

Handout: 2 Samuel Lesson 3

God's promise to David concerning the Davidic messianic heir fulfilled in Jesus of Nazareth: *He will cry to me, "You are my father, my God, the rock of my salvation!" So I shall make him my first-born, the highest of earthly kings. I shall maintain my faithful love for him always, my covenant with him will stay firm. I have established his dynasty forever, his throne to be as lasting as the heavens.*

Ps 89:26-29

God's message to David in 2 Samuel Chapter 7:5-16

1. It is presumptuous of him to think that God needed a house/temple like pagan gods. God cannot be confined to one place.
2. God has been with David from his youth and will continue to bless David as the Shepherd of His people.
3. Instead of David building God a "house," God will reward David by building him a "house" that is a Davidic dynasty.
4. God will appoint a son of David to succeed him.
5. That son will build God a "house."
6. God will be a "father" to David's son(s) and will never withdraw His covenant love from David's "house/dynasty."
7. David's "house/dynasty" will endure forever.

The covenant with David is called a "non-conditional" or "royal grant covenant" as opposed to a conditional covenant treaty (see Sir 45:25; 47:11). Some covenants have elements of both.

Conditional covenants have an "if" clause: There are blessings for obedience and judgments for disobedience:

- Adamic: blessings = Gen 1:28-30; conditions = Gen 2:15-17; judgments = Gen 3:15-19.
- Sinai: Covenant blessings conditional on obedience to the Law (Ex 19-40); Covenant treaty renewal = book of Dt; commitment = Lev 26:1-2; blessings = Lev 26:3-13; Dt 28:1-14; judgments = Lev 26:14-46; Dt 28:15-69
- New covenant: blessings = Mt 5:1-12; judgments = Mt 23:13-30; 25:31-46; elements of a conditional covenant with baptized believers who must persevere in faith "to the end" in order to be saved (Rom 6:22; Heb 3:6, 14; 6:12; Rev 2:26-29)

Non-conditional covenants:

- Noahide: Gen 9:8-17; Sir 44:17-18
- Abrahamic: Gen 12:1-3; 15:1-21; 17:1-22; 22:16-18; 26:3-5; 28:13-15; 35:11-12; 1 Chr 16:17-18 (but only for Abraham's descendants through Isaac: Gen 17:19-22)
- Aaronic everlasting priesthood: Ex 40:15; Num 18:19; Sir 44:7 (8), 15 (19)
- Phinehas' eternal covenant of peace: Num 25:13; Sir 45:24
- Davidic: unconditional and eternal = 2 Sam. 7:14; 1 Chr 17:14; 2 Chr 3:1; Sir 45:25; 47:11/13 (but only through linear descendants = 1 Kng 2:3-4; 1 Kng 2:4; 11:11-13)
- New Covenant: God's covenant with Christ is unconditional and eternal (Heb 7:21-28)

Kingdoms defeated by David: Philistines, Moabites, Edomites, Aramaeans and Ammonites.

Territory subjugated by David extended from the Euphrates River to the border of Egypt and from the Mediterranean Sea to the Ammonite kingdom in Transjordan, fulfilling God's covenant promise to Abraham: *To your descendants I give this country [land], from the River of Egypt to the Great River, the River Euphrates ... (Gen 15:18).*