An Introduction to the Old Testament
Class 10
Old Testament History Part 2: King David and the Covenant

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I. Books of the Bible Quiz

II. Timeline

III. The Making of the King

The failure of Saul: “But now your kingdom shall not continue. The LORD has sought out a man after his own heart, and the LORD has commanded him to be prince over his people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you.” (1 Sam 13:14)

The faithful shepherd of sheep becomes the Shepherd over all Israel

The anointing of David in 1 Samuel 16

David and Goliath (1 Sam 17)

IV. The Ascension of the King

From shepherd to military leader to king (shepherd over Israel)

Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, “Behold, we are your bone and flesh. 2 In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD said to you, ‘You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.’” 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. (2 Sam 5:1–3)

Anointed at 16, king at 30

V. The Covenant with the King

2 Samuel 7 – The context (7:1–3), the covenant (7:4–17), the response of the king (7:18–22)

A Covenant: An agreement where God solemnly defines a relationship with a person/people that includes promises by God and requirements of the person/people.

The covenant with David includes promises:

- "the LORD will make you a house" (7:11)
- "I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body" (7:12)
- "I will establish his kingdom....I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever" (7:13)
- "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son" (7:14)
- "My steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul" (7:15)
- "Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever me. Your throne shall be established forever" (7:16)

Requirements:

- "When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men" (7:14)

Reminder that the Davidic kings were required to keep the Law of Moses, the commandments of God.

The covenant with David is built on the foundation of the Abrahamic covenant (the land, the people, the blessing.)

And it is built on the further development of the Mosaic covenant (the law, the priests, the temple). David is the greatest innovator of worship in Israel ever. Organizes the Levites in a very detailed way for the sake of the worship of Yahweh.

So begins the Davidic dynasty in Israel. It is the longest enduring dynasty in all of human history. And yet, most importantly, it prepares the way for Christ. It keeps the monarchy intact, the nation intact, identifiable and traceable until Jesus himself (Matt 1).

VI. The Greater Davidic King

Prophecy by Jacob when he is prophesying over all 12 sons:

"Judah, your brothers shall praise you; your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; your father's sons shall bow down before you. [9] Judah is a lion's cub; from the prey, my son, you have gone up. He stooped down; he crouched as a lion and as a lioness; who dares rouse him? [10] The scepter shall not depart from

Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until tribute comes to him; and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples." (Gen 49:8–10)

Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez fathered Hezron, 19 Hezron fathered Ram, Ram fathered Amminadab, 20 Amminadab fathered Nahshon, Nahshon fathered Salmon, 21 Salmon fathered Boaz, Boaz fathered Obed, 22 Obed fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David. (Ruth 4:18–22)

****Note: Perez is the son that Judah had with Tamar. To begin with "Perez" is both a loud proclamation and a subtle statement.*

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
7 Of the increase of his government
and of peace there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it with justice
and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this. (Isa 9:6–7)

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. (Matt 1:1)

Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel. (2 Tim 2:8)

And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." 6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. (Rev 5:5–6)

"Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done." 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (Rev 22:12–13)

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." (Rev 22:16)