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The (Literal) Throne Still Exists

We are studying the Davidic Covenant. There are three elements to it: a house, a kingdom and a throne. The fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant is both literal and spiritual. A house in its most basic meaning is a building which provides safety and protection from the elements for a family. A temple is a very fancy house dedicated to religious purposes. A cornerstone is literally a foundation stone at the corners of a building. So in a typical stone building, there are *four* cornerstones. But we saw in the last issue that Peter described a spiritual temple which has a chief cornerstone, and that Stone is a person who is none other than the Savior Himself.

Today, when we think of the construction of a building, the placing of a cornerstone is more a ceremonial and symbolic event, and in that sense it is a chief cornerstone. But there is another way to view it. In solid geometry what kind of building shape would have one cornerstone which is more prominent than the others? How about the capstone of a pyramid? This is one small reason why many of us believe that the Great Pyramid of Egypt really is "the Bible in stone." We carry two books by our good friend, Bible archeologist E. Raymond Capt, which go into the marvelous wonders of the Great Pyramid and how it is indeed the Bible in stone. *Great Pyramid Decoded* is a primer on the subject (\$11 ppd.) and his *Study in Pyramidology* has all the intriguing and astounding details (\$15 ppd. or both books for \$24 ppd.).

According to virtually all the pyramid scholars, the Great Pyramid at Gizeh never had a capstone. And yes, I know that secret societies have adopted the unfinished pyramid as a symbol of their supposed world do-

minion. I am also aware that FDR had it placed on the back of our one dollar bill. But that only illustrates that there is always a counterfeit of God's truth. Secret society members can look at the symbol of the unfinished pyramid and see themselves attempting to rule the world in place of God. I look at it and see God's prophecy of Jesus Christ as the Capstone, the Chief Cornerstone, who will yet come to His temple and take His place as the Head. Joined with His body of overcomers, He will rule the earth in righteousness. God speed the day!

In his letter to the Ephesians we find the apostle Paul expounding this same theme of believers in Christ being the components of the spiritual temple, the dwelling place of the Almighty Creator.

Ephesians 2: 18 For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.

19 Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

21 In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:

22 In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

So what we are seeing in David's visionary idea of a *physical* temple for God is really a type of a much greater and more majestic edifice than any human construction and engineering project can ever attain. They say one can never really appreciate the grandeur

of the Great Pyramid through photographs or movies or television. That to see it in person is the only way to experience its awesomeness. We can also imagine the splendor of *Herod's* temple in the days when Jesus walked the earth, and yet Jesus Himself said that one greater than that splendid edifice was in their midst.

We cannot even begin to comprehend the majesty, the splendor, the magnificence, the awesome grandeur of the temple not made with hands. It is only perceived with spiritual eyes and I doubt than many, if any, have ever been shown more than a glimpse of its astounding beauty and marvelous majesty. The apostle John in the Revelation, of course, was probably shown the most that any mortal man can experience. We simply cannot perceive with our limited faculties the glories and brilliance and dazzling beauty of the spiritual temple even now being built. The Davidic Covenant continues in ...

2 Samuel 7:14 [This is God speaking to David through Nathan concerning David's offspring] **I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:**

We can see this applying directly to Solomon, and to many of David's descendants, the kings of Judah, after that. God is telling David that his heirs will not be given license to sin simply because of the covenant. If they sin, they will be punished, but it is punishment designed to discipline and correct them, as a loving Father does.

The church in general, which is blind by God's design to the true identity of Israel in the world today, has totally spiritualized many of the concepts we are finding in the Davidic Covenant. That is because they cannot see how these prophecies have been fulfilled literally. For example, the house, throne and kingdom of David have all been spiritualized out of existence by the church. One scholar writes: "The Kingdom of David continued its dominion in Palestine from David to Zedekiah. At this time the dominion was broken." He then refers to this as "an apparent violation of the Davidic Covenant," but he has no explanation of *why* God broke His covenant. He is typical of the Bible scholars who even address this issue. Most simply ignore it.

You see, not only did God promise David an everlasting dynasty, throne and kingdom, here in the

Davidic Covenant, but he also promised to Jacob way back in Genesis 49 that the rulership would remain with Judah until the coming of Christ.

Genesis 49:10 **The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be.**

But according to the blinded Bible scholars, God must have broken His covenant for at least the 586 years between the last king of Judah, King Zedekiah, and the coming of Shiloh-Jesus. They simply have no answer. Of course, the fact is that God did *not* break his covenant. What these scholars do not know is that David's dynasty and throne and kingdom did not end with the capture of King Zedekiah by the Babylonians in about 586 B.C. The thrilling story, as told in the book, *Judah's Scepter and Joseph's Birthright*, (\$17 ppd.), is that the two *daughters* of King Zedekiah were legally entitled to carry on the dynasty when there were no male heirs.

At that time, God instructed the prophet Jeremiah to take these two Judahite princesses and to migrate with them to what is now Spain and Ireland. One princess remained in Spain, which in ancient times was called Iberia, the name being derived from the word for Hebrews. Jeremiah took the other daughter, Princess Tea Tephi, or Tara, as she is called in the ancient Irish histories, and she was married to the leader, King Herremon, in Ireland, who "just happened to be" (hmmm, or was that God's predestination at work?) an Israelite from the tribe of Judah of the Zarah branch which had many centuries earlier migrated to the emerald isle.

Thus, the Davidic Covenant was kept intact by this union of two branches of the tribe of Judah. This monarchical dynasty and crown was later transferred to Scotland. Centuries later, in 1603, King James VI of Scotland became King James I of England. Yes, the same King James who commissioned what is known today as the King James Version of the Bible. This is not to say James was necessarily a perfectly pious king. There seems to be much evidence to indicate otherwise. But as we have seen in 2 Samuel 7:14, "if the king commits iniquity," it would not invalidate the continuance of the monarchy.

The truth is that the British monarchy is traceable all the way back to King David. And if, as I have

stated in our series of studies on Bible Versions [20-tape format in a double album: \$55 ppd.; CD album format: \$75 ppd.], if the British royal family has been intermarried with the bad guys, as it appears to have done, that *still* does not invalidate God's promise. By the way, we now have two articles related to Jeremiah's secret mission and the Davidic origin of the British throne on our website, www.stonekingdom.org, and we will be scanning and uploading many more such studies in the months to come. The two currently online are "God's Faithfulness to David" and "The Ark of the Covenant Hidden at Tara, Ireland." Continuing now with the promises of the Davidic Covenant, we read

2 Samuel 7:15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.

Have you ever heard the phrase "the sure mercies of David?" Isaiah uses that term in...

Isaiah 55:3 Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David.

This is what it is referring to: that no matter how wicked some of David's descendants may become, God will never revoke the Davidic Covenant. Again, this is not to be taken as a license to sin, because that will result in sure punishment, but it should cause one to marvel at the wondrous mercies of our Father.

2 Samuel 7:16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

The three elements of the covenant appear again: the house, the kingdom and the throne. How long will they last? The English says "for ever." Some of our readers will realize that the words translated as "for ever" and "everlasting" and "eternal," do not necessarily mean infinite time as our English words do. We spent two hours in a Bible study lecture proving that statement in our tapes/CDs entitled *How Long Is "Forever?"*: *The Doctrine of the Ages (Eons)*, \$10 ppd. However, in the case of the Davidic Covenant, we can safely say that it does mean everlasting, as we will see in a moment. First, though, let's be certain we all understand the meanings of these three terms.

There is a *house* which refers to David's posterity and the lineal descendants who will comprise his dynastic monarchy. There is a *kingdom* which refers to dominion, a political jurisdiction over a geographical area, and then there is a *throne*. A throne is not simply a fancy chair upon which a king sits. A throne has reference to the locus of that power, authority and responsibility out of which organization, administration and justice tempered by mercy come forth for the benefit of the citizens of the kingdom.

In verse 16, these three aspects: house, kingdom and throne are twice said to last *for ever*. This clearly points beyond the immediate fulfillment in Solomon. It has its ultimate fulfillment in Christ. Let's look at the gospel of Luke where we will find these three elements reiterated at the angelic prophecy of the birth of Christ Jesus.

Luke 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

To confirm that we are to understand that His reign is *eternal* as we understand the English word, Luke uses the phrase "there shall be no end." This unending nature of the throne and kingdom and house of David are found repeated in various ways by some of the other OT prophets. For example, we find this absolute confirmation of the covenant with David in ...

Jeremiah 33:14 Behold, the days come, saith YHWH, that I will perform that good thing which I have promised unto the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgment and righteousness in the land.

That mention of the Branch is, of course, reminiscent of the passage we read in Zechariah 6:12, 13 in the last FMS.

16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is the name wherewith she shall be called, YHWH our right-

eousness.

17 For thus saith YHWH; [now ponder this carefully:] David shall never want [lack] a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

18 Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

Now someone might be thinking that “well, this only applies to the times of the OT because it mentions the Levitical priesthood offering bloody sacrifices which all came to an end in Christ.” This is true, there are no more bloody sacrifices, and there is no more Levitical priesthood. But again remember that these are to be taken as types and shadows in the NT, meaning that believers become the priests under Christ, the High Priest. We are to offer our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving and so forth. More on that in later studies. Continuing...

19 And the word of YHWH came unto Jeremiah, saying,

20 Thus saith YHWH; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

21 Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

In other words, this is an *unconditional covenant*. No matter what men may do, there is nothing in heaven or on earth that can stop God from fulfilling His promises to David.

22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

23 Moreover the word of YHWH came to Jeremiah, saying,

24 Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families [Israel and Judah] which YHWH hath chosen, he hath even cast them off? thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them.

Remember, the time that Jeremiah was ministering and writing was about 150 years after the House of Israel, the ten northern tribes, along with most of the Judahites, had all been taken into captivity by the

Assyrians. They had been relocated to the land areas south of the Caucasus mountains. (Refer to the map we published on page two of last month's FMS).

So the ten tribes were already gone. Now the remaining people of the House of Judah, which included Benjamites and Levites, were being carried away into the Babylonian captivity. And apparently some of God's people were doubting God's word. They were saying: Look, the ten tribes have been gone 150 years. Now we are being carried away, and so I don't believe God kept His word. Isn't that what many modern Bible scholars are saying when they describe God's "apparent violation" of the Davidic Covenant?

They are saying that it looks like God broke His word. But right here in Jeremiah, when it looked the bleakest; when it appeared as though all hope was lost, Jeremiah told his people to listen up, that there is good news. This portion of the good news from Jeremiah is also for us today.

25 Thus saith YHWH; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth;

26 Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for [but instead] I will cause their captivity to return [be reversed], and have mercy on them.

The sun and moon are still in their appointed courses (cf. Jeremiah 31:35, 36), and thus we can know with a certainty that God has kept and is keeping His covenant promises. We can be certain that He did **not** break His promise when Zedekiah, the last king of Judah, was taken captive to Babylon. God has so cleverly hidden the manner in which He fulfilled His word, that many of the "high and mighty" aver that He "apparently violated" His covenant. Yet, there is a remnant today, you, dear reader, and yours truly, who are among the lowly "nobodies" to whom our Father has deigned to reveal these things. All praise and glory be to the King of kings!

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