Behold, days are coming," declares the Lord, "when **the city will be rebuilt** for the Lord from the Tower of Hananel to the Corner Gate. 39 "The measuring line will go out farther straight ahead to the hill Gareb; then it will turn to Goah. 40 "And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields as far as the brook Kidron, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy to the Lord; it will **not** be plucked up or **overthrown anymore forever.**"*

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## **The importance of the New Covenant**

The New Covenant replaces the Mosaic Covenant.

The New Covenant reiterates the unconditional nature of the Abrahamic, Palestinian, and Davidic Covenant in the face of national failure under the Mosaic Covenant (the Law).

The New Covenant guarantees Israel a converted heart and the forgiveness of sins as the foundation of all her blessings.

In the Old Testament, cleansing from sins required a sacrifice of blood. The New Covenant required an acceptable sacrifice to God for its foundation.

The death of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross is that perfect sacrifice. This fact alone makes the New Covenant highly important.

## Provisions of the New Covenant

The following provisions are specified for Israel, the people of the New Covenant, to be fulfilled in the millennium, the period of the New Covenant.

1. The new covenant is an unconditional, grace covenant resting on the “I will” of the Lord. Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 16:60-63. It arises out of the Lord’s everlasting love and grace.

*Ezek 16:60-63*

*60 "Nevertheless, **I will** remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and **I will** establish an everlasting covenant with you. 61 "Then you will remember your ways and be ashamed when you receive your sisters, both your older and your younger; and I will give them to you as daughters, but not because of your covenant. 62 "Thus **I will** establish My covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the Lord, 63 so that you may remember and be ashamed and never open your mouth anymore because of your humiliation, when **I have forgiven you** for all that you have done," the Lord God declares.*

2. The new covenant is an everlasting covenant. Isa 61:4-8; Eze 37:26; Jer 31:35-37.