

Session 4: Jesus and the Davidic Expectations

And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³² 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*, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.” (^{ESV} Lk 1:30–33)

I. Elements of the Davidic Covenant

When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. (^{ESV} 2 Sam 7:12–13)

A. Based on the Abrahamic Covenant

On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.” (^{ESV} Gen 15:18)

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. . . . ¹⁰ and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. (^{ESV} Zech 9:9–10)

B. Centered in Jerusalem

David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, that is, Jebus, where the Jebusites were, the inhabitants of the land. ⁵ The inhabitants of Jebus said to David, “You will not come in here.” Nevertheless, David took the stronghold of Zion, that is, the city of David. ⁶ David said, “Whoever strikes the Jebusites first shall be chief and commander.” And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, so he became chief. ⁷ And David lived in the stronghold; therefore it was called the city of David. (^{ESV} 1 Chron 11:4–7)

In that day the LORD will punish the powers in the heavens above and the kings on the earth below. ²² They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison and be punished after many days. ²³ The moon will be abashed, the sun ashamed; for the LORD Almighty will reign *on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem*, and before its elders, gloriously. (^{NIV} Isa 24:21-23)

C. Focused on the Temple

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³ and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples. (^{ESV} Isa 2:2–4)

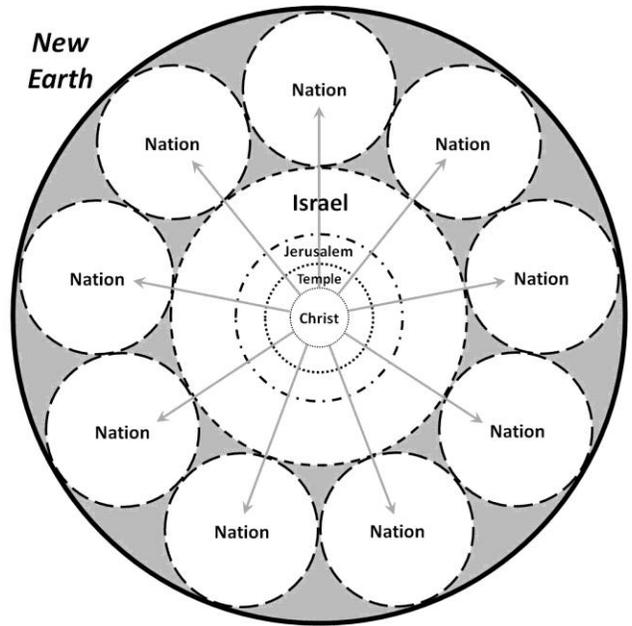
David my servant shall be their prince forever... ²⁶ And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set *my sanctuary* in their midst forevermore. ²⁷ My dwelling place shall be with them,

and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.²⁸ Then the nations will know that I am the LORD who sanctifies Israel, when *my sanctuary* is in their midst forevermore. (^{ESV} Eze 37:25–28)

D. Driven by a Glorious Throne

For the LORD has chosen Zion, he has desired it for his dwelling: “This is my resting place for ever and ever; *here I will sit enthroned*, for I have desired it.¹⁷ Here I will make a horn grow for David and set up a lamp for my anointed one.” (^{NIV} Ps 132:13–17)

Here is the man called *the Branch*. He will branch out from where he is and build the Temple of the LORD.¹³ Yes, he will build the Temple of the LORD. Then he will receive royal honor and will rule as king *from his throne*. He will also serve as priest from his throne, and there will be perfect harmony between his two roles. (^{NLT} Zec 6:12-13)



II. Jesus’ Affirmation of the Davidic Covenant

A. Davidic Land

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time *restore the kingdom to Israel?*”⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (^{ESV} Act 1:6-8)

B. Davidic City

But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. (^{ESV} Mt 5:34–35)

C. Davidic Temple

And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father’s house a house of trade.”¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.” (^{ESV} Jn 2:15–17)

D. Davidic Throne

I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer;¹⁶ for I say to you, I shall never again eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God...²⁸ You are those who have stood by Me in My trials;²⁹ and just as My Father has granted Me a kingdom, I grant you³⁰ that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (^{NASB} Lk 22:15-30)