

# THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

## 2 Samuel 7:1–17 • Brian Brodersen

**Introduction:** As we have seen, Joshua conquered the land of Canaan and allotted it to the tribes of Israel. Israel served the Lord during the life of Joshua and the elders who outlived him.

But then a new generation arose that didn't know the Lord, and they followed the ways of the Canaanites and worshiped Baal. This led to their being oppressed and subjugated by the surrounding peoples—Moabites, Ammonites, Amalekites, Midianites, the Philistines, and others.

In his mercy, God would raise up judges who would deliver Israel from their oppressors, most notably Deborah, Gideon, Samson, etc. The last person in the line of the judges is Samuel. Under Samuel's rule, the people long for a king in order to be like the other nations. God grants their request, and through Samuel, Saul is anointed the first king of Israel. Their request for a king was a sign of their rejection of God reigning over them.

Saul, the son of Kish of the tribe of Benjamin, starts well as king, but pride gets the better of him, and he ends horribly, being rejected by God and dying at the hand of the Philistines, bringing his short-lived kingdom to an end. During Saul's reign, we are introduced to a young man to whom the promise given to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Judah will pass, and through whom the blessing of Abraham will be brought to all people—David. Most people know David as the boy who slew the giant, and although that was significant in the history of Israel and the life of David, it pales in comparison to the covenant God will later make with David.

### Read 2 Samuel 7:1–17

The reign of Solomon; the divided kingdom. Israel, Judah, and the Prophets. Most of the prophets will carry out their ministry during the time of the divided kingdom, rebuking both Judah and Israel for their idolatry and sin, calling the kings and the people to repentance to avert judgment and reminding them of God's covenant promises to David.

#### 1. Davidic Covenant in the Prophets

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder. 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.*

Isaiah 9:6–7

*Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, that I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is his name by which he will be called: the LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.*

Jeremiah 23:5–6

*Thus says the Lord God: Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land ... and one king shall be king over them all; and they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two*

*kingdoms again ... David my servant shall be King over them and they shall all have one shepherd.*

Ezekiel 37:21–24

Fast forward hundreds of years to a city of Galilee named Nazareth to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel Gabriel said to her,

*Greetings you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you ... You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end.*

Luke 1:26–33

We will come back to this, but let's return for a moment to David the Son of Jesse, referred to as “a man after God's heart” (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22).

## 2. **David a man after God's heart**

What do we see in David that marks him as a man after God's heart?

- A. Full of faith, fighting the battles of the Lord—Goliath.
- B. Childlike dependency on the Lord; living conscious of God's presence.
- C. A great sinner and a humble penitent.
- D. Worshipper (author of the majority of the Psalms). “The Sweet Psalmist of Israel.” A tenderhearted poet. A passionate lover of God.

## 3. **Jesus, the Great and Better David**

- A. Jesus, Son of David, defeated our great enemies—Sin, Satan, and Death.
- B. Established the new and everlasting covenant through his own blood whereby we draw near to God.

## **Communion**