

Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious! - 7

The apostle Paul, after his remarkable conversion, came to realize that Jesus Christ came to serve “the Jews on behalf of God's truth, to confirm the promises made to the patriarchs” of their nation - Romans 15:8 .

A thousand years before the time of Paul and the other apostles, God made His promise to king David. It came in the form of a covenant, an engagement or formal commitment to future action entered into by God with David.

Peter on the day of Pentecost declared to his Jewish audience that this covenant referred to Jesus the Messiah - “Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne” - Acts 2:30.

This was a further unfolding of the purpose which God had begun to show - yet another thousand years before the time of David - in His promise to Abraham concerning his offspring. God had informed Abraham that he and Sarah would be the ancestors of Kings - Genesis 17:6, 16. And now further detail came to David on how God's blessing on people from all nations would occur - Genesis 26:4; Revelation 5:9.

Peter, in that Pentecost speech, referred to the oath with which God made his promise, His solemn declaration of His absolute commitment to raise up Messiah, to reign as king in David's dynasty over Israel. There is reference to this oath of God in the Psalms -

- “The Lord has sworn in truth to David; He will not turn from it: ‘I will set upon your throne the fruit of your body’.” - Psalm 132:11
- “I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: ‘Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations’.” - Psalm 89:3.
- “My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips. Once I have sworn by My holiness; I will not lie to David: His seed shall endure forever, And his throne as the sun before Me” - v.34-36.
- “From this man's seed, according to the promise, God raised up for Israel a Savior - JESUS” - Acts 13:23.
- “The Lord God of Israel... has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David, as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, who have been since the world began” - Luke 1:69-70.

These divinely inspired statements demonstrate -

- First, that God entered into an engagement or formal commitment with David, king of Israel, to sustain His kingdom in an unrestricted duration;
- Second, that the promise, covenant, and oath had reference to Jesus.

The “last words” of David show this was his understanding - “He has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. For this is all my salvation and all my desire” - 2 Samuel 23:5.