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Jesus has not yet fulfilled all the conditions of the promise which God made to David. Peter, preaching on the day of Pentecost, referred to God's covenant with David, "... 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" - Acts 2:30.

There is no way in which this has been fulfilled - "...You have been furious with Your anointed. 39 You have renounced the covenant of Your servant; You have profaned his crown by casting it to the ground...44 You have made his glory cease, And cast his throne down to the ground: - Psalm 89:38-44.

Ezekiel warned Zedekiah the last king in Jerusalem, "Now to you, O profane, wicked prince of Israel, whose day has come, whose iniquity shall end...27 Overthrown, overthrown, I will make it overthrown! It shall be no longer, until He comes whose right it is, and I will give it to Him'." - Ezekiel 21:25-27

Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, led his armies in the siege of Jerusalem until they broke into the city and destroyed it, taking the king captive. Ever since that time the kingdom has been overturned. After that overthrow, Israel was afterwards trampled down by Greece and Rome. After the destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman emperor Titus, Israel had no political existence. Even though the state of Israel has been re-established, the kingdom has never been restored.

Since this is still the case, what can be said about the covenant made with David, which explicitly guarantees the eventual continuance of David's throne and kingdom, under the descendant of his who was also to be the Son of God?

The only possible resolution is, that at some future time, JESUS MUST RETURN AND RE-ESTABLISH THE KINGDOM OF DAVID, and rule as David did for God. This, in fact, is what the apostles pointed out, that God had declared through the prophets -

- "After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David which has fallen down. I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up, 17 so that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the Lord who does all these things" - Acts 15:16.

This is in harmony with the famous words of Isaiah which were set to music by Handel -

- "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever..." - Isaiah 9:6-7.

But this is also foretold by the other prophets, e.g.,

- "In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David a Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land..." - Jeremiah 33:15.
- "For thus says the Lord: 'Just as I have brought all this great calamity on this people, so I will bring on them all the good that I have promised them'." - Jeremiah 32:42.