



A GREAT KING



In this chapter you will ...

- (1) Observe a renewal of God-directed leadership.
- (2) Recognize the fulfillment of God dwelling with His people in Jerusalem.
- (3) Understand the significance of the promises made to David.
- (4) See the kingdom picture established by David and Solomon.

2 Samuel 7:8-16 - The Lord Will Make a House For You



From a king who did what was right in his own eyes, to a king after God's own heart, we meet the man David. He is not unfamiliar to us, but perhaps the covenant God made with him is. For this was no temporary promise made for a few hundred years, or merely to a son after him. This was an everlasting promise to the house of David. A promise that would stretch from a great king in David all the way down to *THE* great King in Jesus Christ. We have in the reign of king David and his son Solomon a beautiful picture of the King to come, in His holy city, with His holy people. It would not be realized just yet, but the promise would not tarnish over time. Solomon was the one who built a house for the Lord, but it was the Lord who built the house of David (Psalm 127). And while this period represented the glory days of Israel, it would pale in comparison to the glory that was yet to come!



A King Who Needed a King

In Psalm 110, one of the great Messianic Psalms, King David prophetically speaks of the King who will come. He knew it was not his power that was ultimate, but the One he looked to. David knew his place in the story of God, and it wasn't as Savior. Here, the shepherd of Israel looks to his Great Shepherd to lead him (Psalm 23). David's power came not merely from military might and poetic wisdom, but from the One he trusted. His sin was ever before him, and he knew he had sinned against a holy God (Psalm 51). But his trust was unwavering in the Almighty (Psalm 91).

Jesus, The Fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant



The Pharisees knew that the story of God promised a Messiah King who would come from the line of David. What they didn't know was that this One would be Divine (Matthew 22:41-46). They imagined a human descendant from David, but not what they got in God incarnate. The Gospel point is right on the surface for us to grab in this chapter of the story. We need a king! Not a king like the other nations, and not even a king from the holy nation ... we need a King from heaven, a Divine King. We need God as our King! And when God the Father sent His Son to be the Savior of the world, He was installing His King on His holy hill (Psalm 2). There is no option for you to embrace a good man, a good teacher, or even a good deliverer. You must embrace Jesus as *THE* Great King!

Story-Tellers Takeaways ...

- (1) God's plan was always for a king that would lead the people in righteousness.
- (2) The Davidic kingdom is not only a high-point in Israel, but a foreshadowing of what is to come.
- (3) The everlasting promises made to David point us all the way to the Son of David, King Jesus.
- (4) Solomon built a house (the Temple) for God, but it was God who was building a house (a family) for David.

My Notes:

How to Read the Story ... the Big into the Small, and the Small into the Big ... all to Penetrate Our Hearts!

Feathers - You must have an understanding of the epic narrative of God's story ... this is Biblical Theology that guides our reading of the story.

Shaft - You must approach each text of Scripture honestly and openly ... this is Exposition of Scripture that shapes our understanding of the story.

Point - You must have a soft heart to worship the author of the story ... this is Gospel Centeredness that changes life.

For Discussion:

- (1) Discuss what it means to have a king and what loyalty to a king looks like.
- (2) What does it mean to be a person "after God's own heart?" Talk about how a man after God's own heart responds to sin and failure.
- (3) Where are you not bowing the knee to King Jesus?
- (4) What have you learned about the promised coming of the Messiah from the Old Testament?