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The Scripture record shows that the work which Jesus accomplished before his ascension to the Father only partly fulfilled the terms of God's covenant with David. It is also clear from what we read there that there is still more for Jesus to perform before all in the covenant is accomplished.

- Upwards of a thousand years after the days of David's life were fulfilled, and he was resting with his fathers, Jesus was born in Bethlehem, the city of David, to Mary, a virgin, descended in the line of David, who was engaged to be married to Joseph, who was also a descendant of David.

- An angel of God announced the birth of Jesus one night to some nearby shepherds who were watching their flocks, saying "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" - Luke 2:10-11.

- After the visit of the pregnant Mary with her relative Elizabeth, Zacharias, the father of John was moved by the spirit of God to exclaim, "Blessed is the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited and redeemed His people, 69 and has raised up a horn of salvation* for us in the house of His servant David, 70 as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets, who have been since the world began" - Luke 1:68.

* This was the salvation for which David declared he was waiting - 2 Samuel 23:5.

- The gospel record testifies to the virgin birth of Jesus. The angel explained to Mary, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called THE SON OF GOD" - Luke 1:35.

- This fulfilled God's promise to David concerning his promised descendant in 2 Samuel 7:14, "I will be his Father, and HE SHALL BE MY SON," in this way far surpassing the application to Solomon.

- The fact that Jesus had no human father - as the angel explained to Joseph, "do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit" - Matthew 1:20 - is one of the distinguishing features of the Messiah.

- The confession of Nathanael when he met Jesus was in fact a declaration that Jesus was the promised Messiah, "You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" - John 1:49. Nathanael recognized Jesus to be the promised "seed" of David, and Son of God.

- The religious authorities of those times readily accepted that the promised Messiah would be a descendant of David, but they were unwilling to accept that he would have only one human parent and God as his actual father. This is why they could not answer the second question which Jesus asked them -

- "What do you think about the Christ? Whose Son is He?" They said to Him, "The Son of David." He said to them, "How then does David in the Spirit call Him 'Lord,' saying (in Psalm 110:1): 'The Lord [God] said to my Lord, 'Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool'?" If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his Son?" And no one was able to answer Him a word" - Matthew 22:42-46.