

Our Covenant Keeping God

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2 Samuel 7: 1-16 | The Covenant With David

Review God's ultimate goal for establishing covenants with humanity:

- ① I will be your God.
- ② You will be my people.
- ③ I will dwell among you.

(Exodus 6:7; 29:45; Ezekiel 11:20; 2 Corinthians 6:16; Revelation 21:3)

A Simple Grid for Understanding Covenants:

- ① Who originates the covenant?
- ② Who all are included in the covenant?
- ③ What is the purpose of the covenant?
- ④ What is the length of the covenant?
- ⑤ What is the sign of the covenant?

What are some places that you most feel the presence of God?

2 Samuel 7: 1-16

¹ Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies all around, ²that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains."

³ Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the Lord is with you."

⁴ But it happened that night that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying, ⁵"Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? ⁶For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?''" ⁸Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. ⁹And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and

.... have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. ¹⁰Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, ¹¹since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the Lord tells you that He will make you a house.

¹² "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. ¹⁵ But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."'''

Who originates the covenant?

- ① David at first
(with affirmation from Nathan the prophet)
- ② God reverses the plan of David and increases the covenant exponentially.
- God did not want a house to dwell in, but a people to dwell in.

Revelation 21: 1-3

¹ Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. ²Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God."

Who all are included in the covenant?

2 Samuel 7: 10-14a, 16

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What is the purpose of the covenant?

Jeremiah 23: 5-6

⁵ Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, that I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; a King shall reign and prosper, and execute righteousness in the earth ⁶ ... Now this is His name by which He will be called: **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

Isaiah 9: 6-7

⁶ For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder... Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it ⁷ ...from that time forward, even forever.

Luke 1: 26-27

²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

Luke 1: 31-33

³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; 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 of His kingdom there will be no end."

Luke 2: 4

⁴ Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David.

1 Peter 2: 4-5

⁴ Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 3: 1-6

¹ Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, ² who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also was faithful in all His house. ³ For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. ⁵ And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, ⁶ but Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

What is the length of the covenant?



From Handel's Messiah:

*For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*The kingdom of this world
Is become the kingdom of our Lord
And of His Christ, and of His Christ
And He shall reign for ever and ever*

Forever and ever and ever!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah

*King of Kings
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Lord of Lords
Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Forever and ever*

Revelation 19: 16

¹⁶ "And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

What is the sign of the covenant?

① house? ② throne?

→ Implications/Applications

Solomon prayed:

1 Kings 8: 27

²⁷ "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built!"

