

## Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious! - 15

God promised in His covenant with David - "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" - 2 Samuel 7:14.

There is a parallel fulfilment in the coming of two different individuals as the promised "seed" or offspring of David. The first is Solomon's which was only an incipient fulfilment and the second is Jesus Christ.

Psalms 89 shows that the second clause in v.14, "If he commits iniquity..." also includes the entire line of mortal kings from Solomon onwards. In this Psalm is a meditation on the Covenant which God made with David. It begins -

- "I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. 2 For I have said, 'Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens'." - Psalms 89:1.
- 3 'I have made a covenant with My chosen' - God's Covenant with David - "I have sworn to My servant David": 4 'YOUR SEED I WILL ESTABLISH FOREVER, AND BUILD UP YOUR THRONE TO ALL GENERATIONS'."

The first of David's mortal offspring to sit on his throne was Solomon, and God, in 1 Kings 9:4-7, speaking to Solomon in a dream, reiterated His stipulation that Solomon and his descendants must worship Him only, and uphold His law -

- "Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, 5 then I will establish the throne of your kingdom over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man on the throne of Israel.'
- 6 But if you or your sons at all turn from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them, 7 then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them" and, then there will be no kingdom to rule and the line of mortal kings will be "overturned" -

See Ezekiel 21:24-27 where the prophet tells Zedekiah that he will be removed and be the last king over Israel "until He [Jesus] comes whose right it is, and I will give it to Him." - "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever" - Luke 1:33.

But of the mortal descendants of David who ruled in David's dynasty, the psalm reiterates God's warning in the Covenant with David, "If his sons [descendants] forsake My law And do not walk in My judgments, 31 If they break My statutes And do not keep My commandments, 32 Then I will visit their transgression with the rod, And their iniquity with stripes" - Psalms 89:30-32.

Solomon's son Rehoboam, in the early part of his reign, "forsook the law of the Lord" - 2 Chronicles 12:1, and suffered severely for doing so. Finally the last king, "stiffened his neck and hardened his heart against turning to the Lord God of Israel" - 2 Chronicles 36:13, and having destroyed Jerusalem, "the king of Babylon bound him in bronze fetters, took him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death" - Jeremiah 52:11.