



## Chapter 5: Once and Future King: The Covenant of David

### Review Questions

#### 1. How did David foreshadow Christ?

p. 87 David became the beloved one of God.

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*David is an anointed one* who is covered not only with oil but also with God's spirit. This anointing by God's Spirit gave David the power to cast out demons. (1 Sam 16:13-23) This is why, so many years later, when Jesus cast out demons, people say, "can this man be the son of David? Also, *David was a suffering king*, on the run from his father in law, who persecuted him shamelessly. (1 Sam 18-31)

#### **Additional notes:**

#### 2. How are the three promises made to Abraham partially fulfilled in the Davidic covenant?

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- the promise of a "great name".
- the promise of a son or heir who will continue David's kingdom and build a temple for God- David's offspring or "seed".
- the promise that David's son will be adopted as God's own son: "I will be his father, and he shall be my son." (2 Sam 7:14)

#### **Additional notes:**

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### **3. Explain psalm 110, “You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek” in relation to David.**

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Melchizedek was a priest-king who ruled over Jerusalem during the time of Abraham. It seems that David became Melchizedek's successor when he took over as king of Jerusalem, similar to the way that someone becomes Peter's successor when he takes over as Bishop of Rome.

All the rights and privileges of Melchizedek fell to David, including his priestly role.

***Additional notes:***

### **4. Besides being a king and priest, how is David also a prophet?**

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The prophetic gift was part of the package when he received the Holy Spirit as a young boy. Many of the psalms are not only worship songs but prophecies.

***Additional notes:***



## ***Chapter Five Discussion Questions***

**1. Jesse, David's own father, did not think of David as a first choice to be the new king, for David was young and only a shepherd. Yet he was God's choice. Think of a time when you judged someone solely on his or her appearance and then were pleasantly surprised that you were wrong.**

**2. The Psalms contain some of the most profound prayers uttered by King David and are always read in the liturgy. Do you have a favorite song of praise? Of repentance? Of thanksgiving?**

***Additional notes:***



## Chapter 6: Stormy today, Sunny tomorrow

### Review Questions

#### 1. Discuss the similar imagery between the temple and...

**a. the Garden of Eden** the temple was decorated inside with pictures and engravings of flowers and animals, with plentiful gold and jewels in the Temple itself and its furnishing. p. 105 The stream that flowed out of the side of the temple was called "The Gihon" after one of the rivers that flowed from Eden.

**b. Noah's ark** p. 106 Both the ark and the temple were constructed with three levels or decks.

#### **Additional notes:**

#### 2. How did Solomon affect biblical literature?

p. 107 The completion and dedication of Solomon's temple is the high point of the Old Testament. Then the decline starts during Solomon's actual reign. Foreign wives persuaded him to build shrines to their pagan gods, and Solomon was no longer dedicated to the Lord as he once had been.

#### **Additional notes:**

#### 3. Who were the three great prophets and what role did they play for Israel during the exile?

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Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel. They are like weather men who see nothing but storm and gloom in the short term but "extended forecasts" are full of sunny days and pleasant temperatures.

Stormy weather: due to the curses of the Mosaic Covenant because they have broken their covenant commitments.

"Sonny days" God will bring a new covenant, one without the Mosaic curses, and will see the return of the Son of David, who will restore David's Kingdom.

#### **Additional notes:**

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## **4. Why is Jeremiah's prophecy so significant in regards to God's covenant with his people?**

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Jeremiah wrote the "Book of Consolation" , chapters 30-33 in the book of Jeremiah. He describes a "New covenant" in which the law is written in peoples hearts rather than on stone. The New Covenant points us to Jesus, when he says," This cup is the New Covenant in my blood", words we repeat at every mass. p. 115: this interior change will mean coming to know God, and being forgiven of one's sin.

### ***Additional notes:***

## **5. What does Ezekiel prophesy about the Davidic kingdom? How is this fulfilled in Christ?**

p. 117 In Ez 34, the prophet compares Israel to a flock of sheep. Ez 34:22-24

I will save my flock; they shall no longer be a prey... I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them.. ( read entire scripture)

p. 118 Ezekiel continues: " i will make with them a convenient of peace"...  
read pages 118-119: the gift of a "new spirit" and sprinkling of clean water.

### ***Additional notes:***



## ***Chapter Six Discussion Questions***

**1. God granted King Solomon the gift of wisdom as per Solomon's request. If God were to grant you a special gift, what would you ask for? Why?**

**2. What is your favorite scriptural wisdom book? Why?**

**3. Discuss the role of prophecy in today's world. Is it important for the church? What is the role of scripture in prophesying?**