

The Messianic Prophecies

...the coming of the Messiah
as foretold & prophesied in the Old Testament...

- or -

How the Old Testament points to Jesus Christ!

The Old Testament Prophecies: in Order of their Appearance in Scripture

The next messianic prophecy comes from 2nd Samuel:

2 Sam. 7:13

*He shall build a house for my name,
and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.*

2nd Samuel 7 is a turning point in the history of salvation. Through David, both the Abrahamic covenant & messianic hopes advance clearly.

Chapter 7 of 2nd Samuel begins with David's desire to build a house — *a temple* — for the Lord.

Instead, the Lord promises to make David a house — *a dynasty of his family* — that will represent & lead the Lord's people forever.

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This prophecy was announced to David by the prophet Nathan, but the prophecy originated from God.

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As before, the word for “offspring” is “seed.”

Also as before, the word “seed” is singular, which means the prophecy points to one specific person!

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This passage is referred to as “*the Davidic covenant*,” but look again — the word “*covenant*” does not appear!

The word “*covenant*” does, however, appear in **Psalm 89:3-4**.

Psalm 89:3-4

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
‘I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations.’”

Homework Assignment:

Read all of Psalm 89!

words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David..

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God's promise to David was regarded as a **solemn promise**:

Psalm 132:11

The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back:

“One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.

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And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies.

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Look at **Psalm 132:11** again, and compare it with **2 Sam. 8:12**.

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Specifically, the verses in **2 Samuel 7:12-13** refer to Solomon.

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Generally, though, the prophecy of **2 Samuel 7:8-17** refers to the dynasty of **David**, and to the promised coming **Messiah**.

God's promise was given to **David**, but benefitted all of God's people.

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Through David's descendants, God's people would remain united as a people under God's reign.

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Through the Davidic covenant, the Messianic prophecies become more specific: now God's people know where to look for the promised Messiah — in David's line of descendants!

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Because of this prophecy, a crisis emerged for the Jewish people when the last direct descendant of David died over 400 years later, during the Babylonian Captivity.

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**(David received the prophecy circa 1,000 B.C.;
his last "direct-line" descendant died circa 560 B.C.)**

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Note:

this prophecy said “one of David’s descendants” would sit in David’s throne & rule, but it never specified that the Messiah would be a **direct descendant.**

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**David had many descendants,
and his family tree only grew larger as time went by.**

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In the New Testament, Jesus' lineage is traced back to David, and Jesus is proclaimed to be the **FINAL** fulfillment of the prophecy given to David. The angel who visited Mary said Mary would "conceive and bear a son," and that she should "call his name Jesus," and that...

2 Samuel 7:8-17

Luke 1:32-33

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

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2 Sam. 7:8-17 has a “parallel passage” in **1st Chronicles**.

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1 Chron. 17:12-13

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The books of **I & II Chronicles** were written after the Jewish people's return from exile.

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The **Chronicles** tell some of the same history that was told in the books of **1st & 2nd Samuel** and **1st & 2nd Kings**.

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The books of **Samuel & Kings** were written either slightly before the exile, or just after it started. **Samuel & Kings** explain how the Jewish people got to where they were (*at the point of exile*).

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After the end of the exile, **Chronicles** was written to help the Jewish people reclaim their heritage and faith.

After the exile, many Jewish people wondered if God's covenant with them still stood.

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Because of Israel's sin, and their punishment from God that led to exile, people needed to know where God was at with them. Did God walk away from them because of their sin, or would God maintain His covenant with His people?

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The books of the **Chronicles** answer that question.

By repeating the story of **2 Samuel 7:8-17**, God's people are told in **1 Chron. 17:12-13** that the *Davidic covenant* still stands.

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offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men, but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you. And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever." In accordance with all these

words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David..

The Old Testament Prophecies: in Order of their Appearance in Scripture

In fact, the *Davidic covenant* of **2 Samuel 7:8-17** is strongly re-affirmed in **2 Chronicles 21:7**.

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