

“AS I PROMISED DAVID”

INTRODUCTION

The title of this lesson comes from a statement in 1 Kings 9:5, where God speaks to Solomon about what He had promised regarding David and the “kingdom”, and the “throne.” The Old Testament records five (5) major promises concerning David that we shall explore, that were not fulfilled in David’s lifetime. These promises related to the kingdom with reference to the coming Messiah. IF these promises have been fulfilled, then the entire system of “premillennialism” is **false**. These 5 promises to or about David are all fulfilled through Jesus Christ, as God promised David. God cannot lie His promises have been fulfilled.

DISCUSSION

I. 1st, God’s promise concerning the THRONE OF DAVID.

Isa., 9:6-7: “For unto us a child is born, Unto us a Son is given: And the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end. Upon the **throne of David** and over His kingdom. To order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.” (NKJV)

- A. This promise about 700 B.C. is of One to sit on David’s throne in the future.
- B. God’s angel said this was to be fulfilled by Christ. Luke 1:32-33
 - 1. This is the **only** throne ever promised Christ.
 - 2. This throne of David is actually **God’s** throne.
 - a. It was **established** when David was king.
 - b. It continued with David’s successors ON the throne,
 - 1) Solomon sat on David’s throne. 1 Kings 1:46-48; 2:12
 - 2) Solomon sat on his own throne, for HE was reigning.
 - 3) Solomon also sat on God’s throne. 1 Chron. 29:23
 - 3. So, Christ is **NOW** reigning on this throne IN HEAVEN—FULFILLING God’s promise through Isaiah, as the LORD of hosts promised. Acts 2:30, 33-35

II. 2nd, God’s promise concerning the SEED OF DAVID.

2 Sam. 7:12-13: “When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your **seed** after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He will build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.” (NKJV)

- A. Here is Nathan’s promise that the kingdom **and** the throne would be established by the “seed” of David.
 - 1. 1st, this referred to David’s immediate successor to the throne—Solomon his son,.
 - 2. 2nd, it referred ultimately and primarily and spiritually to Jesus Christ. Heb. 1:5; Acts 13:22-23
- B. Peter tells us that this **seed** promise is fulfilled.
 - 1. 1st, it is fulfilled in CHRIST. Acts 2:30; cf Gal. 3:16
 - 2. 2nd, it is fulfilled while David is “asleep”. 2 Sam. 7:12-13; Acts 2:29-30
 - a. This means that the kingdom would be established AFTER the death of David (while he slept).
 - b. It also means that the kingdom would be established BEFORE the resurrection of David—while he **still** slept.
 - 3. 3rd, it is fulfilled at the resurrection of Christ—NOT the second coming. Acts 2:31

- a. This means that the kingdom **must** be established before the resurrection.
 - b. This means that advocates of a future kingdom after Jesus comes are mistaken.
4. 4th, Peter said it HAS BEEN done, on Pentecost day. Acts 2;33, 36

III. 3Rd, God's promise concerning the SURE MERCIES OF DAVID.

Isa. 55:3: "Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you—The **sure mercies of David.**" (NKJV)

A. This promise was recorded by Isaiah around 700 B.C.

B. Paul declares that **this** promise was fulfilled in Christ. Acts 13:32-38

1. This was in reference to Christ's resurrection, as also confirmed in the Psalms. Acts 13:33; Psa. 2:6-7; 16:10
2. This is while David is **still asleep** in physical corruption. Acts 13:36
3. This promise pertained to the GOSPEL and SALVATION. Acts 13;32, 38; Mark 16:15-16

IV. 4th, God's promise concerning the TABERNACLE OF DAVID.

Amos 9:11-12: "'On that day I will raise up the **tabernacle of David**, which has fallen down. And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins. And rebuild it as in the days of old: That they may possess the remnant of Edom. And all the **Gentiles** who are called by My name,' Says the Lord does this thing.'" (NKJV)

A. Amos made this prophecy in the Old Testament about 760 B.C. by the prophet Amos.

1. The word "tabernacle" means "tent" or "building," and it sometimes used figuratively. Cf Heb. 9:1-33, 24
2. The church today **IS** God's house. 1 Tim. 3:15; Heb. 10:21
3. The promise was to make room for Gentiles in the house of God. Amos 9:12

B. James tells us that **this house** existed in the first century to fellowship the Gentiles in the church, quoting from the prophecy of Amos. Acts 15:13-18

V. 5th, God's promise concerning the KEY OF DAVID.

Isa. 22:22-23: "The **key of the house of David** I will lay on his shoulder: So he shall open, and no one shall shut; And he shall shut, and none shall open. I will fasten him as a peg in a secure place. And he will become a glorious throne to his father's house."

A. Once again, Isaiah makes this Messianic prophecy about 700 B.C.

1. Now remember, the passage that talked about the "throne" of David now speaks of the "government" that would be upon the shoulder of the One on the throne. Isa. 9:6-7
2. Now, in Isa. (the same prophet) says the **key** would be laid on His shoulder.
3. Hence, the "key" refers to the "government" that One has who sits upon David's throne IN THE KINGDOM.
4. Christ has all glory in the church. Tit. 2:13; Eph. 3:21; 5:27

B. Christ states that **HE** has the “key of David”, and that He can shut and no man can open, and can open and no man can shut—the same language Isaiah uses in our text. Rev. 3:7

CONCLUSION

- I. These five (5) promises give interesting insight to the relationship that David and Christ had to the kingdom of God.
 - A. What God planned through Christ was through David’s offspring, as patterned after David’s authority and power over the kingdom of Israel.
 - B. If David **did** have power in olden times, Christ **does** have all of His power NOW—as began on Pentecost day in Acts 2.
 - 1. Jesus told the apostles that He **does** have all power, or authority. Matt. 28:18
 - 2. The keys to the kingdom were used to unlock the kingdom, which ultimately would include fellowship with the Jews IN the kingdom.
- II. The privilege is yours today, to be **in** the kingdom of God, with the hope of heaven.
 - A. Advocates of the “coming kingdom”, that many many denominations hold, are looking for something that shall never be—a literal kingdom for 1000 years with Jesus **then** reigning on David’s throne in Jerusalem.
 - B. Long ago, Jesus declared that His kingdom was “not of this world.” (John 18:36)
 - C. That kingdom is in existence now, described interchangeably with the “church.”
 - D. Why not be born again, of the water and Spirit, and become a citizen of that kingdom?

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