

## Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious! - 12

Peter, on the day of Pentecost, presented an eye-opening explanation to his Jewish audience of God's covenant with David -

“Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 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, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning THE RESURRECTION OF THE CHRIST” - Acts 2:29-31.

It was actually Nathan the prophet who spoke the words of God's covenant with David, saying, “I will set up your seed after you...” in which there is no mention of resurrection. But Peter shows how David, writing the 16th Psalm in his role as a prophet, foresaw that God would raise his promised seed from death -

“For David says concerning Him: ‘I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken; 26 therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; moreover my flesh will also rest in hope, 27 because You will not leave my soul in Hades, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of joy in Your presence’.” - Acts 2:25-28.

Both the words of the covenant and of the Psalm, though spoken and written by different men, were ultimately from God. For this reason Peter could unite the message in Psalm 16 with those words of the covenant to say that David “spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ.”

- But as to who the promised “seed” of David was, the New Testament opens in Matthew 1:1, “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David, the Son of Abraham.” And when the angel announced the conception of Jesus to Mary in Luke 1:32, he said “the Lord God will give Him the THRONE of His father David.” The angel also added that “He will be...called the Son of the Highest” to fulfil another of the terms of the covenant, “I will be his father and he will be my son”.

- Zechariah, after the birth of his son John the Baptist, was moved by the Holy Spirit to say, “The Lord God of Israel... has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David” - Luke 1:68. The apostle Paul later wrote, “Jesus Christ...was born of the seed of David according to the flesh” - Romans 1:3.

- Paul also wrote “that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel” - 2 Timothy 2:8. Jesus, of himself - “I, Jesus... am the Root (David's ‘Lord’ - Psalm 110) and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star” - Revelation 22:16.

The statements which we have seen from various men in the New Testament Scriptures, not least of all, Jesus himself, leave no doubt that God's covenant with David looked forward to Jesus Christ. Those things which God had in His plan with mankind were to be performed by a specially prepared offspring of David who would also be the Son of God.

Some further consultation with the Scriptures demonstrates that the work which Jesus accomplished before his ascension to the Father has only partly fulfilled the terms of God's covenant with David.