

## Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious! - 10

Even though David was seen to be a famous military figure of his time, he was in fact described by God as “a man after My own heart, who will do all My will” - Acts 13:22. In other words, the motivating force in David's life was his desire to perform the will of God which had been written out by Moses in “the Book of the Law” - Deuteronomy 30:10; Psalm 119:97.

Also, it will be helpful to keep in mind that from the time of the exodus from Egypt when Israel became a nation, God was their king. He gave them His law through Moses and ruled over them by those laws.

But the time came when Israel preferred to be ruled by a visible, human king like the nations around them. Samuel the prophet, was disappointed by their request, but “the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them’.” - 1 Samuel 8:7 .

God, after later selecting David to rule in His kingdom over Israel, further covenanted that David's lineage would become a dynasty. Although this developed into a succession of hereditary rulers, this covenant was about a particular individual in David's Dynasty.

While we now consider the details of this covenant with David we will discover a remarkable feature about its completion. There is a parallel fulfilment in the coming of two different individuals as the promised “seed” or offspring of David. The first is Solomon and the second is Jesus Christ.

There have been some with the opinion that God's covenant with David was completely fulfilled by the reign of David's son, Solomon. But the details show that Solomon's was only an incipient fulfilment of what God promised. Yes, Solomon's reign played an important part, but only by being an illustration of what God was going to accomplish in David's greater son. And so the covenant begins -

- “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. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever” - 2 Samuel 7:12-13.
- “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. But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I removed from before you” - vv. 14-15.
- “And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever” - v. 16.

Who is the promised seed? David's son Solomon reigned in David's place for forty years. In the early part of his rule, Solomon was occupied in overseeing the building of the temple = “the house of God” - 2 Chronicles 3:3, which was seen at the time as a fulfilling of v. 13.

Also, the remarkable ability which God endowed on Solomon - 1 Kings 3:11-13 - may be taken as fulfilling a literal translation of the promise in v. 14, “I am to him for a father, and he is to me for a son” (Young's Lit. Trans.) In addition, the fact that circumstances necessitated the enthronement of Solomon while David was still alive would be seen as fulfilling v. 16.