

Introduction:

- We have been on the topic of covenant for many weeks now. Things we have learned:
 - Covenant has a language and if you know the language you can recognize covenant in scripture.
 - Covenants involve ceremony. When you understand ceremony of covenant you begin to see God at work all through scripture and see how all of scripture revolves around covenant.
- The covenants we have looked at are: The Adamic Covenant, Noahic covenant, Abrahamic, Mosaic Covenant.
- Covenant is the picture and demonstration of God binding Himself to man.
- Tonight we will look at God's covenant with David and begin the transition to the New Covenant cut with Christ.

I. The Davidic Covenant - 2 Samuel 7

- A. *"When King David was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all the surrounding enemies, the king summoned Nathan the prophet. 'Look,' David said, 'I am living in a beautiful cedar palace, but the Ark of God is out there in a tent!' Nathan replied to the king, 'Go ahead and do whatever you have in mind, for the Lord is with you.'"* (2 Samuel 7:1-3, NLT)
- B. David's accomplishments: In David, the covenants begin to be threaded together.
 1. David was fulfilling the Abrahamic Covenant by conquering lands and expanding Israel's borders.
 2. David returned the ark of Moses covenant to the City of David, Jerusalem. And he prepared a tent for it to dwell in.
 3. His heart was troubled that He was in a palace but the ark was in a tent. At first, Nathan a prophet, says to David, *"Do all that is in your heart to do."* But God redirects him and he redirects David's ambition as God speaks to him.
 - a) *"For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong."* (2 Samuel 7:12, NLT)
 - b) *"Your house and your kingdom will continue before me for all time, and your throne will be secure forever."* (2 Samuel 7:16, NLT)
- C. David wants to build God a house and yet God gives him a promise of a descendant to rule forever in his house.
 1. One of the meanings of 'house' in Hebrew means genealogy or posterity.
 2. God is telling David, "Remember how I spoke that through Abraham my seed would come? Well, I am choosing you, David! And I will make a covenant promise to you." 2 Samuel 7 is mostly about this covenant with David.
- D. The Covenant Cutting Pattern is basically the same as all the others.

1. 2 Sam 7:8 The Greater is identified - The Lord of Heavens Armies.
2. David is reminded of the history that he and God have together. vs 8-9
3. The terms of the covenant are given vs 9-13
4. Blessings and curses: I will be his Father and He will be my son. When he does wrong I will punish him. vs 14-16
5. In vss 13 and 14 God is saying that He will attach His name to the covenant.
6. This event of 2 Samuel 7 is so powerful that in Ps 89 the covenant God makes with David is set to song by Ethan a worship leader of David.
 - a) *"His offspring shall endure forever, his throne as long as the sun before me."* (Psalm 89:36, ESV)

II. The Covenantal Plan Unfolds

- A. David had 19 sons but God declared that the kingdom would go to Solomon's line.
 1. There is much history between the times of Solomon and the times of Joseph and Mary
 2. The short of it is: sin ran rampant through Solomon's bloodline. Hell always does this to defile our lineage. God makes a covenant with David and we see this unfold in
- B. The lineage of Jesus
 1. Matthew 1 we see David's bloodline begin with Solomon and end with Joseph
 2. In Luke 3:31 we see David's bloodline begin with Nathan (Solomons brother) and end with Mary. Joseph son of Heli, (Joseph son-in-law of Heli).
 - a) Luke 1:26 The angel Gabriel is sent to Mary.
 - b) *"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David,"* (Luke 1:32, ESV)
 - c) Without Joseph in the picture, Mary has no problem with the words of the angel of her being in the lineage of David. Her issue is... she is a virgin, so how will this happen??? The power of the Holy Spirit will come upon you! Ok, be it unto me as you have said!
 3. Both Joseph and Mary are of the lineage of David. Can't be argued that Jesus is not of the lineage of David. Joseph, as Jesus' stepdad, is of the lineage of David. And Mary is of the lineage of David.
 - a) Let us not forget that Joseph and Mary had other sons but only one was conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus, the first born.
 - b) But the God gets the last word: *"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."* (Luke 1:32-33, ESV)
 - (1) Son of the Most High

- (2) God will give to Him the throne of David
- (3) He will reign forever and of His kingdom there will be no end!
- c) Peter in Acts picks up on this: *""Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, " 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool!" "" (Acts 2:29-35, ESV)*
 These things were spoken a thousand years earlier!
- (1) 2 Sam 7:12 I will raise up your offspring.
- (2) I will establish the kingdom of his throne forever.

III. The Sum Of The Matter

Lets walk it back...look at the facts:

- A. Jesus, the Messiah of the New Covenant, had been born.
- B. In Jesus, the Davidic covenant was secured. And in Jesus, the final king to sit upon the throne forever was given.
- C. In Jesus, the Abrahamic Covenant had found the Seed that would truly bless all humanity.
- D. In Jesus, the Adam covenant had finally sprung forth the Offspring of Eve that would crush the serpents head!
- E. Everything is pointing to Jesus! Son of Man Son of God!
- F. The Mosaic covenant becomes the Old Covenant because it was now obsolete.

Conclusion:

- Starting next Wednesday we will begin looking at the most powerful covenant ever known to man.