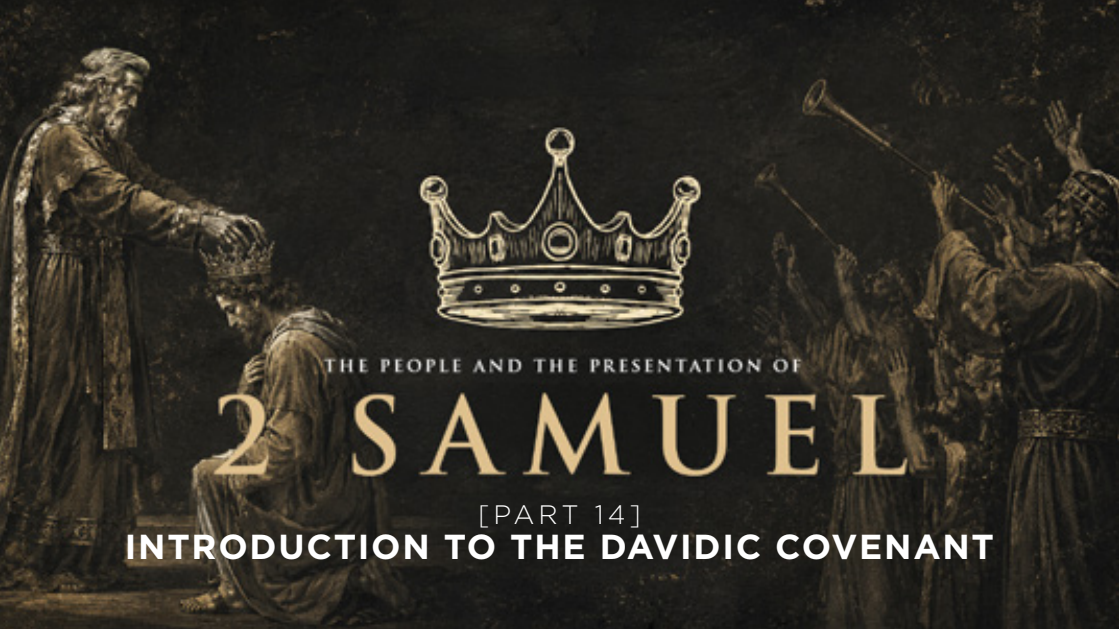




Reading: **2 Samuel 7:8 -17**

Introduction

- What is the '**big picture**' or the '**main event**' in this 7th chapter of 2Samuel?
- There are other themes but what is the main point?
- The main event is '**the Davidic Covenant**.'

1 What Is Meant By A Covenant?

- The word '**covenant**' and associated words are used 300 times in the Bible.
- In the OT testament it is translated from the Hebrew word '**berith**'.
- A covenant is an agreement between a number of parties.
- There is an agreement something will happen and a promise of its fulfilment.

2 Different Types Of Covenants

- Covenants between human beings.
- Abraham and Ahimelech [Genesis 21:32].
- Judas and the Jewish leaders [Matthew 26:15].
- [Malachi 2:14] the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman.
- **NB.** Sadly covenants can and often are broken.
- There are covenants that involve God and a person or people.
- Covenants can be '**unconditional**' or '**conditional**'.

3 God's Covenants

- **The Covenant of Redemption**

- This first covenant was made outside of history.
- It was a covenant with the Godhead between the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- Alluded too in [Ephesians 1:4,7,13], [John 17:4 - 5] and [2 Timothy 1:9].
- (i) **The Edenic Covenant**
 - Located in [Genesis 2:16 - 17] & [Hosea 6:7].
 - A '**conditional**' promise were God promises life/blessing on condition of obedience.
- (ii) **The Noahic Covenant**
 - An '**unconditional covenant**': Consider [Genesis 9:8 - 17].
 - God promises never to destroy world again with a flood.
 - Gave the world, the sign of a rainbow as a reminder of the covenant.
- (iii) **The Abrahamic Covenant**
 - Key Scriptures: [Genesis 12:1 - 3] & [Ch15].
 - An unconditional promise God made with Abraham.
 - God would make of Him a great people and give him and his descendants a great land.
 - They would be blest and in turn would bless the world.
- (iv) **The Mosaic Covenant.** (Sinai Covenant).
 - This covenant between God and Israel was 'conditional' on Israel keeping His laws.
 - Israel broke the covenant by her spiritual adultery and Jehovah divorced her.
- (v) **The New Covenant**
 - Key Scriptures: [Jeremiah 31:31 - 34] & [Luke 22:20].
 - This is an 'unconditional' covenant.

4 The Davidic Covenant

- Key References: [2 Samuel 7], [1Chronicles 17:11 - 14] [Psalm 89:3 - 4, 28 - 29 & 34 - 37]
- This covenant is unconditional.
- God promises to build David a house (royal dynasty/bloodline of descent).
- He promises that it will last forever.
- The Lord Jesus will descend from that royal bloodline [Luke 1:32].
- If that throne is '**forever**' then where is it now?
- Consider [Psalm 89:34 - 37].
- The two cosmic witnesses (sun & moon) testify to its permanence.
- Then where is it today?
- Has God broken His Word or been unable to keep His Word?
- This scenario is too awful to contemplate.
- So what's the answer?

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