

PROMISES, PROMISES...

God as
Promise
Giver
&
Promise
Keeper

Session 7 • The Davidic Covenant (through kingship)



- I. Samuel, prophet/judge.
 - A. Israel demands a king—*1 Samuel 8:4-22*.
 1. Samuel warns of the nature of kingship—dominance, worldly power, violence, greed.
 2. Warnings notwithstanding, the people of Israel are granted a limited monarchy—*1 Samuel 8:22*.
 3. With continued objections (*1 Samuel 10:17-20*), Samuel anoints Saul king—*1 Samuel 11:14-12:3*.
 - B. The kingship realized.
 1. Saul's violence and corruption—*1 Samuel 13-15*.
 2. Samuel visits Jesse the Bethlehemite; provision of a king (David)—*1 Samuel 16:1-3, 10b-13*.
- II. A king after God's own heart—royal ideology. (The history of David's rise—*1 Samuel 16:14-2 Samuel 5*.)
 - A. Theology of kingship, previously foreign, is now integrated with Israel's normative faith—David becomes the embodiment.

1. David is YHWH's anointed—*Psalm 18:50; Psalm 20:6; Psalm 2:7-8; Psalm 89:27-29; 2 Samuel 7:14-29; 1 Chronicles 11:1-3.*
 2. The motif of covenant is strewn throughout the relationship between YHWH, David, and the people—*Psalm 89:1-4.*
 3. God's throne is built by David in response to the covenant.
- B. YHWH will cause victory for the king and the people over enemies; God's partiality—*Psalm 20:6-8; Psalm 21:1-13; Psalm 110:1-7; Psalm 144:1-11.*

III. Mount Zion, Jerusalem: a dwelling place for the Lord—*Psalm 132:1-5.*

- A. Uniting of the two kingdoms of Judah and Israel through David, at Jerusalem, the capital, which would house the Book of the Covenant. (Jerusalem belonged to *neither* Judah *nor* Israel.)
1. Establishing the capital city—*2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10.*
 2. The Ark of the Covenant “located” at Jerusalem—*2 Samuel 6:12-16.*
- B. God will establish—in Jerusalem, through David—the holy city, the place of revelation.
1. An everlasting covenant—*Psalm 132:11-12.*
 2. From which, like Abram in *Genesis 12:1-3*, nations shall be blessed—*Psalm 72:17-20.*
 3. God chooses David's kingship to extend the covenant to the people with the newly established Jerusalem; Mount Zion is pivotal to the fulfillment of the covenant promise—*Psalm 48:1-3, 9-14; Psalm 50:1-2; Psalm 87:1-3; Psalm 125:1-2.*

