

THE DAVIDIC COVENANT - Study 4

The great nation of Israel is eventually established in the Land where Abraham dwelled.

Samuel Anoints David

Now ADONAI said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse the Beth-lehemite, for I have selected for Myself a king among his sons." ² But Samuel replied, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." ADONAI said, "Take a heifer with you and say: 'I have come to sacrifice to ADONAI.' ³ Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You will anoint for Me whom I tell you." ⁴ So Samuel did what ADONAI said and went to Beth-lehem. The elders of the town came out to meet him trembling, and asked, "Do you come in shalom?" ⁵ "In shalom," he said. "I have come to sacrifice to ADONAI. Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." He also consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ Upon their arrival, he saw Eliab and thought, "Surely, ADONAI's anointed one is before Him." ⁷ But ADONAI said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or his stature, because I have already refused him. For He does not see a man as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but **ADONAI looks into the heart.**" 1 Samuel 16:1-7

ADONAI's Promise to David - 2 Samuel 7:1-13

¹ Now it came about when the king lived in his palace and ADONAI had granted him rest from all his enemies around him, ² that the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, yet the ark of God remains within curtains." ³ "Go, do all that is in your heart," Nathan said to the king, "for ADONAI is with you." ⁴ But it came to pass the same night that the word of ADONAI came to Nathan saying: ⁵ "Go, tell My servant David: Thus says ADONAI: Are you to build Me a house for Me to dwell in? ⁶ Since the day that I brought up the children of Israel from Egypt to this day I have not dwelt in a house, but have been moving about in a tent, even in a tabernacle. ⁷ In all My journeying among all the children of Israel, did I ever speak a word to any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'" ⁸ So now, thus you shall say to My servant David: Thus says ADONAI-Tzva'ot: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. ⁹ I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make your name as great as the greatest on earth. ¹⁰ I will also set up a place for My people Israel and will plant them, so they may dwell in their own place and not be disturbed again. Nor will the children of wickedness afflict them anymore as in the past, ¹¹ since the day that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. So I will give you rest from all your enemies. "Moreover, ADONAI declares to you that ADONAI will make a house for you. ¹² When your days are done and you sleep with your fathers, I will raise up your seed, who will come forth from you after you, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He will build a house for My Name, and I will establish his royal throne forever. (1 Chronicles 17:7-15) (2 Chronicles 6:14-17)

An unconditional covenant between God and David which amplifies the "seed" aspect of the Abrahamic Covenant.

The promises to David are significant:

1. God doesn't place any conditions of obedience upon its fulfillment, but **God's faithfulness**.
2. God reaffirms the promise of the Land that He made in the first two covenants with Israel (Abrahamic and Mosaic). 2 Samuel 7:10
3. God promises that David's son will succeed him as king of Israel and that his son Solomon would build the Temple. 2 Samuel 7:12-13
4. Then the promise continues and expands. What began as a promise that Solomon would be blessed and build the Temple turns into something different – The promise of an everlasting kingdom. Another son of David would rule forever and build a lasting house. A reference to the **Messiah Yeshua, called the "Son of David"**.
 - ✓ Isaiah 9:5-7 "For to us a child is born, a son will be given to us, and the government will be upon His shoulder. His Name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, My Father of Eternity, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and shalom there will be no end – on the throne of David and His kingdom – to establish it and uphold it through justice and righteousness from now until forevermore. The zeal of Adonai-Tzva'ot will accomplish this."
 - ✓ "Behold, days are coming" - it is a declaration of ADONAI - "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and He will reign as king wisely, and execute justice and righteousness in the land. Jeremiah 23:5
 - ✓ Luke 1:31-33 "Behold, you will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you shall call His name Yeshua. He will be great and will be called Ben-Elyon. **Adonai Elohim will give Him the throne of David, his father. He shall reign over the house of Jacob for all eternity, and His kingdom will be without end.**"
 - ✓ The crowds going before Him and those following kept shouting, saying, "Hoshia-na to Ben-David! Baruch ha-ba b'shem ADONAI! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Hoshia-na in the highest!" Matthew 21:9
 - ✓ Revelation 22:16 "I, Yeshua, have sent My angel to testify these things to you for My communities. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star."

David made another covenant with Saul's son Jonathan – actually Jonathan cut covenant with David.

- ✚ Now when Saul saw David going out against the Philistine, he asked Abner, the commander of the army, "Abner, whose son is this boy?" Abner said, "As your soul lives, your majesty, I don't know." ⁵⁶ So the king said, "Then, find out whose son this young man is." ⁵⁷ So when David returned from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. ⁵⁸ "Whose son are you, young man?" Saul said to him. David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite." 1 Samuel 17:55-58

Jonathan's Covenant Love for David - 1 Samuel 18:1-4

Now it came to pass, when David had finished speaking to Saul, Jonathan's soul was knit to David's soul, and Jonathan loved him as himself. ² Saul took him that day and did not let him return to his father's house. ³ Then Jonathan cut a covenant with David, because he loved him as himself. ⁴ Jonathan stripped off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, along with his armor: his sword, bow and belt. 1 Samuel 18:1-4

The *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* – **Covenant** - between nations: a treaty, alliance of friendship; between individuals: a pledge or agreement; with obligation; between a monarch and subjects: a constitution; between God and man: a covenant accompanied by signs, sacrifices, and a solemn oath that sealed the relationship with promises of blessing for keeping the covenant and curses for breaking it....

The Robe

- When Jonathan gave David his **robe**, David was symbolically “putting on Jonathan.” (The two become one) 1 Samuel 20: 17,23 shows that this was not one sided as David gave his vow to Jonathan also.
- When we repent and receive the Lord Yeshua, we enter into the New Covenant of Grace, merging ourselves in Him. In essence we put on His “robe.” We are to become like Him. (Galatians 3:26-29; Romans 13:12-14)
- In Ephesians 4:25-32 we see the conduct that belongs to the new man (or new self) when we “wear His robe.”
- Colossians 3:1-7, 10, 12, 14 is another parallel of “putting on a robe.” (Romans 6:1-7) We are not to walk in sin anymore.
- Was Yeshua our covenant partner, ever clothed with our likeness? (Philippians 2:5-8; Hebrews 2:14,17)

The weapons and belt

- The covenant partners responsibility to defend the other from his enemies...they were responsible to protect one another, and if necessary, to defend each other from their enemies.
 - Now Saul told his son Jonathan and all his courtiers to kill David. But Saul's son Jonathan delighted much in David. ² So Jonathan informed David saying, "My father Saul is seeking to kill you. So now, please be on guard in the morning, and stay in a secret place and hide yourself. ³ I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you will be, and I will speak with my father about you. If I notice anything, I will tell you." ⁴ So Jonathan spoke well of David to his father Saul and said to him, "May the king not sin against his servant David, since he has not sinned against you, and since his deeds have been very beneficial for you; ⁵ For he put his life in his hand and killed the Philistine, and ADONAI won a great victory for all Israel—you saw it and rejoiced. So why would you sin against innocent blood by killing David without a cause?" ⁶ Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan, and Saul swore, "As ADONAI lives, he will not be put to death." ⁷ So Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these things. Jonathan brought David to Saul and in his presence as before. 1 Samuel 19:1-7
- God is responsible to defend those who are in covenant with Him from their enemies. Psalm 105:8-15
 - In Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-7 (Saul who was named Paul and became an apostle of Yeshua). What was Saul doing to followers of Yeshua before his journey to Damascus?
 - Great persecution (threats and murder). Why did Yeshua accuse him of persecuting Him? Because His followers are in a covenant relationship with Him. He is protecting His covenant partners. Where was Yeshua? He spoke from the throne room in heaven.
 - What is God going to do to a believer's enemies? (2 Thessalonians 1:3-10)
 - If God is going to defend His children, then how are we to respond to our enemies? (Romans 12:14, 17-21; Matthew 5:43-48). **Bless them** – You never know who will come to the Lord because of your behavior.

- Now while they were eating, Yeshua took matzah; and after He offered the bracha, He broke and gave to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." ²⁷ And He took a cup; and after giving thanks, He gave to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; ²⁸ for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the removal of sins." Matthew 26:26-28
- How does the world feel about Yeshua? It hated Yeshua and persecuted Him, because they don't know the One who sent Him (God the Father). (Psalm 69:4-5)
 - "If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before you." ¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. But you are not of the world, since I have chosen you out of the world; therefore the world hates you. John 15:18-19
- Since we are in covenant with God what is to be our response to the world? We are called to produce fruit...
 - "I am the true vine, and My Father is the gardener. ² Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He trims so that it may bear more fruit. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in Me, and I will abide in you. The branch cannot itself produce fruit, unless it abides on the vine. Likewise, you cannot produce fruit unless you abide in Me. ⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for apart from Me, you can do nothing." John 15:1-5
- **"Do not love the world** or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the desire of the flesh, the desire of the eyes, and the boasting of life – is not from the Father but from the world. The world is passing away along with its desire, but the one who does the will of God abides forever." 1 John 2:15-17
- **Resist Pride and Evil** – (James 4:1-4)
- **Do not side with God's enemies.**
- **You do not stand alone!**
 - At my first defense, no one stood by me; instead, they all deserted me - may it not be counted against them! ¹⁷ But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be proclaimed in full measure, and all the nations might hear—and I was rescued from the lion's mouth! ¹⁸ The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and will deliver me safely into His heavenly Kingdom. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. 2 Timothy 4:16-18
- 1 Samuel 20 tells us that Jonathan and David extended the **covenant** made in 1 Samuel 18 to their houses (descendants). ...The covenant loyalty (after Jonathan's death) was extended to Jonathan's son Mephibosheth who was crippled in his feet in 2 Samuel chapter 9.
 - Then Mephibosheth, son of Jonathan son of Saul, came to David, fell on his face and prostrated himself. "Mephibosheth!" David said. "Behold your servant!" he answered. "Don't be afraid," ⁷ David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat bread at my table." 2 Samuel 9:6-7