



Gospel Community Notes & Questions

Title: The Davidic Covenant

Text: 1 Samuel 7:1-17; 1 Chronicles 17:1-15

Theme: Jesus not only fulfills the promises of God, he expands them to include you.

Outline:

The Storyline (Unifying Theme) of Scripture: God's people in God's place living under God's rule and receiving God's blessing.

Terms of the Covenant:

- I will make your name great.
- I will give my people a place.
- I will give you rest from your enemies.
- I will build you a house/dynasty.
- I will have your son build a house for my name.
- I will raise up your offspring + establish the throne of his kingdom forever.
- I will be a father to your offspring.
- I will discipline your offspring, but . . .
- I will never remove my steadfast love from your house.

Problem: Long before the end of the Old Testament, the Davidic line is completely cut off and no king sits on his throne for centuries.

What's this got to do with Advent?

- Jesus is the promised heir to David's throne.
- Jesus is the everlasting King.
- Jesus both builds the ultimate Temple and he fulfills the purpose and meaning of the Temple.

What's this got to do with you?

As you wait for the Second Advent . . .

- Remember that God probably won't keep his promises when or how you think he should.
- Remember that when God keeps his promises, it's often bigger and better than we've imagined.



Questions to explore individually and with your group:

1. Fifteen years or so passed between David's anointing by Samuel and his coronation as the king of Israel. What do you suppose he was thinking during that time? What would you have been thinking?
2. How did the Davidic Covenant fulfill and expand on the Abrahamic Covenant? How did it reestablish and reinforce the basic storyline of the Bible?
3. Read Psalm 89:20-26. What basic provision of the Davidic Covenant is restated here? How is that pointing to an ultimate fulfillment in Jesus Christ?
4. Read Psalm 89:30-35. What basic provision of the Davidic Covenant is restated here? What hope/confidence do you gain from that principle?
5. Read Isaiah 11:1. What does the imagery of the stump imply about David's line? What happens to the stump – and what is this a prophecy of?
6. How would you explain the significance of the first verse of the New Testament, Matthew 1:1?
7. Given the Old Testament promises about “a righteous Branch” (Jeremiah 23:5-6; 33:14-17) who would reign on David's throne, what did First Century Jews expect their Messiah to be like? How was he different than what they anticipated?
8. What ultimate Temple (“House”) did Jesus build, in fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant? How did he fulfill the purpose and meaning of the Temple? Share how that encourages you.
9. What are some promises God's made to you? How do you know those promises are for you, either personally or collectively? What practical, everyday impact do those promises have on the way you live your life?
10. Share a time when you thought you'd figured out when or how God was going to bless you . . . but then it didn't work out like you expected. How does this week's message help you respond to that disappointment?

Prayer Prompts:

1. Praise the Father for sending the Son to be the promised seed of David.
2. Acknowledge where you aren't living in light of God's yet-to-be-fulfilled promises and acknowledge what effect that's having on your life.
3. Ask God to give you a patient heart and a restful mind as you wait on the Lord to fulfill his promises when and how he wants.