

**Sermon Notes: "Jesus Christ, the Seed of David" Psalm 110; Rev. 19:11 – 16**

"The theological and historical significance of **the divine promise to David** recorded in these verses can hardly be overestimated. Indeed, the promise of an enduring Davidic kingdom has been called the summit of the entire Old Testament. **Looking back** it takes up the promises of blessing made to Abraham and his elect seed (Gen. 17:16) and brings them to rest on (the seed of) David. **Looking forward**, it prepares for the messianic hope that inspires Israel's faith before and after the exile in Babylon (Isa. 11:1; Jer. 23:5, 6; Zech. 3:8, 6:12). The hope for a Messiah culminates in the coming of Jesus Christ (Isa. 9:1-7; Luke 1:32, 33, 69, 70; Acts 2:30, 31; 13:22, 23; Rom. 1:1-4; 2 Tim. 2:8; Rev. 22:16)." (Reformation Study Bible, page 436)

**The Kingdom of God and of His Christ is a great, major theme of the Bible.** The Kingship of David's throne was the great 'type' of Christ's everlasting rule. Christ as "King" is representative of infinite power and authority. The Kingdom speaks of majesty, dominion, the defeat of all enemies and the overruling of all oppression, and the security and prosperity of those who are the King's subjects. For the Jew to remember the Throne of David was to recall the halcyon days of glory, when Israel ruled the inhabited world of men. "No enemy will subject Him to tribute; no wicked man will oppress Him. I will crush His foes before Him and strike down His adversaries" (Psa. 89:23, 24).

In the first gospel promise Christ was promised as a Man, the **Seed of the Woman**. In the Abrahamic Covenant Christ was promised as the preeminent Son, the firstborn in a family of innumerable offspring. In the Davidic Covenant this Son became an anointed King whose Kingdom would stretch from shore to shore, would fill and subdue the earth, and would endure forever as the final and everlasting Kingdom (Daniel 2). In 2 Sam. 7, when David wished to build a house for God, the Most High said, "**No, I will build a house for you!**" Could there be a grander or more noble theme for human history? The blessings would flow as "far as the curse was found."

In the cycle of redemptive history, when it appeared as though God's promise had failed, God's people **pleaded the promises of 2 Samuel 7** (see Psa. 89). Then "in the fullness of time," at just the right, appointed moment (Gal. 4:4), the Messiah was born from Joseph of the house of David and in the city of David (Luke 2:4, 11). The LORD had "raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David" (Luke 1:69). The first words of the New Testament declare that Jesus was the "**son of David, the son of Abraham**" (Matt. 1:1). Who else would be privileged to know that besides Shepherds?

When during His earthly ministry, Jesus performed a mighty work, He was declared to be the "Son of David." When He disputed with the religious leaders regarding His identity, He confounded them with the question referenced from Psa. 110, "**How can the Messiah be both David's Son and David's Lord?**"

When the gospel was preached, it was announced that "from this man's (David's) seed God has brought to Israel the Savior, Jesus, as He promised" (Acts 13:23), and at the church council in Jerusalem James, the brother of Jesus declared that **historical events had verified that the Lord had returned to "rebuild David's fallen tent"** (Acts 15:16).

The Lord Jesus Christ, here is **the only One worthy** to open up and interpret, to bring integration to, all the events of the world's history. He is the "Lamb who was slain," "the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David" (Rev. 5:5, 6).

In the final vision of the Lord Christ given in Holy Scripture, **He is the "Root and Offspring of David, the bright Morning Star"** (Rev. 22:16).

Know that the offices Christ fulfills as Prophet, Priest, and King are undertaken only for His people, His elect. God's covenant faithfulness and steadfast love are for those who are designated the "bride of Christ", those who have said "Lord and bowed to Him" (Psa. 45:1). **He possesses the "key of David"**. When He shuts, no one can open. When He opens, no one can shut (Rev. 3:7, 8).