

ONE STORY | ONE SAVIOR - UNIT 2 | LESSON 7

OLD TESTAMENT HISTORY – The Promise Preserved Through Failed Leadership




God is a PROMISE Protecting God

God 1) **PROVIDES** “shadow | type” rulers who 2) fail to **RESCUE** His people 3) **DEFEAT** His enemies and 4) **KEEP** them in the Land 5) so that His people would be with Him for their **JOY**. 6) God, however, shall **FULFILL** all of His promises in **JESUS**.

“The Davidic Covenant” “I will Raise up your Offspring after you”

2 Samuel 7:12

¹² When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, **I will raise up your offspring after you**, who shall come from your body, and **I will establish his kingdom**.

	THE HEAD – Why did God choose David and his children to be a part of the SEED PROMISE?
	THE HEART – Can you believe that God has been faithful to His promises even though His people have not been faithful to Him?
	THE HAND – What are ways we can serve this great King Jesus?

EMPHASIS

The Davidic Covenant is part of the ROYAL GIFT COVENANT. David’s Covenant celebrates the SEED aspect of the Abrahamic Covenant.

The wreckage the Nation faced was because of their disobedience to the covenant between God and themselves. As a consequence of their disobedience, they faced condemnation and the curses in the contract. Despite their rebellion, God would be faithful to His ROYAL GIFT COVENANT and bring about a SEED that would destroy the enemy and deliver the people. This SEED in shadow form is King David.

THE ROYAL GIFT COVENANT				
1 ST GOSPEL <small>[PROTOEVANGELION]</small>	ASPECTS SIGNS	SHADOW	JESUS SUBSTANCE	
		Land	The Palestinian Covenant [Deut. 29; 30]; The Book of Joshua	Heb. 11:10
Gen. 3:15 SEED PROMISE	Gen. 12:1-3 Abrahamic	Seed	The Davidic Covenant (2 Sam. 7); Num. 1:17-46 [v. 46]; Josh. 24:3	Gal. 3:16
		Blessing	The New Covenant (Jere. 31); Rahab (Josh. 2); Gibeonites (Josh. 9)	Eph. 1:3; 2 Pt. 1:3

LITERARY CONTEXT

- I. David made king (2 Sam. 1-6)
- II. **Yahweh makes a covenant with David (2 Sam. 7)**
 - A. David’s Plan (v.1-3)
 - B. Yahweh’s Plan (v.4-17)
 - C. David praises Yahweh (v.18-29)
- III. David’s success as king (2 Sam. 8-10)

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

“The preface to this chapter is the long and steady decline of the house of Saul as David’s kingship is finally made secure. As 2 Samuel 7:1 explains, David is finally settled in his house, experiencing God’s gift of rest from surrounding enemies. Note, however, that the narrator does not refer to David by name, instead always calling him “the king” (v. 1-3). This underscores that David — and not Saul — is now king, but the title also underscores his role, over and above any personal identity. When God speaks, starting in verse 5, God always refers to him as “my servant, David.” God knows him by name.”¹

BIBLICAL CONTEXT

ABRAHAMIC A nation that would be a blessing to the world	MOSAIC A contract with that nation based on their obedience
DAVIDIC A kingdom, through the line of David, that would never end	NEW As the fulfillment of the SEED PROMISE, Jesus will perfectly keep the conditions of the MOSAIC LAW.

Notice the differences between the Abrahamic PROMISE and the Mosaic LAW.

STRUCTURE

Notice how the covenant made with David reflects the covenant made with Abraham. David reveals another facet of the SEED PROMISE. God is faithful to keep His word in fulfilling the ROYAL GIFT COVENANT.

- I. God Promises David **A LAND** (2 Sam. 7:10)
 - 2 Sam. 7:10 Moreover **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; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime,

II. God Promises David **A SEED** (2 Sam. 7:12-14)

- 2 Sam. 7:12 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.** 13 He shall build an house for my name, and **I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.** 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: 27 For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

“[7:16] The unconditional promise made here, and reflected in Ps 89:34–35, stands in contrast to the tradition in Ps 132:12, where the continuation of the line of David depends on their fidelity to the Lord; cf. also 1 Kgs 2:4; 6:12; 8:25.”²

III. God Promises David **A BLESSING** (2 Samuel 8)

Notice in the next chapter how David becomes a warrior king who defeats the enemy and delivers his people. Notice verse 15.

- 1 Now after this it came about that **David defeated** the Philistines and subdued them; and David took control of the chief city from the hand of the Philistines.
- 2 **He defeated** Moab
- 3 Then **David defeated**
- 9 Now when Toi king of Hamath heard that **David had defeated** all the army of Hadadezer,
- 10 Toi sent Joram his son **to King David to greet him and bless him,**
- 13 So **David made a name for himself** when he returned from killing 18,000 Arameans in the Valley of Salt.
- 14 And **the LORD helped David wherever he went.**
- 15 So **David reigned over all Israel;** and **David administered justice and righteousness for all his people.**

This King who conquers also administers His power with justice and righteousness for all his people.

JESUS IN THE TEXT

Notice how Jesus becomes the final seed of David who sits on the throne to rule with justice and righteousness forever.

1. Jesus is the ultimate **LAND** where His people are “planted” and from where they will never be moved.

2. Jesus is the ultimate **SEED** who sits on the throne from which He will never be removed.

Luke images this idea in the Gospel of Luke 1:32, 33.

- ³² "He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; 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 His kingdom will have no end."

3. Finally, Jesus is the ultimate **BLESSING** by defeating His enemies and delivering His people

- 1Co 15:26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.
- Re 2:27 **AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES**, as I also have received authority from My Father;
- Re 12:5 And she gave birth to a son, a male child, **who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron; and her child was caught up to God and to His throne.**
- Re 19:15 From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and **He will rule them with a rod of iron**; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

One day the King shall govern with absolute justice and righteousness. In that day, all the nations of the world shall be blessed.

King David pictures King Jesus. David is a pivotal moment in the story. Every King to follow is compared to King David.

APPLICATION

1. Do you believe the promises of God and that He is faithful to fulfill them all?
2. Do you see how King David is a shadow of His greater offspring?
3. Do you believe in Jesus?

VISUALS

MEMORY VERSE

2 Samuel 7:12

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RESOURCES

ENDNOTES

¹ <https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/narrative-lectionary/gods-promise-to-david/commentary-on-2-samuel-71-17>

² <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/2samuel/7>