

The Chronicles of the Kings of Judah

God's Promise to David

Lesson 4

1 Chronicles 17-20

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The Promise in the Bible

▶ Genesis 1:1

- “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

▶ 2 Peter 3:13

- “But according to His promise we are looking for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

▶ Revelation 21:1-2

- “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer any sea. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.” See Hebrews 11:10.

▶ The Biblical Story: The fall and redemption

▶ The end: Christ rules on the throne of David

God's Promise to David

- ▶ A monarchy and a Presence
- ▶ The revelation of the Promise is complete
- ▶ Chronicles focuses on the Promise in world history
- ▶ The Promise is hidden – except to eyes of faith
- ▶ No new history but directs our attention to David
 - The Monarchy of David
 - The Presence of the LORD in Jerusalem
 - The decline and fall of David's Monarchy
 - A note of hope at the end (cf. Isaiah 44:28)

Outline of 1&2 Chronicles

- ▶ Genealogy (1 Chron. 1-9)
- ▶ United Kingdom of Israel (1 Chron. 10 to 2 Chron. 9)
- ▶ Divided Kingdom (2 Chronicles 10-36)

Lesson 4: God's Promise to David

- ▶ The Davidic Promise (17:1-15)
- ▶ The Prayer of David (17:16-27)
- ▶ David's Wars (18-20)
- ▶ The Davidic Covenant in the Plan of God

The Davidic Covenant (17:1-15)

- ▶ The Ark of the Covenant in a tent
- ▶ God does not want a house to dwell in
- ▶ God's Word/Promise to David:
 - I will make David a name like the great ones on the earth (17:8)
 - I will appoint a place for My people Israel – permanent (17:9-10)
 - I will build a house for David (17:10)
 - I will set up an everlasting Kingdom for a son of David (17:11-12)
 - I will be His Father and He shall be My son (17:13)
 - I will not take My loving-kindness from Him (17:13)
- ▶ This is an everlasting covenant (2 Samuel 23:5)

The Prayer of David (17:16-27)

- ▶ The grace of God (17:16-22)
 - The insignificance of David (17:16)
 - The magnificence of the Promise (17:17)
 - The grace of God (17:18-19)
 - The magnificence of God (17:20)
 - The exaltation of Israel – forever (17:21-22)
- ▶ The request of David (17:23-27)
 - Let the Word of the LORD come to pass (17:23-24)
 - “Forever” – 8 times in 6 verses (17:12, 14[x2], 22-24, 27[x2])
 - This is the promise of God (17:25-27) – unconditional
 - Purpose: to make a Name for God (17:21, 24)

The King on David's Throne

- ▶ Rule of God in Christ is taught throughout the Bible
 - “Possessor of heaven and earth” (Genesis 14:18-22)
 - Rejected Me as king over them (1 Samuel 8:7)
 - The LORD your God is your king (1 Samuel 12:12)
 - “The LORD reigns” (1 Chron 16:31)
 - Most High rules over the realm of mankind (Daniel 4:17, 25, 32, 34)
- ▶ David's throne is in Jerusalem and only over Israel
 - Zech 9:9-10 – the Kingdom will be extended to world wide
 - Christ rules in heaven and earth
 - Christ will some day have a throne on earth (David's Throne)

David's Wars (18-20)

- ▶ 1 Chronicles 22:8 – David was a man of war
- ▶ David defeated the Philistines (18:1; 20:4-8), Moabites (18:2), Hadadezer, king of Zobah (18:3-4, 7-8), Arameans (18:5-6; 19:16-19), Edomites (18:12-13), Ammonites (19:1-19; 20:1-3)
- ▶ Tou, king of Hamath's gift (18:9-11) – gift for the Temple
- ▶ David's rule in justice and righteousness (18:14-17)
- ▶ Balaam's prophecy (Numbers 24:17-24)

The Everlasting Covenant

- ▶ An agreement made by the Triune God to establish the Son of God as Ruler in righteousness over creation through His works of Creation and Salvation.
- ▶ Hebrews 13:20-21
 - God of peace
 - Substitutionary atonement
 - Working in you . . . to do His will
 - For His glory (cf. Rom 11:33-36)
 - Everlasting
- ▶ One Everlasting Covenant

The Everlasting Covenant

- ▶ Garden of Eden – not a Covenant of works
- ▶ Noah (Genesis 9)
 - Between Noah and all flesh on the earth
 - Never again cut off all flesh by a flood
- ▶ Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3; 17:2-8; 13; 19; Ps 105:8-11)
 - Blessing – salvation
 - A great nation in the land of Canaan
 - Blessing to all families of the earth
 - The Seed – Christ

The Everlasting Covenant

- ▶ Phinehas (Num 25:11-13; Psalm 106:28-31)
 - A covenant of peace – everlasting priesthood
 - Justification by faith – imputed righteousness forever
- ▶ David
 - Everlasting Covenant (2 Samuel 23:5)
 - “For all my salvation” (2 Samuel 23:5)
 - A permanent location for Israel
 - An everlasting kingdom (in Zion)
 - Son of David, Son of God

The Everlasting Covenant

► Isaiah

- The curse on the earth – the Everlasting Covenant broken – Isaiah 24:5
- A restoration by the Everlasting Covenant – Isaiah 55:3
- Future blessing by the Everlasting Covenant – Isaiah 61:8

► Jeremiah

- Jeremiah 32:36-44 (40) – restoration of Israel by way of a new heart
- Jeremiah 50:4-5 – restoration of Israel by the Everlasting Covenant
- Jeremiah 31:31-34 – a "New Covenant" – Israel restored by salvation
 - I will write the Law of God in their hearts
 - I will be their God and they will be My people
 - They will all know Me
 - I will forgive their iniquity and forget their sins

The Everlasting Covenant

▶ Ezekiel

- Ezekiel 16:60-63 – restoration by the Everlasting Covenant
- Ezekiel 37:26 – Covenant of peace is the Everlasting Covenant

▶ Everlasting Covenant in the New Testament

- Hebrews 13:20-21

▶ New Covenant

- Matt 26:28; Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20; 1 Cor 11:25 – Communion
- 2 Cor 3:6 – New Covenant servants
- Hebrews 8:8, 13; 9:15 – contrast with Old Covenant
- Hebrews 12:24 – Jesus is the Mediator of the New Covenant

The Everlasting Covenant

- ▶ The Davidic Covenant is part of the Everlasting Covenant
- ▶ The Everlasting Covenant is God's work of salvation
 - Preservation of His creation by the saving work of Jesus Christ
 - Basis for salvation in the Old and New Testament . . . to this day.
 - Ends with an Eternal Kingdom on the earth with Christ the King
 - Rule will be from the New Jerusalem
 - A unique eternal role for Israel
- ▶ The Everlasting Covenant is the New Covenant

God's Promise to David

- ▶ Jesus Christ, the Son of David, will rule on the throne of David from Jerusalem in an eternal kingdom of righteousness.
- ▶ Entry into the Kingdom is by grace through faith
- ▶ The Everlasting Covenant is intended to establish and magnify the Name of the LORD forever (1 Chronicles 17:24)