



Cycle 2: Thematic-Covenantal:

Covenant and Covenants:

Moses to David to Christ

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Main Theme of Cycle 2:

“God’s Principle (the “Immanuel Principle”- Promise),  
He Progressively Pursues through the means of the Covenant  
(relationship/obligations),  
with the Purpose of Purchasing a People for His own Possession  
(Sovereign Grace).”

Review of OTBT Class (Fall)

- Creation → Fall → Redemption → New Creation/Consummation
- Adam → Noah → Abraham → Moses → David → New Covenant/Christ
- Three Promises to Abraham:
  1. Seed
  2. Land/Dwelling
  3. Blessing to All
- Interpretation: Retrospectively <-> Circumspectively <-> Prospectively

*ESV Acts 13:26-39:* “Brothers, sons of the family of Abraham, and those among you who fear God, to us has been sent the message of this salvation. <sup>27</sup> For those who live in Jerusalem and their rulers, because they did not recognize him nor understand the utterances of the prophets, which are read every Sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. <sup>28</sup> And though they found in him no guilt worthy of death, they asked Pilate to have him executed. <sup>29</sup> And when they had carried out all that was written of him, they took him down from the tree and laid him in a tomb. <sup>30</sup> But God raised him from the dead, <sup>31</sup> and for many days he appeared to those who had come up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his witnesses to the people. <sup>32</sup> And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, <sup>33</sup> this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus, as also it is written in the second Psalm, “ You are my Son, today I have begotten you.” <sup>34</sup> And as for the fact that he raised him from the dead, no more to return to corruption, he has spoken in this way, “ I will give you the holy and sure blessings of David.” <sup>35</sup> Therefore he says also in another psalm, “ You will not let your Holy One see corruption.” <sup>36</sup> For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and was laid with his fathers and saw corruption, <sup>37</sup> but he whom God raised up did not see corruption. <sup>38</sup> Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything <sup>39</sup> from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

## Davidic Covenant

- Davidic Covenant advances both the Abrahamic and Mosaic Covenants within the larger Covenant of Grace:
  - 2 Samuel 7/1 Chron. 17
  - 2 Samuel 23:5
  - Psalm 89:3/Psalm 132:11-12
  
  - From Moses to David:
    - Deuteronomy 17:14-20
    - 1 Kings 2:1-4 (pertaining to the Law and God's righteousness)
    - David's House/Dynasty as **Covenant Mediator** ("Greater than Moses")
      - Psalms 2, 89, 110, 132
      - 2 Samuel 7:12-17

- **Davidic Dynasty: God's Son/House/Throne** (2 Samuel 7:10-18)

King as Anointed Covenant Mediator over God's People

- God's Son: David's Son linked to God's Son (Seed)
- God's House: David's House (Dynasty) linked to God's House (Dwelling Place among the people)
- God's Throne: David's Rule linked to God's Rule/Kingdom (Blessing to the world/nations)
  - 1) Decree: Psalm 2
  - 2) Promise: 2 Samuel 7
  - 3) Fulfillment: Romans 1:3-4 (Matthew 1)
  
- Exile forces through God's discipline, the people of God to consider the heavenly realities of seed, land, and blessings to whole world!
  - The Exile is not the abnegation of Davidic Covenant but it is the tangible outworking of it (2 Samuel 7:14-15):

*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,<sup>15</sup> but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.*

- At the end of Chronicles there is the genealogy, and there at the end is hope:

“Up” → This points us forward to closer fulfillment (see also end of 2 Kings, 25:27-30).

- **Fulfilled in Matthew 1:1**- “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.”
- “... Concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord...” (Rom. 1:3-4)
- David’s Covenant is it conditional or unconditional, or both?
  - “In Christ, the conditional and the certain aspects of the covenant meet in perfect harmony. In Him the Davidic Covenant finds assured fulfillment.” - O. Palmer Robertson, ‘Christ of the Covenants’
  - **Read Acts 2:29-36:** “*Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne,<sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.<sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses.<sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.<sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, Sit at my right hand,<sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.”<sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”*
    - David speaks eschatologically of the resurrection/ascension/session of Jesus Christ, His own son, of His House, on His Throne at God’s right hand.
    - David’s was a shadow-kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, His Greater Son.
- **Three Abrahamic Promises Advanced/THREE IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF DAVIDIC COVENANT**
  - The Seed: King David’s Anointed Son will Rule/Reign

- The Land: Zion/Heavenly Kingdom (after Exile this is heightened)
- The Blessing to All: Rule/Reign of David's Greater Anointed Son who will rule and reign over the whole world to bring in eternal blessings from His eternal throne.

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