

## Bible Training Institute

To proactively accelerate the spiritual growth of Grace Bible Church for the purpose of knowing God more intimately and becoming more effective servants of God in the world

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## Major Biblical Covenants III Davidic and New Covenants

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## Davidic Covenant

- The Promise—2 Sam 7:12-16
- Note the telescopic nature of prophecy—a NEAR fulfillment and FAR fulfillment
- Context: David wanted to build a temple for God but God wanted to build a house for David

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## Davidic Covenant

- Provisions—2 Sam 7:12-16
  - Great name (v.9)
  - Home for Israel (v.10)
  - Rest from enemies (vv.10-11)
  - A child who will establish his kingdom
  - Solomon to build temple
  - Throne established forever
  - David's house, throne, kingdom established forever

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## Davidic Covenant

- Restatements of DC
  - Psalm 89:3-4 You have said, "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.'"
  - Psalm 89:34-36; Isaiah 9:6-7; Jer 23:5-6, 30:8-9, 33:14-17, 20-21; Ezek 37:24-25; Dan 7:13-14; Hos 3:4-5; Amos 9:11; Zech 14:4, 9.

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## Davidic Covenant

- Character of DC
  - Unconditional
    - Only conditional element: Would David's descendants reign without interruption?
  - Eternal—2 Sam 7:13, 16; 23:5; Ezek 37:25

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## Messianic Fulfillment of DC

- Meaning of the Davidic promise found in other passages—Psalm 2, 72, 89, 110, 132
- Points to final fulfillment in one Person
  - Jer 30:9; Hos 3:5;
  - Promise of a specific Branch from David (Jer 23:5; 33:15; Isaiah 4:2; 11:2; Zech 3:8; 6:12)

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Davidic Covenant	Abrahamic Covenant
Personal Great Name	Personal Great Name
Blessing	Blessing
Kings as descendants	Kings as descendants
Aim of ultimate universal blessing	Aim of ultimate universal blessing
Land or a place for the nation	Land or a place for the nation

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## Davidic Covenant in the NT

- Coming of Jesus linked to the promised descendant of David—Matt 1:1
- Jesus recognized as “Son of David”
- Early church recognized Jesus as promised seed of David—Acts 2:36; 13:34ff; 15:16
- Jesus holds the key of David (Rev 3:7)
- Root and offspring of David (Rev 22:16)

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## David and Psalm 110

- Prediction of Messianic Kingship
- Jesus used Psalm 110 as evidence that Messiah more than a human son—Matt 22:42-44
- Peter used Psalm 110 in his Pentecost sermon to prove the identity of Jesus as Messiah (Acts 2:22-36)

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## Psalm 110 and Acts 2

- Traditional/Modified Dispensational View—distinction between Davidic throne on earth and the right hand of God in heaven (Acts 2:30)
- Amillennial/Postmillennial View—David's throne has been transferred to heaven (Covenant Theology view by some)

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## Psalm 110 and Acts 2

- Modified Progressive Dispensational View—Jesus is seated on David's throne but not yet ruling from David's throne
- Progressive Dispensational View—Some believe Jesus is currently on David's throne ruling spiritually, but the full political reign from David's throne is still future

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## Jesus' Current Relationship to Davidic Throne

- Scripture best supports Traditional/Modified Dispensational View with Modified Progressive Dispensational a close second
- Jesus assumes throne at second coming (Matt 25:31; Rev 3:21)
- "all authority" of Matt 28 and Eph 1 best understood as sharing the Father's throne
- Throne of David related directly to land

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## New Covenant

- Introduction
  - Jeremiah 31:31-34
  - Ezekiel 37:21-28
  - Shadow of the promise: Deut 30:1-6
- Character of NC
  - Unconditional
  - Eternal (see Jer 31:36, 40; 32:40; 50:5; Isa 24:5; 61:2, 8; Ezek 37:26)

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## New Covenant

- Provisions
  - A renewed mind and heart (regeneration) (Jer. 31:33; Isa. 59:21).
  - Forgiveness of sin (Jer. 31:34b).
  - Indwelling Holy Spirit (Jer. 31:33; Ezek. 36:27)
  - Teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit (Jer. 31:34)
  - Material blessings to Israel (Jer. 32:41; Isa. 61:8; Ezek. 34:25-27)

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## New Covenant Recipients

- Israel—Jer 31 related directly to Israel
- Gentiles
  - Elaboration of Abrahamic Covenant (Gen 12:3)
  - NOT becoming part of Israel but being blessed BY Israel
  - OT speaks of salvation for the nations...

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## New Covenant Recipients

- OT speaks of salvation for the nations:
  - Isaiah 42:6—"light for the Gentiles"
  - Isaiah 49:6—"salvation to the ends of the earth"
  - Isaiah 52:15—nations sprinkled by the sacrificial death of the Servant
  - Isaiah 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-3
  - Isaiah 19:25 Whom the LORD of hosts has blessed, saying, "Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance." (Titles normally reserved only for Israel)

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## New Covenant in NT

- Jesus inaugurated the NC—Luke 22:20; Heb 9:15-18; 12:24
- Blessings of NC are universal—Matt 26:28
- Christians are "servants of a new covenant" (2 Cor 3:6)
- Church is NOT complete NC fulfillment
  - NT never mentions the material blessings of NC as happening during the Church Age

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