

GAME OF THRONES

THE REIGN OF DAVID

The Davidic Covenant - An Everlasting Kingdom

Key idea:

The promise of an eternal kingdom is fulfilled in Jesus Christ, David's Son, who builds God's house the Church and rules over the kingdom forever.

Key text:

2 Samuel 7:11–16

“The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a house for you: ¹² When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. ¹⁵ But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.”

Key points:

1. God made a covenant promise to David that one of his offspring would build the Temple of God and rule over the kingdom of God forever.
2. The initial, partial fulfillment of God's covenant promise occurred when Solomon built the Temple in Jerusalem and ruled over the kingdom of Israel.
3. Although David's descendants ruled in Jerusalem over 400 years, they were eventually disciplined for covenant unfaithfulness by being exiled and seeing the Temple in Jerusalem destroyed.
4. The Davidic Covenant is part of the same covenant God made with Abraham, having the same promises and provisions.
5. The Offspring promised to Abraham and David, who would redeem humanity, bring covenant blessings to the nations, build God's House, and rule over God's Kingdom is Jesus.

6. If a person is in Christ, they are heirs of every single covenant promise and provision God has made.

Questions for discussion/application:

1. What part of Sunday's text and teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. Do you think David understood the fullness of the covenant God was making with him? Is the actual fulfillment of the covenant just different - or is it greater than David might have anticipated?
3. How is Solomon a fulfillment of the Davidic covenant? In what sense is he only a type and shadow of the final fulfillment in Jesus?
4. How do we know that the true offspring promised to Abraham and David is Jesus?
5. Bret said, "In God's covenant, Jesus alone is fulfillment and heir of the covenant promises - all others are merely types and shadows." What do you think of this idea? How does this relate to all of God's covenants in the Scripture?
6. What is the true Temple and kingdom that God promises will be built by David's offspring? Where is the Temple of God in the earth today? Who builds that Temple and rules over the kingdom?
7. How do the New Testament writers seem to read the Old Testament promises and covenants? Do you read the Scripture with Christ as its focus and fulfillment?
8. Bret said, "If a person is in Christ, they are heirs of every single covenant promise and provision God has made." What do you think of this idea? Do I pray and live as if this is true? Is there any area where I struggle to believe this is true?
9. Can you think of at least one promise or part of God's covenant that you need to especially meditate upon and pray with boldness to receive as God's gracious provision for you?

Preview of next week:

Title: David's Great Sin

Text: 2 Samuel 11