



Lesson 9: *King David and King Solomon* (Condensed Version)

Objectives: To explain that:

- God gave King David the promise that his throne would last forever (The Davidic Covenant) This promise was pointing to God's Son, Jesus, who would be one of King David's descendants.
- King David's son Solomon built the temple. The temple was where the Israelites would come and make blood sacrifices for their sins. When God saw the blood sacrifices, God would forgive or pass over the sins of the people, like he did during the first Passover in Egypt. These sacrifices pointed to the future when Jesus would become the perfect sacrifice once and for all for our sins.
- God's blessing is impacting other nations and is demonstrated when the Queen of Sheba visits and praises God for King Solomon's wisdom.

"I Wonder" Questions:

What do you see in this picture? (Two kings, starry sky, building etc.)

I wonder who these two kings are.

I wonder why the first king has a starry sky behind him. I wonder if I have seen this starry sky before. (Abraham Poster, Lesson 4)

I wonder what the building is behind the second king. (temple) I wonder why there is blood dripping down from the temple.

I wonder why there is a cross on the hill. (The blood sacrifices point to Jesus being the perfect sacrifice for our sins.)

Let's hear more in our story....

Lesson Summary: Can anyone tell us what is a covenant? It's a promise. When people make promises, sometimes they break them. BUT when God makes a promise, He KEEPS it! In today's story you will hear how God kept his promise that the world would be blessed through his people. David who fought Goliath grew up to become the king of Israel. God promised King David that from his family line, there would be a King born to rule forever. This was God's covenant, his forever promise. God said he would establish King David's house, kingdom and throne forever! This promise was pointing to God's Son, Jesus, who would be born there many, many years later. When King David was very old, his son, Solomon became king. Solomon built a beautiful temple so that the people could worship God. In this temple the people offered sacrifices to God so he would forgive or pass over their sins. This reminds us of the first Passover, when God saved his people from dying in Egypt. It also reminds us of Jesus, who would become the perfect sacrifice once and for all for our sins. God gave King Solomon great wisdom. Wisdom means knowing and following the ways of God. Many people were helped by the wisdom that God gave to Solomon. In fact, even a queen from a far-away land heard about King Solomon's wisdom and came to visit him. When she returned home, she took with her the many wise words and stories that Solomon told her. The world was beginning to be blessed, just as God promised.

Suggested Questions: What does this story tell us about God? (a God of promise, provides forgiveness, wants to bless all nations)

- What does the word 'covenant' mean? (promise) What did God promise King David? (someone from his family line would be the Forever King)
- Who was this promise pointing to? (Jesus, the Forever King)
- Name some promises that God made to his people. (Abraham to have many descendants, to give them a land, that they would be a blessing)
- What promises has God made to us through Jesus Christ? (to forgive us, never leave us, to hear us when we pray, eternal life, build his Kingdom)
- What did God give Solomon to help his people? (wisdom, the knowledge of the right ways to live, how to make good choices, ways to follow God)

Bible Memory Verse:

"I will raise up your descendant....and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever." (2 Samuel 7:12-13 – paraphrased)