

Thursday Evening Bible Study

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

Teaching Summary for Week 15

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**.

2 Sam 7:8-17

*12 " 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. 13 " He shall build a house for My name, and **I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever**. 14 " I will be a father to him (Solomon) 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, 15 but My lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 16 " **Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.**"" 17 In accordance with all these words and all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.*

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

A **Kingdom** consists of three essential elements:

- (1) A RULER with authority and power
- (2) A REALM of subjects to be ruled
- (3) Actual exercise of the function of RULERSHIP

This corresponds precisely with what the Lord promised David.

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."

Provisions

1. David is to have a child, yet to be born, who will succeed him and establish his kingdom. (This is both a near and far prophecy).
2. The son (Solomon), instead of David, will build the Temple.
3. The throne of his kingdom will be established forever.
4. The throne will not be taken from him (Solomon) even though his sins justify God's discipline.
5. David's house, throne, and kingdom will be established forever (far prophecy pointing to the Lord Jesus Christ).

Confirmed

The Davidic covenant is restated and reconfirmed in the following passages as well:

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.