

## Psalm 89 and 2 Samuel 7

### Commentary for December 1, 2014 – God’s Covenant with David

The article this month is Part 5 of the series on the kings of Israel and Judah. We are still in the period of David’s reign when he seeks to build a Temple for God. Read the “[December 2014 Newsletter](#)” which introduces the article, “Israel and Judah: 5. David Desires to Build a Temple.”

Part of Psalm 89 discusses this period during the reign of King David. It is a commentary on David’s covenant with God written centuries later, with Jeremiah’s retrospective view regarding:

- the failure and breakup of the united Kingdom of Israel under David and Solomon,
- the failed and destroyed northern Kingdom of Israel, and
- the soon coming prophesied threat of destruction of the southern Kingdom of Judah to God’s prophecies, including those of Jeremiah.

In the 50 verses of Psalm 89 Jeremiah tells the history of God’s establishment of God’s covenant with King David and his successors. Even though the covenant was partially nullified by disobedience on the part of David’s descendants, that dissolution is not the end to God’s promise of His covenant with David.

### **Psalm 89, Written by Jeremiah**

Psalm 89 begins:

<sup>1</sup> **“Of the benignity [chesed, kindness] of Yahweh shall I sing for the eon;  
For generation after generation shall I make known Your faithfulness  
with my mouth.**

<sup>2</sup> **For I [YHWH] have said,  
'Eonian benignity [chesed] shall be built; You shall establish Your faithfulness  
in the heavens themselves.**

<sup>3</sup> **I [YHWH] contracted a covenant with My chosen one; I swore to David My  
servant:**

<sup>4</sup> **I shall establish your seed for the eon, And  
I will build your throne for generation after generation.'**

**Interlude [Selah in Hebrew]”**

**• Psalm 89:1–4**

Note how God made known His faithfulness for generations and in the heavens:

- (1)** YHWH contracted a **covenant** with David,
- (2)** YHWH established **David’s seed** for the eon, and
- (3)** YHWH built **David’s throne** for generation to generation, seemingly without end.

God's **covenant** with David had, partially, to do with the establishment of David's Tomb and the remainder of David's reign. YHWH would protect David, even when David disobeyed God and received severe correction.

God also established **David's seed** for the eon, unto Messiah. Jesus Christ (David's greater son, Mark 12:36–37) came on earth. Jesus' legal lineage is from David (Matthew 1:1, 6). Joseph was of David (Matthew 1:20, Luke 1:27). He adopted Jesus and raised Him as his own child, which is why Matthew makes explicit Jesus' Davidic relation. David is central:

**"Now Jacob begets Joseph, the husband of Mary of whom was born Jesus, Who is termed 'Christ.' Then all the generations from Abraham till David are fourteen generations, and from David till the Babylonian exile are fourteen generations, and from the Babylonian exile till the Christ are fourteen generations. Now Jesus Christ's birth was thus: ..."**

**• Matthew 1:16–18**

YHWH built **David's throne**, refers to David's kingdom, which exists in heaven now with Christ, a King waiting to reign over His kingdom.

**"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My deputies, also, would have contended, lest I should be given up to the Jews. Yet now is My kingdom not hence.'**

**Pilate, then, said to Him, 'Is it not then so? A king are you!'**

**Jesus answered, 'You are saying that I am a king. For this also have I been born, and for this have I come into the world, that I should be testifying to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth is hearing My voice.'**"

**• John 18:36–37, Concordant Literal Version**

This is exactly what the angel Gabriel told Mary about David's throne and kingdom:

**"And lo! you shall be conceiving and be pregnant and be bringing forth a Son, and you shall be calling His name Jesus. He shall be great, and Son of the Most High shall He be called.**

**And the Lord God shall be giving Him the throne of David, His father, and He shall reign over the house of Jacob for the eons. And of His kingdom there shall be no consummation."**

**• Luke 1:31–33, CLV**

Read "[Jeremiah, Part 2](#)" particularly the section "Jeremiah and Psalm 89." See Dr. Martin's article, "[Is David's Throne in Existence Today?](#)" This article also discusses why Psalm 89 was written. David's throne is indeed in existence today and God's covenant with David regarding his throne was, is, and will be fulfilled in Jesus, as He told His apostles:

**"And I am covenanting a covenant with you, according as My Father covenanted a kingdom to Me, that you may be eating and drinking at My table in My kingdom. And you will be seated on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."**

**• Luke 22:29–30, CLV**

Enjoy this month's article, "David Desires to Build a Temple."

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