

NOON BIBLE STUDY: 2 SAMUEL 7

2 SAMUEL 7:1-3

DAVID IS NOW SETTLED IN HIS KINGDOM. HE HAS TAKEN JERUSALEM AS HIS CAPITAL (2 SAMUEL 5) AND RESTORED THE WORSHIP OF YAHWEH TO ISRAEL THROUGH THE RETURN OF THE ARK OF THE COVENANT (2 SAMUEL 6). AS HE RESTS AND CONSIDERS HIS LIFE, HE SEES THE CONTRAST BETWEEN WHERE HE LIVES AND WHERE THE LORD'S SYMBOLIC PRESENCE, THE ARK OF THE COVENANT, RESIDES.

V. 3 - NATHAN'S RESPONSE - IT APPEARS THAT THE PROPHET NATHAN IS INITIALLY EXCITED ABOUT DAVID'S PLAN. THIS WAS PROBABLY HIS OWN PERSPECTIVE ON THINGS, FOR HE WILL SEEK THE LORD AND RETURN WITH THE LORD'S PERSPECTIVE.

2 SAMUEL 7:4-11A - THE LORD'S RESPONSE THROUGH NATHAN

V. 4-7 - THE LORD IS CONTENT AT THIS POINT TO "DWELL" IN A TENT. HE RECOUNTS TO DAVID THAT HE HAS NEVER COMPLAINED, OR COMMANDED ISRAEL TO BUILD A PERMANENT HOUSE FOR HIM AT THIS POINT.

V. 8-9 - THE LORD RESPONDS TO DAVID'S OWN CONCERN FOR THE LORD WITH A REMINDER OF WHERE DAVID HAS COME FROM AND A PROMISE OF WHERE HE IS HEADING.

A NAME FOR DAVID

V. 9 - "I WILL MAKE YOU A GREAT NAME" - ECHOES THE PROMISE GOD MADE TO ABRAHAM:

GENESIS 12:2 - AND I WILL MAKE YOU A GREAT NATION, AND I WILL BLESS YOU, AND MAKE YOUR NAME GREAT; AND SO YOU SHALL BE A BLESSING;

THIS PROMISE TO ABRAHAM WAS MADE IN CONTRAST TO THE EFFORTS OF MANKIND AT THE TOWER OF BABEL:

GENESIS 11:4 - THEY SAID, "COME, LET US BUILD FOR OURSELVES A CITY, AND A TOWER WHOSE TOP WILL REACH INTO HEAVEN, AND LET US MAKE FOR OURSELVES A NAME, OTHERWISE WE WILL BE SCATTERED ABROAD OVER THE FACE OF THE WHOLE EARTH."

MOST PEOPLE SEEK THE "MAKE A NAME FOR THEMSELVES" MEANING TO LEAVE A LASTING LEGACY OF THEIR EFFORTS, ACHIEVEMENTS, ETC. BUT GOD PROMISES TO MAKE DAVID'S NAME GREAT, AS DAVID SEEKS AND PURSUES MAKING THE LORD'S NAME GREAT! THIS IS A GREAT MODEL FOR US TO FOLLOW. WHOSE REPUTATION ARE WE MOST CONCERNED ABOUT? OUR NAME? OUR FAMILY LEGACY? OUR BUSINESS? OUR CHURCH? OR THE NAME OF THE LORD? DAVID'S CONCERN FOR THE LORD LED TO THE LORD'S PROMISE TO ESTABLISH DAVID.

REST FOR ISRAEL

V. 10-11A - THE LORD ALSO PROMISES TO ESTABLISH (AKA "PLANT") HIS PEOPLE ISRAEL AND GIVE THEM REST FROM THEIR ENEMIES. THE LORD REFERENCES THE TIME OF JUDGES AS A CONTRAST TO THE WAY THINGS WILL BE NOW UNDER DAVID. DURING THE TIME OF THE JUDGES, ISRAEL WAS NOT MARKED BY REST AND PEACE BUT RATHER INSTABILITY AND WAR.

2 SAMUEL 7:11B-16 - THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

V. 11A - "THE LORD WILL MAKE A HOUSE FOR YOU" - PLAYING OFF THE WORD "HOUSE" FROM DAVID'S INITIAL REQUEST OF THE LORD TO BUILD A LITERAL AND PHYSICAL HOUSE (OR TEMPLE) FOR THE LORD, GOD PROMISES TO MAKE A "HOUSE" FOR DAVID - THOUGH THIS USAGE OF THE WORD HOUSE IS IN THE SENSE OF A BIOLOGICAL HOUSE, AS IN A "DYNASTY"

V. 12-14 - DUAL PROPHECY - THIS WORD IS RELATED TO DAVID'S NEXT OF KIN (SOLOMON IN THIS CASE) WHO WILL SOON BE BORN AND TAKE OVER AS KING. THE LORD IS PROMISING TO BE WITH DAVID'S SON AND ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM, AND GUIDE HIM AS A FATHER WOULD HIS SON (V. 14). BUT THIS WORD IS ALSO BIGGER THAN JUST SOLOMON. IT IS AN ETERNAL PROMISE TO THE DESCENDANTS OF DAVID, BUT MORE SPECIFICALLY TO "A" DESCENDANT OF DAVID WHO WILL FULFILL THIS ETERNAL PROMISE (MORE ON THIS LATER).

1 CHRONICLES 17:11-14 - "WHEN YOUR DAYS ARE FULFILLED THAT YOU MUST GO TO BE WITH YOUR FATHERS, THAT I WILL SET UP ONE OF YOUR DESCENDANTS AFTER YOU, WHO WILL BE OF YOUR SONS; AND I WILL ESTABLISH HIS KINGDOM. 12 "HE SHALL BUILD FOR ME A HOUSE, AND I WILL ESTABLISH HIS THRONE FOREVER. 13 "I WILL BE HIS FATHER AND HE SHALL BE MY SON; AND I WILL NOT TAKE MY LOVINGKINDNESS AWAY FROM HIM, AS I TOOK IT FROM HIM WHO WAS BEFORE YOU. 14 "BUT I WILL SETTLE HIM IN MY HOUSE AND IN MY KINGDOM FOREVER, AND HIS THRONE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FOREVER."

REMEMBER, GOD HAD A WILLINGNESS TO MAKE A SIMILAR PROMISE TO SAUL, BUT SAUL WAS DISOBEDIENT AND UNREPENTANT:

1 SAMUEL 13:13-14 - SAMUEL SAID TO SAUL, "YOU HAVE ACTED FOOLISHLY; YOU HAVE NOT KEPT THE COMMANDMENT OF THE LORD YOUR GOD, WHICH HE COMMANDED YOU, FOR NOW THE LORD WOULD HAVE ESTABLISHED YOUR KINGDOM OVER ISRAEL FOREVER. 14 "BUT NOW YOUR KINGDOM SHALL NOT ENDURE. THE LORD HAS SOUGHT OUT FOR HIMSELF A MAN AFTER HIS OWN HEART, AND THE LORD HAS APPOINTED HIM AS RULER OVER HIS PEOPLE, BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOT KEPT WHAT THE LORD COMMANDED YOU."

THIS PROMISE IS WHAT IS KNOWN AS THE "DAVIDIC COVENANT". (PSALM 89:2-4). IT IS THE SECOND OF THE GREAT COVENANTS TO GOD'S PEOPLE, AFTER THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT.

DAVIDIC COVENANT (2 SAMUEL 7, 1 CHRON. 17)

SON OF GOD
SON OF DAVID
KING FOREVER

ABRAHAMIC COVENANT (GENESIS 12-17, ETC)

LAND
DESCENDANTS
BLESSING

FOR ISRAEL, THIS PROMISE WILL MEAN THAT FUTURE KINGS WILL BE FROM THE LINE OF DAVID.

BUT, THIS PROMISE IS BIGGER THAN JUST ISRAEL'S RULING DYNASTY. THE REASON WHY THIS PROMISE IS DAVID IS SO SIGNIFICANT IS BECAUSE IT IS THROUGH THIS PROMISE, PAIRED WITH THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT THAT GOD IS WORKING TO REDEEM THE WORLD. IN THE BEGINNING, A GOOD GOD CREATED A GOOD WORLD AND GAVE THIS WORLD TO HUMANS TO RULE OVER AND HAVE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. THROUGH ADAM & EVE'S SINFUL CHOICES, THIS RELATIONSHIP WAS BROKEN AND CREATION ITSELF WAS CORRUPTED AND CURSED. HUMANS WOULD NO LONGER HAVE OVERSIGHT OVER THE EARTH AS GOD INTENDED.

SO THROUGH ABRAHAM, GOD PROMISES TO GIVE THE LAND/EARTH BACK TO THE FAITHFUL DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM. INSTEAD OF CURSING, GOD PROMISES BLESSING. AND THROUGH DAVID, THE RULERSHIP OF THIS LAND/EARTH IS RETURNED, AND NOT FOR LIMITED SEASONS, BUT FOREVER.

AND THROUGH JESUS, VIA THE "NEW COVENANT", THIS IS ALL BROUGHT TOGETHER - FOR NOT ONLY FOR THOSE BIOLOGICALLY RELATED TO ABRAHAM OR DAVID, BUT THOSE WHO ARE CONNECTED TO CHRIST (AND THUS ABRAHAM AND DAVID) THROUGH FAITH. THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT GETS THE LAND, DAVID'S COVENANT GIVES RULERSHIP OVER THE LAND, AND JESUS RESTORES THE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, WHICH WAS THE BEST PART OF GOD'S CREATION IN THE BEGINNING - AND ALLOWS THOSE OF FAITH TO LIVE IN THIS RESTORED WORLD - FOREVER! IN FACT, LOOK AT THE VERSE FIRST VERSE OF THE NEW TESTAMENT:

MATTHEW 1:1 THE RECORD OF THE GENEALOGY OF JESUS THE MESSIAH, THE SON OF DAVID, THE SON OF ABRAHAM:

THAT IS WHY WHEN THE PROPHETS PAINT THE PICTURE OF THE VISION OF FUTURE, THEY INCLUDE WORDS LIKE THIS:

ISAIAH 9:6-7 - FOR A CHILD WILL BE BORN TO US, A SON WILL BE GIVEN TO US; AND THE GOVERNMENT WILL REST ON HIS SHOULDERS; AND HIS NAME WILL BE CALLED WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, ETERNAL FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE. 7 THERE WILL BE NO END TO THE INCREASE OF HIS GOVERNMENT OR OF PEACE, ON THE THRONE OF DAVID AND OVER HIS KINGDOM, TO ESTABLISH IT AND TO UPHOLD IT WITH JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM THEN ON AND FOREVERMORE. THE ZEAL OF THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL ACCOMPLISH THIS.

JEREMIAH 33:15-16 - 'IN THOSE DAYS AND AT THAT TIME I WILL CAUSE A RIGHTEOUS BRANCH OF DAVID TO SPRING FORTH; AND HE SHALL EXECUTE JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS ON THE EARTH. 16 'IN THOSE DAYS JUDAH WILL BE SAVED AND JERUSALEM WILL DWELL IN SAFETY;...

HOSEA 3:4-5 - FOR THE SONS OF ISRAEL WILL REMAIN FOR MANY DAYS WITHOUT KING OR PRINCE, WITHOUT SACRIFICE OR SACRED PILLAR AND WITHOUT EPHOD OR HOUSEHOLD IDOLS. 5 AFTERWARD THE SONS OF ISRAEL WILL RETURN AND SEEK THE LORD THEIR GOD AND DAVID THEIR KING; AND THEY WILL COME TREMBLING TO THE LORD AND TO HIS GOODNESS IN THE LAST DAYS.

AND AS A RESULT OF THE CENTRALITY OF THIS PROMISE TO THE HOPE OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD, THE TERM "SON OF DAVID" AND "SON OF GOD" WILL BECOME SYNONYMOUS WITH THE "MESSIAH/CHRIST":

MATTHEW 16:16 - SIMON PETER ANSWERED, "YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF THE LIVING GOD."

MATTHEW 20:30 - AND TWO BLIND MEN SITTING BY THE ROAD, HEARING THAT JESUS WAS PASSING BY, CRIED OUT, "LORD, HAVE MERCY ON US, SON OF DAVID!"

MATTHEW 26:63 - BUT JESUS KEPT SILENT. AND THE HIGH PRIEST SAID TO HIM, "I ADJURE YOU BY THE LIVING GOD, THAT YOU TELL US WHETHER YOU ARE THE CHRIST, THE SON OF GOD."

JOHN 1:49 - NATHANAEAL ANSWERED HIM, "RABBI, YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD; YOU ARE THE KING OF ISRAEL."

ACTS 9:20 - AND IMMEDIATELY HE (NEWLY CONVERTED PAUL) BEGAN TO PROCLAIM JESUS IN THE SYNAGOGUES, SAYING, "HE IS THE SON OF GOD."

AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE MESSIAH'S BIRTH INCLUDED THIS PROMISE AS WELL:

LUKE 1:30-33 - THE ANGEL SAID TO HER, "DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY; FOR YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD. 31 "AND BEHOLD, YOU WILL CONCEIVE IN YOUR WOMB AND BEAR A SON, AND YOU SHALL NAME HIM JESUS. 32 "HE WILL BE GREAT AND WILL BE CALLED THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH; AND THE LORD GOD WILL GIVE HIM THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID; 33 AND HE WILL REIGN OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER, AND HIS KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END."

SOME OF THE FINAL WORDS OF JESUS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

REVELATION 22:16 - "I, JESUS, HAVE SENT MY ANGEL TO TESTIFY TO YOU THESE THINGS FOR THE CHURCHES. I AM THE ROOT AND THE DESCENDANT OF DAVID, THE BRIGHT MORNING STAR."

BACK TO THE IMMEDIATE GIVING OF THIS AMAZING PROMISE...WHAT DO YOU DO AFTER HEARING THIS WORD FROM THE LORD? WELL IF YOU ARE LIKE DAVID YOU THANK AND PRAISE THE LORD!

2 SAMUEL 7:18-29 - DAVID'S PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & PRAISE

V. 17-20 - DAVID REMEMBERS WHERE HE CAME FROM AND HOW INSIGNIFICANT HE WAS.

V. 21-22 - DAVID IS IN AWE OF GOD, NEARLY SPEECHLESS. "WHAT MORE CAN DAVID SAY TO YOU?" (V. 20)

V. 23-24 - DAVID REMEMBERS GOD'S FAITHFULNESS TO THE PEOPLE OF ABRAHAM. FROM REDEEMING THEM TO SUSTAINING THEM, TO NOW "ESTABLISHING" THEM (V. 24)

V. 25-29 - DAVID'S DESIRE IS FOR THE LORD TO BE MAGNIFIED THROUGH HIS OWN EXALTATION. DAVID TAKES NONE OF THE GLORY FOR HIMSELF.

JEREMIAH 33:14-26 - GOD'S COVENANT TO DAVID IS AS SURE AS THE RISING OF THE SUN

MANY HAVE "SPIRITUALIZED" THE PROMISES OF THE DAVIDIC COVENANT IN REGARDS TO JESUS. THEY THINK THAT BECAUSE HE DIDN'T COME AND REIGN AS KING, GOD HAD A BETTER PLAN, A SPIRITUAL RULING IN THE HEARTS OF HIS FOLLOWERS. THEY SUGGESTS THAT THE EARLY FOLLOWERS OF JESUS MAY HAVE BEEN MISGUIDED OR MISUNDERSTOOD WHAT JESUS REALLY CAME TO DO.

WHILE THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF PARTIAL AND SPIRITUAL FULFILLMENT OF THIS PROMISE IN THAT WAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD NOW, THESE PROMISES WILL LITERALLY COME TO PASS AT THE RETURN OF JESUS TO THE EARTH. OTHERWISE, THE LITERAL PROMISE MADE TO DAVID, WHICH THE LORD HIMSELF HAS TIED TO THE RISING OF THE SUN, WILL NOT BE FULFILLED. INSTEAD WE, CAN EXPERIENCE *PARTIAL* FULFILLMENT NOW WITH JESUS AS OUR KING, AND *FULL* AND *TRUE* FULFILLMENT WHEN JESUS, THE SON OF GOD AND SON OF DAVID, RETURNS TO THE EARTH AS KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS!

FINALLY, A LOOK AT THIS PROMISE AND IT'S WOVEN THREAD THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BIBLE (ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BARELY EVEN SCRATCHED THE SURFACE), REMINDS US AS CHRISTIANS TODAY, HOW IMPORTANT IT IS FOR US TO READ AND STUDY THE WHOLE BIBLE, AND HOW GOD HAS GIVEN US ALL SCRIPTURE, SO THAT WE MAY KNOW AND REJOICE IN HIS PLAN!