



Class outline

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Lecture 4: Davidic Covenant
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Kingdom of Covenants

There are many hints of the Messiah to be found before the Davidic Covenant was given (Genesis 3:15, 49:10-12, Deut. 18,15 etc.)

The real concept only develops through the Davidic Covenant

Initial Statement of the Davidic Covenant (2.Sam 7:11-16)

- Purpose of 2. Samuel: to demonstrate legitimacy of the Davidic dynasty
- God promises to David four things
 - Seed: a collective term
 - Kingdom: should be understood literally
 - House: initially referred to a building, eventually it was used to refer to a family (e.g. “the house of David” in Isa. 7.13)
 - Throne: Symbol for authority (cf. Hag. 2:22)
- The promised kingdom, house and throne will be established forever (Ps. 89, Jer. 33:21)

Fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant (1. Chr. 17:11-14)

- Purpose of 1. Chronicles: God has not forsaken Israel. There is 500 years of difference between Samuel and 1.Chronicles.
- The Chronicler changes three things
 - V11. “of your sons” vs. “our of your loins”
 - V13. The possibility of the son’s disobedience is not there anymore (“he will be a son...” period. vs. “if he sins ... I will not reject him”)
 - V14. Change of pronouns from „my“ to „his“ kingdom.
- Focus of Chronicles: The messiah, the greater son of Davi, and not Salomon
- What is the basis for these changes? Answer: 500 years of prophecy about the Messiah.
- The Davidic Covenant answers the „Who-Question“

Discussion Questions

- How does the Davidic covenant relate to the other covenants?
- Oftentimes, as Believers we take promises given to specific people and apply them to our lives? (e.g. 1. Chr. 17:7, Jer. 29:11, Josh. 1:9) Should we do that or shouldn’t we? If yes; to what extend?
- Read Psalm 89 (especially verses 1-4, 19-37) together and discuss how it adds to the understanding of the Davidic Covenant.