

LESSON 5 – THE DEUTERONOMIC & DAVIDIC COVENANT



Reading Assignment:

Bible Reading: Exodus 19, 20, Deuteronomy 29 & 30;
2 Samuel 7:8-16
Text Reading: Chapter 8 & 9

THE BACKGROUND OF THE DEUTERONOMIC COVENANT

The Mosaic Covenant and the Deuteronomi² Covenant are not the _____.
Deuteronomy 29:1 indicates two _____ covenants.

Stop and Read: Deuteronomy 28:1-68

List the prime characteristics of the Mosaic Law Covenant as summarized in this passage:

If Israel obeyed the Mosaic Law, God would _____

If Israel disobeyed the Mosaic Law, God would _____

The time of the Deuteronomi² Covenant: after the _____.

The Parties of the Covenant: 1. _____ 2. _____

The Purpose of the Covenant: It was a _____ of the special relationship of the nation of Israel, its people, with God.

THE DEUTERONOMIC COVENANT

Stop and Answer: Deuteronomy 30:1-10

1. When will God fulfil the Deuteronomi² Covenant?

Give the verse you used to answer this: _____ -

2. From where will the scattered Israelites return? _____

2. What is the location of their restoration? _____

4. What was the personal spiritual promise given to them as individuals?

God would _____ the Israelites of that time.

² Some called the Deuteronomi² Covenant the Palestinian Covenant, but due to the events of the Middle East in the 21st Century, it is better to refer to it as the Deuteronomi² Covenant to prevent confusion and misunderstanding.

5. What would happen to their enemies? _____

6. In contrast to the nation before their entry into the Wilderness, what will the Israelites of the fulfilled Deuteronomic Covenant due with respect to God [verse 7]?

The will _____

7. In verse 9, what does God promise? _____

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE DEUTERONOMIC COVENANT

Stop and Think: What is the significance of these promises?

The ultimate fulfilment must be future –

- a.
- b.
- c.

Israel will survive if God is to be trusted.

A key element to the future fulfilment verse a past fulfilment or a voided covenant is that God says He will remember Israel [Leviticus 26:42] after their disobedience and cursing. Further, they will return to Him in repentance. This will be in the latter days [Hosea 3:5].

Stop and Read: Leviticus 26:33 - 42

Do you agree with a future fulfilment when God will remember them?

For an in-depth understanding of these events you might wish to consider our course on the Feasts of the Lord; *An Appointment with God*. The sixth feast of the Lord demonstrates the need of spiritual cleansing and atonement for the nation of Israel and shows that that will come at the Second Coming of the Lord to the Earth after the Tribulation.

According to Dr. Showers, when will the Deuteronomic Covenant be fulfilled?

If a literal nation of Israel, of the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob [Leviticus 26:42], is required to fulfil this covenant, and this covenant will be fulfilled at the 2nd Coming of the Lord, then a literal Israel will exist at the latter days. Many today are teaching that the Church has replaced the literal Israel and is now the spiritual Israel. Thus, there will be no future literal Israel populated by the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

It is this “Replacement Theology” which is the result of the Covenant Theology studied in previous lessons. Thus, one’s position with respect to Covenant/Reformed Theology and Dispensational Theology will affect one’s view of current world politics and movements.

THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

Here are a few words from a popular hymn in the UK. Can you find anything wrong with them?

Jesus has sat down
At God’s right hand
He is reigning now on David’s throne;
God has placed all things
Beneath His feet,
His enemies will be His footstool.

For the government
Is now upon His shoulder ...³

The issue is David’s throne. Is David’s throne in heaven? Is Christ upon it now?

Many Covenant/Reformed theologians would answer both questions with “yes.” Knowledgeable Dispensationalists would answer “no.”

The true answer centres about an understanding of the Davidic Covenant.

THE PARTIES OF THE COVENANT

God made a covenant with _____ after he was firmly established as king over the entire nation of Israel.

Stop and Read: 2 Samuel 7:8-16

³ Jonathan Wallis © 1983 Thankyou Music #360 Mission Praise Compiled by Peter Horrobin and Greg Leavers [London: Marshall Pickering, 1990].

THE PROMISES OF THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

God's promises concerned:

1. The _____ [vv. 10-11]
2. _____ [vv. 12-15]
3. _____ [v. 16]

Consider God's promises personally given to David: List the three promises.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Notice that while the Throne of David was unoccupied for centuries, it was still promised to Jesus Christ in Luke 1:32-33.

Stop and Read: 2 Samuel 7:8-16; 23:5; 2 Chronicles 7:18; 21:7; Psalms 89:3,4; 28,29; 34-37; Jermeiah 33:19-26.

Can you find any conditions in these passages concerning the Davidic Covenant? _____

Knowing what you have learned concerning covenants, is the Davidic Covenant

Conditional or Unconditional ----- Why?

THE THRONE OF GOD – BACKGROUND STUDY

Stop and Answer: Find your answers from the following Scriptures.

Does God's throne exist now? Psalms 93:2; Isaiah 6:1; Matthew 5:34; 23:22

Where is God's throne located? Isaiah 66:1; Psalms 11:4; Acts 7:49; Revelation 4:2

Is the Throne in Heaven ever called anything but God's throne or the Lord's throne?

Matthew 23:22; Hebrews 12:2; Rev. 7:15; 22:1, 3; 7:5, 11; 12:5; 14:5

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Who surrounds the throne, but does not sit upon it? Hebrews 8:1; 12:2; Rev. 5:7

Jesus Christ is at the _____ of it

Rev. 1:4; 4:5

The _____ is before the throne

Rev. 6:16; 7:9; 22:1

The Lamb in heaven is _____ from the throne of God

Does the Bible speak of a 2nd Throne and where is it located? Isaiah 16:5; Jeremiah 3:17

Is Christ's throne pictured as future and separate from the Father's? Matthew 19:28; 26:29 Hebrews 1:8 _____

IS THE THRONE OF DAVID IN HEAVEN?

The key question to be answered is whether the Throne of David is equal to the Throne of God in Heaven.

Compare:

	GOD'S THRONE	DAVID'S THRONE
<i>Location of David's descendents rule</i>		
<i>Location of Christ's rule</i>		
<i>Beginning of Throne/ruling</i>		
<i>End of existence of throne</i>		
<i>Location of Throne</i>		
<i>Other Names used of Throne</i>		

Today, Jesus Christ is seated at the right hand side of the Father's throne and not on the throne. One day He will be seated on David's throne. Recall, that His present

ministry is one of intercession rather than ruling. Hence, He is interceding with the Father rather than ruling and governing His kingdom.

Considering the hymn quoted above, what is wrong with it?

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Do you believe God keeps His promises? The trustworthiness of God is very important. The Davidic Covenant is both a personal promise to David and a promise of blessing to both Israel and all who are the Lord's. The certainty of this promise is based solely upon the Lord's trustworthiness. Consider:

Psalms 89:28-37 shows that the Davidic Covenant depends only upon God and not David. What does God base His trustworthiness on in this passage? _____

In Jeremiah 33:20-21, what sign assures us of God's ultimate fulfilment of this covenant?

If you know the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour, you have trusted your eternal future on His promise of eternal life. Once indwelt by the Lord your eternity is sealed and promised by God. Just as He cannot break His covenant with David, He cannot break His promises to you.

But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

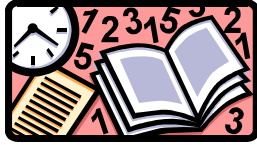
John 1:12

These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, ...

1 John 5:13

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

John 3:36



Homework

1. Explain the background of the Deuteronomic Covenant and promises of this covenant that are unique to it. [25 points]

2. When will the Deuteronomic Covenant and when will the Davidic Covenant be fulfilled? Is there any connection between the two covenants, i.e., must the Deuteronomic Covenant be fulfilled before the Davidic Covenant is fulfilled? [25 points]

3. Discuss why the Throne of God is not the Throne of David. Explain why many think that Christ is now upon His throne. Does this have any bearing upon the nation of Israel and current world events? [25 points]

4. Discuss why the Davidic Covenant is an unconditional covenant and what does that mean to you personally? [25 points]

I have read _____ % of the textbook. I have read _____ % of the Scripture Reading

Signed: _____ Date: _____