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'... and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, God save the king.'

2 Kings ch.11 v.12

# THE COVENANT WITH DAVID

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***A covenant is defined as an agreement between two parties. The agreement can be conditional or unconditional. Apart from the covenant made at Mount Sinai, God made a covenant with David. This was unconditional, and since keeping of the covenant depended solely upon God, it was sure and certain.***

‘My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.’

Psalm 89 v.34

This everlasting covenant with David was made when he was king over all Israel.

‘And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom ... I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever .’

2 Samuel ch.7 vv 12-13

In this context ‘forever’ means ‘without end’ and is used in the same way as ‘The Lord shall endure forever’ or ‘The word of God shall stand for ever’.

‘But the LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment.’

Psalm 9 v.7

‘The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.’

Isaiah ch.40 v.8

[See also I Chronicles chapter seventeen.]

A further witness to God’s covenant with David is found in other promises.

‘Thus saith the LORD; if ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; ... .’

Jeremiah ch.33 vv 20-21

That there is still 'day and night in their season' is conclusive proof that somewhere the throne of David exists and that a descendant is reigning. In no other way can God's covenant with David be fulfilled.

There are many people today who maintain that Jesus Christ is at present sitting on the throne of David, and that this took place

- a. at His Incarnation,
- b. in 586 BC or
- c. prior to 586 BC.

These views are intended to prove that God's covenant with David has been fulfilled, but the fact that the person on the throne of David must be of the seed of David makes nonsense of (b) and (c), for Jesus Christ was not of the seed of David until His incarnation. Also, if Jesus Christ had ascended the throne at His incarnation, there would have been a gap of nearly 600 years when no-one of the line of David would be on the throne. In this case, God's promise would have been broken, and His covenant with David made of none effect.

These views become all the more serious when we consider the following.

'For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever: thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens. I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.'

Psalm 89 vv 2-4

Again and again God reiterates the fact of the everlasting covenant and emphasises that the Throne would exist 'throughout all generations'. The existence of the throne of David on earth is a witness to the holiness of God, and a proof that His covenant with David still operates, and will continue to do so 'until He comes'.

It has been shown that our Lord Jesus Christ did not ascend the throne of David nor was the covenant fulfilled at His first coming. In order to ascend the throne of David at His second coming it must be in existence today; if it is not, then once again God's promises are broken, God is not holy and Jesus Christ will not return to this world, for God has said,

‘... and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end’.

Luke ch.1 vv 32-33

The throne of David must exist if it is to be given Him, for during His earthly ministry, although He was proclaimed King of the Jews on the Cross, He died, never having reigned.

He Himself declared ‘My kingdom is not of this world’ (*κοσμος Kosmos*) John ch.18 v.36. In other words, He did not claim His kingdom at that time, as His kingship had to be over the whole twelve tribes of Israel. After His resurrection and just prior to His ascension, the disciples asked Him if He would restore again the Kingdom to Israel, to which He said,

‘... It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power’.

Acts ch.1 v.7

At Christ’s second coming He shall return crowned in glory to receive the throne of His father David; He shall reign and rule the world in righteousness, and of His kingdom there shall be no end. Until that day, God’s covenant with David will not find its completion.

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