

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

## I. Intro - Antiques Roadshow

- A. San Diego 2010 - woman has a painting from her dad
- B. The painting was of her grandmother
- C. Painted by Robert Henri - valued at 250-300K!
- D. By 2016 500-700k!
- E. Covenant with David like that - more than meets the eye

## II. The Davidic Covenant - God's House and Kingdom

- A. The key idea - building a house  
The Lord declares to you that the Lord himself will establish a **house** for you: 2 Samuel 7:11
  - 1. The word 'house' is central in this chapter - it occurs 15x in the chapter (palace, house, family in NIV)
  - 2. David wanted to build a house for the Lord, but Yahweh said He would build David's house
  - 3. This play on words includes 2 parts: the **Temple** of God and the **kingdom**  
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.** <sup>13</sup> **He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.** 2 Samuel 7:12-13
    - a. A descendant of David will establish the kingdom
    - b. This descendant will also build the Temple

- c. There will be a Davidic dynasty, and this dynasty will build both the kingdom of God & the Temple of God

## B. The initial fulfillment - Solomon

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- 1. Solomon was one of David's son, from his body
- 2. Solomon is the one who built the great Temple
- 3. Solomon was loved by God but had to be disciplined  
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. <sup>15</sup> But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. 2 Samuel 7:14-15
- 4. This was clearly fulfilled in Solomon and the ones who came after him
  - a. Solomon built the Temple and was wise & powerful
  - b. When Solomon sinned, the kingdom was torn in half
  - c. But Solomon and David's descendants reigned in Jerusalem for 400 years

## C. The problem: an eternal kingdom

He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom **forever...**  
<sup>16</sup>Your house and your kingdom will endure **forever** before me; your throne will be established **forever.**” 2 Samuel 7:13, 16

1. The covenant declares the dynasty will last FOREVER - repeated three times for emphasis
2. Four hundred years is a long time, but it is not FOREVER
3. This is the problem in Psalm 89  
I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered. <sup>35</sup> Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness — and I will not lie to David — <sup>36</sup> that his line will continue forever and his throne endure before me like the sun; <sup>37</sup> it will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky.”  
Selah Psalms 89:34–37
  - a. Whole Psalm is a reflection on 2 Samuel 7
  - b. God made an everlasting covenant with David
  - c. Son of David will rule forever  
But you have rejected, you have spurned, you have been very angry with your anointed one. <sup>39</sup> You have renounced the covenant with your servant and have defiled his crown in the dust. Psalms 89:38–39
    - a. But now the exile has come
    - b. Israel is not at rest in the promised land, the Temple is destroyed, and no son of David on the throne
    - c. Where is the anointed one - the Messiah?
4. Did the covenant fail? How is it forever???

### III. The True Fulfillment of God’s Covenant

- A. The Davidic Covenant is one with the Abrahamic Covenant
  1. The key provisions of the Abrahamic covenant

“I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; **I will make your name great**, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> **I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse**; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”... <sup>7</sup> The Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your **offspring** I will give **this land**.” So he built an altar there to the Lord, who had appeared to him. Genesis 12:2–3, 7

- a. Prestige - great name (v2)
  - b. Protection - bless and curse (v3)
  - c. Posterity - offspring (v7)
  - d. Place - land (v7)
2. The same key provisions in covenant with David  
I have been with you wherever you have gone, and **I have cut off all your enemies from before you**. Now **I will make your name great**, like the names of the greatest men of the earth. <sup>10</sup> And **I will provide a place for my people Israel**... <sup>12</sup> 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... 2 Samuel 7:9–10, 12
    - a. Prestige - make your name great (v9)
    - b. Protection - cut off your enemies (v9)
    - c. Posterity - offspring (v12)
    - d. Place - place for Israel (v10)
  3. The same key words in both covenants  
Then the word of the Lord came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but **a son coming from your own body will be your heir**.” Genesis 15:4

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. 2 Samuel 7:12

- a. Both covenants centered on a seed/offspring (zerah)
- b. Both covenants - 'from your own body'

But Abram said, "**O Sovereign Lord**, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?"... 8 But Abram said, "**O Sovereign Lord**, how can I know that I will gain possession of it?" Genesis 15:2, 8

Then King David went in and sat before the Lord, and he said: "Who am I, **O Sovereign Lord**, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? 2 Samuel 7:18

- a. Abraham and David call God "O Sovereign Lord"
- b. Abraham uses name 2x; David 7x in his prayer
- c. The only 2x in Genesis and the only 7x in Samuel
- d. This shows the two covenants are the same

4. The Davidic covenant and the Abrahamic covenant are really two expressions of God's covenant - they have the same promises and even use the same unusual phrases.

**B. The promised offspring/seed in God's covenant is Jesus!**

The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ. Galatians 3:16

1. Jesus is the Promised offspring of the woman who will crush the Serpents head and bring salvation to fallen humanity (Genesis 3:15)

2. Jesus is the Promised Seed of Abraham through Who the nations are blessed, and who inherits all of the covenant promises (Genesis 12:1-7)

3. Jesus is the Promised Son of David who builds God's Temple, vanquishes God's enemies, and rules on the throne of David eternally (2 Samuel 7:12-13, 16)

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? Hebrews 1:5

- a. Quotes Psalm 2:7 - Messianic Psalm - about Jesus
- b. Quotes 2 Samuel 7:14 and says it is ultimately about Jesus.

4. In God's covenant, Jesus alone is fulfillment and heir of the covenant promises - all others are merely types and shadows.

- a. Isaac is not the Promised Seed of Abraham, but only a type and shadow of the True Seed Jesus
- b. Solomon is not the True Seed of David and Anointed King, but only a type and shadow. Jesus alone is the True Son of David and Anointed Davidic King.
- c. Solomon and the other kings all sinned and failed, and were eventually carried away into exile as punishment. But the True Son of David, Jesus, never sins, and His kingdom is forever!

5. This is why Jesus is the inheritor and giver of every single promise God has made.

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. 2 Corinthians 1:20

C. In Jesus, the Church is true Temple of God and heirs of all God's covenant Promises

1. The Temple of God is not a building but the Church  
**For we are the temple of the living God.** As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and **I will be their God, and they will be my people.**" ... <sup>18</sup> **"I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."** <sup>2</sup> Corinthians 6:16, 18
  - a. The Church is the Temple of God in the New Covenant
  - b. I will be their God and they will be my people - the motto of God's covenant finds ultimate fulfillment in the Church
  - c. Paul quotes 2 Samuel 7:14 and says the Church is the fulfillment and inheritor of this promise through Jesus
2. In Jesus, we are inheritors of God's covenant  
If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Gal 3:29
  - a. If a person is in Christ, they are the seed of Abraham, and heirs of God's promise to him
  - b. This also means they are heirs of God's Promise to David, which is one with the Abrahamic covenant
  - c. If a person is in Christ, they are heirs of every single covenant promise and provision God has made
  - d. If you are in Christ, God gives every covenant promise to Christ, and you receive the blessings and say "Amen!"

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## IV. Applying the Word

### A. Receiving God's Covenant Promises

1. The greatest blessing in life is receiving God's covenant promises and provisions!
2. All of them find their fulfillment in Christ, and they can only be received through Him
3. Am I in Christ? Have I responded to the Gospel with repentance and faith?
4. Am I living as an heir of God's covenant promises?
  - a. God's covenant is greater than we can imagine
  - b. God's promises are not just about temporal stuff, but about bringing His shalom and rule into my life
  - c. Are you, like David, boldly crying out to God to fulfill His covenant promises in your life?

### B. Our covenant meal

1. This is the meal of God's covenant
2. Come and receive God's Covenant provisions

## The Davidic Covenant - An Everlasting Kingdom

2 Samuel 7:11-16 (2 Samuel 7/1 Chronicles 17)

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Genesis 12:2-3

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