

## COVENANTS

### DAVIDIC

The Davidic Covenant, which is given in II Samuel 7:10-16, is an enlargement of the *seed* promises of the Abrahamic Covenant. In verse 10, God confirmed to David the fact that He would appoint for Israel a place of their own where they would dwell forever. Then in verse 12, He told David, "I will set up thy *seed* after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom."

Note verse 16, "And thine *house* and thy *kingdom* shall be established forever before thee; thy *throne* shall be established forever." His *house* has reference to David's seed, or lineage; his *kingdom* is referring to his political rule over Israel; and his *throne* represents his power and authority to rule over this kingdom.

Historically, David's son, Solomon, succeeded him in ruling over the nation of Israel. Then Solomon's son, Rehoboam, was king. It was in Rehoboam's rule that the kingdom was divided into two tribes and ten tribes. As the years progressed, all of these tribes became involved in idolatry and wickedness. This caused God to allow them to be taken captive by other nations, thus losing the rule over their land. However, God's promise remained sure, for this was an everlasting and an unconditional covenant (verses 13-16).

Psalms 89 also deals with the Davidic Covenant. Note verses 3-4: "I have made a covenant with my chosen. I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish forever, and build up thy throne to all generations." Verses 28-37 also assure that this covenant is indeed an everlasting and unconditional covenant. According to verses 38-45, it seems clear that David realized his kingdom would be overthrown. However, he also realized God's promises were sure—thus his prayer of verses 46-52. Shortly before his death, he said God had made with him an everlasting covenant (II Samuel 23:5).

How will this covenant be fulfilled? Read Isaiah 9:6-7, along with Jeremiah 23:5-6. These verses are a prophecy of the Lord Jesus Christ. Also, Jeremiah 33:14-26 loudly proclaims the faithfulness of "The LORD our righteousness." Compare Psalms 132:11 with Acts 2:29-30 and understand that Jesus Christ is the answer to the *seed* of David ruling forever. This truth is confirmed by the angel, Gabriel, when he brought the news to Mary that she would bring forth a Son and His name would be Jesus. "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto Him the *throne* of his father David; And He shall reign over the *house* of Jacob forever; and of His *kingdom* there shall be no end." Luke 1:26-33

This covenant promise was literally given to David, and according to Scripture, will be literally fulfilled through the reign of Christ, which will last forever. God has always had a faithful remnant through which He can work.

For the covenant to be fulfilled, there must be the nation, Israel, for Christ to rule over, and that nation must be in the land God has promised to them.