

240508-4 2Samuel 7, The Davidic Covenant–CThurman

The ark of the LORD was finally brought to Jerusalem successfully and set in a new tent which David had raised for it. Then David desired to build for the LORD a house (of course this refers to what shall be called Solomon's Temple) in which to dwell; a house in which to place the ark. But the LORD forbid David to build Him a house, house because he was a man of war and had shed much blood. (1Chr.22.8; 28.3) But the LORD would build him a house (a heritage, a succession of sons) and establish his kingdom forever. The LORD would have another to build Him a house, a man of rest and peace; the son of David, Solomon.

In this chapter, the LORD made an unconditional, everlasting covenant with David concerning his house and his kingdom. This is also known as the Davidic Covenant. (2Sa.7.12-16) Understand that from the beginning this house and this kingdom is the same as the LORD's house and His kingdom. There is no difference.

The prophet Nathan speaking the word of the LORD to David:

1Ch 17:14 But I (the LORD) will settle him (Solomon) in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore.

The Lord is building for Himself a house, an heritage of kings and priests, and they shall have a kingdom. This house and this kingdom shall eventually come under the rule of the son (a descendant) of David, the Lord Jesus Himself.

2Sa.7.12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers,

When David's days on earth are fulfilled, and when he dies ...

I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels,

1Chr.17.11 ... *which shall be of thy sons ...*

and I will establish his kingdom.

13 He shall build an house for my name,

(That son, which is Solomon)

(This house is Solomon's Temple.)

and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.
(Solomon's)

The LORD states in literal terms that He would raise up a son of David's and establish his kingdom. David, Solomon, the prophets, and many of Israel, friend and foe understood these things literally.

1Ki 2:24 Now therefore, [as] the LORD liveth, which hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised ...

1Ki.5.1 ¶ And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David.

2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying,

3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house unto the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet.

4 But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, [so that there is] neither adversary nor evil occurrent.

5 And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.

Could read 1Chr.28.1-7

14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will
(Solomon's)

chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:

The LORD promises that should Solomon (or any others of the kings) depart from the way of the LORD, the LORD would chasten him with the rod of men and with the stripes of men. It is in this way that the LORD preserves the house and kingdom of David *in the earth*.

15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took [it] from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

The mercy which the LORD showed to Saul is the mercy of the Holy Spirit being upon Saul to anoint him as king over all of Israel.

*1Sa.10.6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.
7 And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, [that] thou do as occasion serve thee; for God [is] with thee.*

1Sa 16:1 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.

...

13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

14 ¶ But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

So, the LORD promised not to remove from Solomon His mercy to reign over Israel. If Solomon should err, then the LORD would chasten him, and by this correction preserve the house of David and his kingdom.

16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before (David's)

thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

This means that David's lineage and kingdom have an everlasting duration; it has no end. They are perpetual.

The House of David

David's lineage shall never cease to exist. When David thought to build a house (a temple) for the LORD, the LORD instead told him that He would

build him a house (a lineage) and preserve it forever. The lineage of David in the ascension of the Lord Jesus to the throne of David, which is still future.

We know that Joseph, the supposed father of the Lord Jesus, is of the lineage of David. And therefore, the Lord Jesus is the son of David.

Mt 1:20 But while he (Joseph) thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.

Mt 1:1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

Don't miss this, that Christ, the son of David, has both a legal and a real right to the throne of David. He has a legal right to David's throne because He is accounted the son of Joseph, who is in the lineage of David. (cf. Mt.1.6) He has a real right to the throne because he is really the firstborn child of his mother Mary, who is also of the lineage of David. (cf. Lk.3.31)

And the time of our Lord's reign is still future.

Mt 6:10 Thy kingdom come. ...

Re.11.15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become [the kingdoms] of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

16 And the four and twenty elders, which sat before God on their seats, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God,

17 Saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to thee thy great power, and hast reigned.

During the earthly ministry of our Lord, the common people wondered if He was that promised son of David.

Mt 12:23 And all the people were amazed, and said, Is not this the son of David?

Many in that day confessed openly that Jesus was the son of David.

Mt 9:27 And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, [Thou] Son of David, have mercy on us. (cf. Mt.15.22; 20.31, 32; 21.9, 15; 22.42)

The enemies of the Lord Jesus understood that the Messiah would be the son of David, of David's house. So, they believed that God could preserve the seed of David to reign even after Israel's release from Babylonian captivity to their day. They were living in expectation of His coming. The unbelieving Jews of today still live in expectation of the coming of Messiah. They believe that God can preserve one from the tribe of Judah, of the house of David to be King over Israel. But the thing that they rejected then, and still do today, is that Jesus is that One which should come. They preferred another that met the ideals of their own imaginations.

*Mk.12.35 ¶ And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David?
36 For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.
37 David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he [then] his son?*

*Mt.22.41 ¶ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,
42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, [The Son] of David.*

The apostle Paul wrote by inspiration of the Holy Spirit that Jesus is the Son of God.

*Ro.1.1 ¶ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called [to be] an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,
2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)
3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;
4 And declared [to be] the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead ...*

2Ti 2:8 Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my gospel ...

The Lord Jesus confesses Himself to be of David's seed.

Re.22.16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, [and] the bright and morning star.

And He is not a son of David, He is THE son of David. He is the culmination of the covenant that the LORD made to David centuries earlier. The Lord Jesus is the last and everlasting King to sit on this throne.

The Kingdom of David

The Davidic covenant says that David's kingdom, which is the same as Christ's kingdom, shall be forever, everlasting.

David: Ps 145:13 Thy kingdom [is] an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion [endureth] throughout all generations.

Daniel: Dan.2.44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, [but] it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

Da 7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven (extensive), shall be given to the

people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom [is] an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

Luke: Lu 1:31 (The angel Gabriel speaking to Mary.) *And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.*

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Peter: 2Pe.1.10 *Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:*

11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Throne of David

The Davidic covenant says that David's throne is forever.

Dan7.9 ¶ I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment [was] white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne [was like] the fiery flame, [and] his wheels [as] burning fire.

10 A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

...

13 I saw in the night visions, and, behold, [one] like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him.

14 And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion [is] an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom [that] which shall not be destroyed.

The house, the kingdom and the throne of David are not a spiritualized reference to the church of the Lord Jesus. These refer to the house of David which is of the tribe of Judah, to the kingdom which is of the nation of Israel, and the throne of Israel's king.

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16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

Ps.89.1 ¶ «Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.» I (David) will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations. (At this David pronounces the word of the LORD by saying ...)

2 'For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever (never taken from David and his house as it was taken from Saul and his house [2Sa.7.15]): thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant,

4 Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations.' Selah.

...

28 'My mercy will I keep for him (David) for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

29 His seed also will I make [to endure] for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments;

31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments;

32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes.

33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

34 My covenant will I not break (profane, defile, prostitute, pollute), nor alter (to pervert) the thing that is gone out of my lips.

35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David.

1Sa.15.28 And Samuel said unto him (Saul, for rebellion in Amalek.), The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, [that is] better than thou.

29 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he [is] not a man, that he should repent.

36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me.

37 It (His seed, David's seed) shall be established for ever as the moon, and [as] a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.

Jer.33. 17 ¶ For thus saith the LORD; David shall never want (Heb., כָּרַת, 'to be cut off', lit. there shall not be cut off from David ...) a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

18 Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

19 And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,

20 Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

21 [Then] may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

22 *As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.*

Is.9.6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7 Of the increase of [his] government and peace [there shall be] no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Ez.37.21 (The LORD speaking to Ezekiel) And say unto them (the children of Israel), Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

24 And David my servant [shall be] king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, [even] they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David [shall be] their prince for ever.

I understand that a glorified David shall reign over Israel and the glorified Lord Jesus over him and all.

Ho 3:4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days (since Israel's rejection of Christ to His second coming [2 millennia]) without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and [without] teraphim:

5 Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

The Davidic covenant is unconditional. It is unalterable. It is forever; it has no end. It literally belongs to David and his house. It is still future and shall find its ultimate fulfillment in the Lord Jesus Christ.