

David's Heir: The Messianic Covenants: Five Objective of a Client Nation; the Adamic Covenant & the Declaration of the Angelic Conflict, Gen 3:15; the Noahic Covenant: the Lord's Pedigree from Adam to Shem; the Davidic Covenant: Eternal Kingdom Established through the Line of David, 2 Sam 7:1-17

9. **The Adamic Covenant**, expressed in Genesis 3:15, revealed that the seed of the woman, i.e., the Messiah, would originate from Adam's seed:

Genesis 3:15 - "I will put enmity between you [Lucifer] and the woman [Eve] and between your seed [unregenerate mankind] and her seed [Messiah beginning with the Incarnation]. He [Messiah] shall crush your skull [Second Advent], and you [Lucifer] will bruise His heel [the crucifixion].
10. This verse initiated the Angelic Conflict while setting the stage for the strategic victory of Messiah to resolve the sin problem through His substitutionary sacrifice.
11. **The Noahic Covenant** begins the process of narrowing the genetic line of Messiah. From this covenant, we learn that the seed of the woman will proceed from Adam's son Seth down to Noah and then through Noah's son Shem. This is the Adamic line.

All prophetic declaration is made that Shem will have a unique relation to the Lord (Genesis 9:26-27). All divine revelation is through Semitic men, and Christ, after the flesh, descends from Shem.¹
12. **The Davidic Covenant** not only confirms that the genetic line of Messiah will proceed through the tribe of Judah as per Genesis 49:10, but that it will be narrowed to the house of David.
13. The key passage for this covenant is found in 2 Samuel 7:1-17. It certifies that the David's bloodline will produce the Messiah of Israel Who will establish the rulership of the house of David forever.
14. This passage contains a number of important details so we will examine it in closely.

2 Samuel 7:12 - "When your days are complete and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendants after you, who will come forth from you, and I will establish his kingdom." (NASB)

 1. This passage contains the prophetic declaration by Nathan that God will establish David's kingdom forever.
 2. The context includes verses 1-17. The opening verses have to do with David's desire to build a temple for the ark of the covenant in Jerusalem:

2 Samuel 7:1 - Now it came about when the king lived in his house, and the Lord had given him rest on every side from all his enemies,

v. 2 - that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within tent curtains."

v. 3 - Nathan said to the king, "Go do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you."
 3. David's idea is valid but his timing is off. His desire will be recognized, but not from his efforts. That same evening, the Lord came to Nathan with the message of the divine plan for a temple:

¹ C. I. Scofield, "The Noahic Covenant," in *The Scofield Study Bible: NASB* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2005), 18n9:16.

2 Samuel 7:4 - But in that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying,

v. 5 - "Go and say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord, "Should you build Me a house for Me to dwell in?"

v. 6 - "For I have not dwelt in a house since the time I caused to bring the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day; for I have been wandering about in a tent, even in a tabernacle.'"

4. There is no precedent for David's idea. Instructions were given to Moses on the construction of and articles for the tabernacle. God had never indicated any desire for a more permanent structure. The Lord points this out in the next verse.

2 Samuel 7:7 - "Wherever I have wandered from place to place with all the children of Israel have I spoken a word with one of the tribes of Israel, which I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why do you not build me a house of cedar?'"

5. For over 400 years, the God of Israel has been content to live in a tent. Such was justified until they entered the land of Canaan.
6. It is the divine desire to have a permanent structure, but the delay was allowed until it could be constructed in Jerusalem which David has established as the capital of Israel.

2 Samuel 7:8 - "Now therefore, you [**Nathan**] shall say to my bondservant David, 'Thus says the Lord of the armies, "I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be ruler over My people Israel.

v. 9 - "I have been with you wherever you have gone and I have destroyed your enemies before you [**wall of fire**]; I have made for you a great name, like the fame of the great personalities who have been on the earth."

7. David started out as a teenage shepherd who followed Jesse's sheep rather than leading; now he is promoted as king-shepherd to lead the sheep of Israel.
8. There are several elite personalities in biblical history: Adam, Seth, Noah, Shem, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Judah, Moses, Joshua, and Samson. David is told by God that his name will be established among the great personalities of world history.

2 Samuel 7:10 - "I will appoint [**perfect tense: its fulfillment is so certain it is treated as a completed action**] a place [**millennial kingdom**] for My people Israel and I will plant them in a place of their own possession [**client nation status**], not to be disturbed again [**no more fifth cycles**], for the sons of the wicked will never again cause oppression as they did formerly [**no more harassment from the sons of Hagar**],

2 Samuel 7:11 - even from the day I commanded judges to be over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies [**the "peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6)**]. The Lord has made a formal proclamation to you that He will make for you a dynasty.

9. The crux of the Davidic Covenant has to do with confirmation of the real estate covenant – also called the **Palestinian Covenant** – given to Abraham and the declaration of a Davidic dynasty that will last forever.
10. The context for its initial fulfillment is the millennial reign of Christ and the establishment of a homeland that stretches from the Nile to the Euphrates River.

11. Before the prophecy can become a reality there must be the entry of Messiah into human history and David's line is tasked with this duty.
12. The client nation must achieve freedom from its enemies which David and his army has been able to provide. Freedom through military victory must precede political peace and prosperity.
13. David's offer of a temple is commended by the Lord but He will inform David that his descendants will be assigned that duty. David's obligation is to set the example for the kings that will succeed him.
14. Beginning with verse 12, the Lord's message to Nathan moves into the prophetic details of the Davidic Covenant:

2 Samuel 7:12 - "It shall come to pass when your days have been fulfilled [David's physical death] and you lie down with your fathers [Paradise compartment of Hades], I will cause your seed [David's progeny] to rise up, who will come forth from your body [tribe of Judah, dynasty of David: legal line from Solomon to Joseph, bloodline of Mary from Nathan]. Therefore, I shall cause to be established His kingdom [the Millennium]."

v. 13 - "He [Solomon] will build a house for My name [Solomon's temple (1 Kings 5:5)], and I will establish the throne [the millennial reign of Christ] of his kingdom forever [eternal life].

2 Samuel 7:14 - "I will become a father to him and he [Solomon] will come as a son to Me. When he goes astray, then I will punish him with the rod of men [divine discipline administered through the laws of divine establishment],

v. 15 - but My unfailing love [**חֶסֶד** (*cheseth*)²] shall not depart from him [David], as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you."

15. The Davidic line will remain unbroken until inherited by the Lord Jesus Christ at the Second Advent.
16. The Lord now reveals to Nathan the eternal significance of this covenant to David:

2 Samuel 7:16 - "Your [David's] house [the Davidic bloodline] and your kingdom [Israel] shall endure before Me forever [the kingdom is permanent]; your throne shall be established forever [rulership of the Davidic line through Christ is eternal].

v. 17 - In accordance with all these words and all these visions, so did Nathan communicate the Davidic Covenant to David.

² "For centuries scholars have debated over the precise definition of *chesed*, but my long study of its etymology has given me a clear understanding of the meaning of this word. The best translation of *chesed* is not "goodness" or "lovingkindness" as in the New American Standard or King James versions, but "unfailing love" (R. B. Thieme, Jr., *The Unfailing Love of God* (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 2009), 9.