

## Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious! - 11

Solomon's reign served only as an illustration of what God was going to accomplish by Jesus Christ in the complete fulfilment of His covenant with David, in which God declared -

- “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.

It was David's initial hope and understanding that his son Solomon would be that promised “seed” and we see that expectation when “David said to Solomon...the word of the LORD came to me, saying...you shall not build a house for My name...a son shall be born to you...His name shall be Solomon...He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever” - 1 Chron 22:7.

But as we noted earlier, David in his “last words” was moved by the spirit of God to say that the fulfilment of the covenant was still in the future, because the required conditions were still absent. Solomon was ready to be the next king, but the inspired message was that his son's reign would not be the fulfilment of the promise.

And so David also wrote, “For - not so is my house with God... for - He has not caused it to spring up” - v.5, Young's Lit.Trans.

David in his capacity as a prophet, faithfully recorded the words of divine inspiration in God's covenant with him, but David could not be expected to understand how future events would unfold. As Peter noted, the prophets (including David and Solomon) were “trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.” - 1 Peter 1:11 NIV -

But the prophecies from Old Testament times were not so much for the benefit of the prophets who were inspired to write them. Peter adds that the spirit of God was at work again in New Testament times, to report the actual events which were fulfilling the prophecies -

“It was revealed to them that they (the prophets) were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those (the apostles) who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven” - v.12.

One of the apostles, Paul, declared that “God... has in these last days spoken to us by His Son”, of whom God had promised in his covenant with David, “I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son” - Hebrews 1:1, 5, thus showing that this promise was fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Peter, another of the apostles, preaching on the day of Pentecost, explained the divinely inspired words which David heard from the prophet Nathan. Peter said, “he (David), foreseeing this, spoke concerning the RESURRECTION of the Christ” - Acts 2:31.