

David and the Throne of God's Kingdom

2 SAMUEL 7

The Essential Elements of a Kingdom

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Water:
two parts hydrogen and one
part oxygen.

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- Like water, a kingdom cannot exist without all its essential parts.
 - A kingdom must have a king, subjects, a law, and a territory.
 - To remove any one is to ultimately end the kingdom
 - To prove the existence of all elements of God's kingdom today is to prove its existence today.
- One of the first things that must be proven is that God's kingdom has a king, with absolute authority, on its throne – Matt. 28:18-20

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GOD'S PROMISE TO DAVID OF AN EVERLASTING
KINGDOM

David's Desire for God

- David wanted to build God a permanent house – 2 Sam. 7:1-7
 - Since David lived in a house of cedar, he felt, and Nathan agreed, that God should have a permanent house – 7:1-3
 - God, however, felt differently, reminding both men that no house is to be built unless God determines and reveals it to be so – 7:4-7
- David's mistakes:
 - He assumed God needed him, or at least a house built by him, to provide God a place to dwell – Acts 17:24-25
 - He presumed to know what God wanted.

God's Desire for David

- David would not build God a house, but his son would – 2 Sam. 7:12-16
 - God wasn't punishing David, but would bless him through his descendants – 7:12-13; 1 Chron. 22:8
 - God promises that with David's son he would have a continued relationship of Father and son, and his kingdom would continue – 7:14-15
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Fulfillment in Solomon

- Solomon would rule on David's throne in Jerusalem and build God's physical temple – 1 Kings 8
- As king, Solomon sinned and was chastised. Yet, his kingdom wasn't taken from him and he reigned until his death.
- Babylon brought the end of David's lineage ruling on the throne in Jerusalem.
- Babylon destroyed the house, or temple, of God that Solomon built – Jer. 52:12-13

Fulfillment in Jesus – Building God's House

- Jesus is also the “Son of David” – Matt. 1:1
- Jesus built a God's *eternal* house that cannot be destroyed – Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-5; 1 Tim. 3:14-15

Ephesians 2:12-22

“Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, ²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, ²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, ²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

1 Peter 2:4-5

“Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, ⁵ you also, as living stones, are being built up a **spiritual house**, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

1 Timothy 3:14-15

“These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly;¹⁵ but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”

The house of God built by Jesus,
or the temple of God, is the
church of God!

Fulfillment in Jesus – Establishing God's Kingdom

- Jesus's eternal kingdom began after his death, resurrection, and ascension to the Father – Acts 2:29-36
 - David everlasting throne would be filled by the *resurrected* Christ – 2:29-31
 - Upon being exalted to God's right hand, where He will remain **until his enemies are defeated**, Jesus received the everlasting kingdom of David – Acts 2:32-36
- This interpretation is proven correct by Daniel and the writer of Hebrews

Daniel 7:13-14

“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴ And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”

Hebrews 1:3-5, 8

“And He is the radiance of His glory and the exact representation of His nature, and upholds all things by the word of His power. When He had made purification of sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much better than the angels, as He has inherited a more excellent name than they. ⁵ For to which of the angels did He ever say, “You are My Son, today I have begotten You”? And again, “I will be a Father to Him and He shall be a Son to Me”?... ⁸ But of the Son He says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, and the righteous scepter is the scepter of His kingdom..”