

1 Chronicles 17:11-14

The Throne of David

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Introduction:

1. God had promised that the seed of woman would crush the head of the serpent and the enemy of man would be defeated (Genesis 3:15).
2. He showed that this victory would include blessedness for all through the seed of Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3).
3. This Victor would be a mediator (Job 19:23-27), a ruler (Genesis 49:10), a star (Numbers 24:17), a prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15-19), a priest (1 Samuel 2:35), and a king (1 Samuel 2:10).
4. As a King, the Messiah would rule over an eternal kingdom from the throne of David.

I. THE PREMILLENNIAL PARADIGM

- A. Premillennialism is the teaching that Jesus will return before the millennial – a supposed one-thousand-year reign of Jesus.
- B. Though there are many disagreements over various points of doctrine, the general idea of premillennialism is as follows:
 1. Old Testament prophecies of a kingdom referred to a physical, political government that would be established by the Messiah.
 2. Thus, Jesus came into the world to set up this kingdom.
 3. However, when He realized that He would be rejected by the Jews, the idea of the church was inserted into God's plan as a temporary replacement for the kingdom.
 4. Though He was crucified, Jesus rose from the grave and ascended back to the Father in Heaven, promising to return.
 5. To help His people know when His return was near, Jesus gave signs that would prepare them (Matthew 24; etc.).
 6. When He returns the rapture will take place – taking the living and dead saints from the earth to live with Jesus for seven years (1 Thessalonians 4:16).
 7. During these seven years, the earth will undergo great tribulation (Daniel 9:24-27).
 - a. The first 3½ years will see the return of the Jews to the Promised Land, the rebuilding of the Temple, and the rise of the Antichrist.
 - b. The second 3½ years will see the revelation of the Antichrist, the mark of the beast, and the persecution and death of those faithful to God.
 8. A tremendous battle will take place between the Antichrist and Israel at Armageddon.
 9. When it seems that the righteous will be defeated, Jesus will return and make war with Satan, conquering and binding him.
 10. Then, Jesus will establish His earthly kingdom in Jerusalem and reign upon David's throne for 1,000 years of peace and prosperity.
 11. At the end of the millennium, all people will be judged and sentenced to their eternal destiny – either Heaven or Hell.
- C. This fanciful system of doctrines has come to be believed by the majority of denominational groups in the world.

Prophecy of Jesus

- II. THE PARALLEL PASSAGE (1 CHRONICLES 17:11-14)
- A. This passage is parallel to 2 Samuel 7:12-14 that was studied in the last lesson.
 - B. It tells of God's promise to build a house for David.
 - C. This involved the sending of the Messiah (the descendant of David) to build God's true Temple by establishing the church.
 - D. A key principle to be understood is God's teaching concerning the throne of David.
- III. THE PROPHETIC PROMISE
- A. God promised to establish an eternal kingdom that was spiritual in nature (see previous lesson).
 - B. God promised that no descendant of Coniah would prosper while sitting on the throne of David and ruling in Judah (Jeremiah 22:24-30).
 - 1. Jesus is a direct descendant of Coniah.
 - a. Jehoiakim begat Coniah (1 Chronicles 3:16; Jeremiah 22:24).
 - b. Coniah begat Shealtiel (1 Chronicles 3:17; Matthew 1:11-12).
 - c. Jesus is a descendant of Shealtiel, thus Coniah (Matthew 1:12).
 - 2. This means that Jesus cannot prosper (or, succeed) as King if He rules on David's throne in Judah.
 - 3. Jerusalem is in Judah; therefore, there will be no literal throne in the city of Jerusalem (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:16).
 - C. God promised to establish David's throne to all generations (Psalm 89:1-4, 26-37).
 - 1. This was a promise concerning Jesus (Acts 2:30; Rom. 1:3-4).
 - 2. God established this promise with an oath (cf. Heb. 6:13ff).
 - D. God promised that the Messiah would be a priest while upon His throne (Zechariah 6:12-13).
 - 1. This would not be possible for Jesus because He came from the tribe of Judah, not Levi (Hebrews 7:11-15; 8:4).
 - 2. Since Jesus is now our High Priest, He must be ruling now on His throne (Heb. 8:1).
 - 3. Therefore, His throne cannot be upon the earth.
 - 4. In fact, it is David's throne, and it is in Heaven (Hebrews 4:14; Acts 2:29-36; Revelation 3:21).
 - E. God promised He would set His king upon the hill of Zion (Psalm 2) – however, this was a reference to the resurrection of Jesus (Acts 13:32-39; Romans 1:4).
 - F. God promised to raise up (or, rebuild) the tabernacle of David (Amos 9:11-15).
 - 1. This was fulfilled in the church.
 - 2. If the tabernacle has not been rebuilt, then the Gentiles cannot seek after the Lord (Acts 15:14-18).
 - G. Clearly, God promised that the Messiah would reign over a spiritual kingdom from David's throne.
 - H. This is being done now by Jesus as He sits at the right hand of God in Heaven.
 - I. The church is the kingdom of Jesus!