

2 Samuel 7:1-17

The Big Picture of the Bible: the Kingdom Revealed in Israel's History

In our current sermon series, "The Big Picture of the Bible", it is found that the main theme of the Kingdom of God underpins the whole of the Bible story. The main theme is revealed in throughout the Bible: the Kingdom revealed in the Garden of Eden; in Israel's history; in prophecy; and in Christ.

In today's text, God highlights the covenant promises he made to Abraham in Genesis 12 (2 Samuel 7:9-11) and then prophesies a future king who is far greater even than David (vs. 11-16). It becomes clear that the future of the covenant depends on this future king.

As we may soon see, it is partially fulfilled by the great king Solomon, who succeeds David and rules wisely. He brings security and prosperity to the land. And the temple is built during his reign, providing a permanent symbolic dwelling-place for God. It looks now as if all the promises of God have been fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come. God's people, the Israelites, are in God's place, Canaan, under God's rule and are enjoying God's blessing.

However, it was not to last. Solomon marries many foreign wives and begins to worship their gods. Soon after Solomon's son, Rehoboam, Israel was divided and people in both kingdoms have broken the covenant with God and disobeyed the law. From 2 Samuel 7 onwards in the Bible, we are waiting for the arrival of God's king, the son of David because the kingdom of God must be established by him, the 'Messiah' or 'Christ'. God will fulfil his promises through this great son of David, who is also a son of God.

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