

## **Part 6: The Covenant with David**

### **The Covenant Itself**

- ✦ 2 Sam. 7:4-16
- ✦ 2 Sam. 7:23-25
- ✦ 1 Kings 2:1-4

### **Promised blessings**

- ✦ Israel will be established in the land (in Jerusalem) and have peace from enemies.
- ✦ David's biological descendant will be God's son and will rule God's kingdom forever.
- ✦ God will discipline those who stray, but His love will never leave them.

### **Faithful response**

- ✦ Rule righteously.
- ✦ Train the next king to follow the Lord.

### **Jesus' fulfillment**

- ✦ Isaiah 9:5-7 — Jesus is God and David's biological descendant, so He is the “Mighty God” who is able to rule with righteousness “on the throne of David.”
- ✦ Hebrews 1:1-5 — The covenant with David is quoted in the context of Jesus' reign at the right hand of the Father.

- ✦ The language of Messiah/Christ (anointed one), the Kingdom of Heaven, Son of David etc., leaves no doubt that Jesus is the fulfillment of the eternal promises made to David.

### **Continuing promises**

- ✦ Jesus is reigning today even though “we do not yet see everything in subjection to him” (Hebrews 2:8). He is King over the church (where does our ultimate authority rest?) and civil government (how should Psalm 2 affect our ideas about government?).
- ✦ When we suffer from injustice, we can look forward to eternity under a righteous King.

### **Old Testament Readings**

- ✦ Terms and ideas to look for: throne, anointed one, king, kingdom, peace, Jerusalem, Zion, descendants of David.
- ✦ Micah 3:1-4 — Israel's rulers are condemned everywhere in the prophets for injustice and unrighteousness, so we are reminded to look for a better king — Jesus as the true Son of David.
- ✦ 1 Kings 11:11-13 — The stories of Israel and Judah in Kings and Chronicles show how God's promise and discipline for sin fit together; it's a long and sad story, but David's line is preserved so that the true Son eventually comes.
- ✦ Obadiah 19-21 — The message of judgment on Esau ends with a promise that the kingdom from Zion will be restored. We are reminded again that Jesus, the true Son of David, is the answer to the problems God's people face.