

IMMERSE: Chronicles

Week 2 – Davidic Covenant

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What is Israel's PURPOSE?

Gen. 12:3; Gen. 18:18

Is Israel living out that purpose today? Currently not as God's redemptive tool – not sharing the gospel. Israel isn't a redeemed nation - yet. BUT, God called Israel to be His witnesses – to whom? To the nations/peoples/gentiles. Will God use them in that capacity in the future? WHY?

Rom. 11:29 - ...*the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable*. God doesn't renege on His promises (Heb. 6:13).

Though sin entered the world and corrupted man and the world, God will RESTORE His original plan!!

Rev. 7:1-8 – God will seal 144,000 male Jewish virgins (Rev. 14:4). They will be sealed as His servants. And, we read of the fruit from their witness in Rev. 7:9-10 – *After these things* (after the 144,000 had been sealed to serve God) *I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!* This countless multitude from all nations received SALVATION!

Rev. 11:3ff – the two witnesses during the tribulation.

Zech. 8:23 – Regarding the Millennial Kingdom we read, *In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'* There will be evangelism during the Millennial Kingdom as all people will not be redeemed. And – who are the evangelists? Jewish men!!!

We could state that God is blessing the world through Israel the Bible and the Messiah. Of the 40 authors who wrote the Bible through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, 39 were Jewish! The Messiah Jesus came through the Jewish people. John 4:22 – Jesus told the Samaritan woman at the well that ...*salvation is of the Jews*.

Today Israel is blessing the world in their roles as first responders to catastrophes; technologically brilliant; highly skilled medically; the desert is blooming; providing

food for Hamas; desalinization of Iran's water; brilliant scientists ; Mosad; military prowess – training military in the US. Nobel Prize Winners....

God is blessing the world today by setting the stage through Israel for Jesus' return.

What is the chronicler's focus? He is focused on the kingly line of Judah through David's lineage...focusing on the Davidic Covenant and the promises that God gave to the line of Judah through whom the Messiah would come! And, the "chronicler" focused on the priestly line through the Levites.

The history of Israel written in I & II Chronicles, interwoven with Biblical principles from Abraham (I Chronicles 1:27) to the return from Babylon (II Chron. 36:23), was

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INTENDED to cause the Jewish people to be FIXATED on God's unconditional promises about: the land, the nation, the future Davidic King and Kingdom, the Levitical priests, the Temple, and true worship. The people were to be riveted on the future! AND, the "chronicler" remained clear about the steadfastness and faithfulness of God to His people!

The "chronicler" was not attempting to rewrite the history of Israel but to give his generation a perspective on that history which would encourage and sustain them in difficult times. Remember, the "chronicler" is writing AFTER Israel is back in the land God had given them (Gen. 15:18-20; Gen. 17:1-8; Deut. 30:1-6).

The books of Samuel and Kings were written to explain why the exile had taken place, Chronicles explains what it meant to be part of this restored community based on God's covenant with Abraham and David.

The genealogies were meant to ensure the legitimacy/the rightfulness of the children of Israel's claim to the covenant promises to Abraham and David for their physical descendants. The "chronicler" was essentially declaring, "We are the legitimate heirs/the rightful heirs/recipients of those promises!"

The Holy Spirit inspired the "chronicler" to select those parts of Israel's narrative that would support the claims of legitimacy that connected with Israel's past... particularly the history of the Davidic dynasty based on the Davidic Covenant (I Chron. 17:1-27).

Did you notice that the “chronicler” primarily presented a positive view of David? He omitted accounts from Samuel and Kings as in David’s adultery with Bathsheba and murder of her husband, Uriah – as well as David’s inability to control his own family. And yet, in Chronicles we read of David’s improper care for the ark of the covenant (I Chronicles 1:13), his sin in taking the census perhaps due to David’s pride (I Chron. 21:1, 3, 8). And we read of God not permitting David to build the temple...

*I Chron. 22:8 - LORD came to me, saying, ‘You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight. (I Chron. 28:3)*

David was not perfect! David needed to bow before the God of Israel! David realized his weaknesses (Psa. 32; Psa. 51; Psa. 139)

I Chronicles 17 – The Davidic Covenant – we cannot overemphasize the significance of the Davidic Covenant. We understand the Kingdom of God through the Davidic Covenant. The “chronicler” emphasized the location of the fulfillment when Jesus will reign from King David’s throne – in Jerusalem. And the Davidic covenant was an everlasting covenant!

This unconditional covenant flows out of the Abrahamic Covenant. God promised Abraham that he would have a seed as...in many descendants, and as...in One Seed – the Messiah (Gal. 3:15-18) Who confirms this covenant! The Messiah – Who would sit on the throne of David in Jerusalem (Luke 1:31-35) and reign for 1,000 years during the Millennial Kingdom/the Kingdom of God (Matt. 19:28 – His disciples will be seated on thrones in the Kingdom as well). (II Tim. 2:12 – and

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Gentile believers will be ruling and reigning with Him as well). This is an EARTHLY Kingdom (Matt. 6:10 – Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on EARTH as it is in heaven! Rev. 20 – Satan will be bound during the Millennial Kingdom.

The Davidic Covenant has significance for David and his descendants, for the nation of Israel, and for all the nations of the earth. The Davidic Covenant promises that the Messiah will come (vv. 13-14; Luke 1:32-33) through David’s line, to sit on David’s throne, to rule in David’s city, Jerusalem, over an everlasting kingdom, and that He will bring salvation that will reach to the end of the earth (Isa. 49:6; Matt. 3:1-4).

When is the “chronicler” writing? Between 450 and 430 BC. Long after David and long after Solomon.

I Chron. 17:11-15 - *And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. I will be his Father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took it from him who was before you. And I will establish him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever*

- Each of these great promises was *partially* fulfilled in Solomon, David's son and the successor to his throne.
- Solomon ruled on David's throne.
- God's mercies never departed from Solomon, though he sinned.
- Solomon built God a magnificent house.

Yet God's promise to David was all the more important because of when the Chronicler wrote about it – *after* the exile when there was no kingdom of Israel and no throne of David and no temple! The Chronicler had faith to see that this promise was not broken even when it plainly seemed to be - broken. He knew that Messiah would indeed come from the seemingly dead/cut down (Isa. 6:13; Isa. 11:1) line of David and reign forever. He had faith in what the prophets foretold as a greater fulfillment of these promises:

• *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.... Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. ([Jeremiah 23:5-6](#))* written between 630 BC and 580 BC

• *For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder.... Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it...from that time forward, even forever. ([Isaiah 9:6-7](#))* written between 739 and 681 BC

• *And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give 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 1:31-33](#))* written between 58 AD and 65 AD.

The "chronicler" assured his readers that the Davidic dynasty had NOT been lost and the promise had NOT been voided. Men had failed – but the promise remains and a GREATER SON OF DAVID would come (Psa. 89:24; Mt. 1:1; Lk. 1:32).

I Chron. 17:11-15 — *And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you (David) must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom.* <sup>12</sup> *He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever.* “When your [David’s] days are over and you go to be with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, one of your own sons, and I will establish his kingdom. He is the one who will build a house for me, and I will establish his throne forever.” God reinforced the Davidic Covenant. A future son of David will rule “forever.”

To whom did God promise the Davidic Covenant?

He promised – a royal dynasty – an earthly kingdom!

And, Who will establish the Kingdom? JESUS

Dan. 2:31-35; Dan. 2:44-45 – (READ)