

David—Pointing to Christ

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BIG SANDY, Texas—There are many lessons in the Bible surrounding the history and prophecies of King David of the Old Testament.

Today, we will talk about how portions of David’s life pointed to the coming of the Son of God.

Prophecies about David

There are some beautiful prophecies in the Old Testament that talk about King David. Notice a few.

Jeremiah 30:9—“But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.”

Ezekiel 34:23-24—“I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them—My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.”

Ezekiel 37:24-25—“David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children’s children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever.”

More to the story

While scriptures like those listed above reveal God’s happiness with the leadership of King David, there is more to the story.

God made promises about David’s role in future leadership, because He liked some of David’s behavior—especially his repentance.

But do you see how the promises of future leadership better fit Jesus Christ—the Savior of mankind? After all, God loved all of Christ’s sinless behavior.

Peter explained

On the day of Pentecost (found in Acts 2), Peter described how the story of Jesus is superior to the story of David.

In Acts 2:25-28, Peter quoted from David's word found in Psalm 16:8-11.

Then in verse 29, Peter described a huge difference between David and Jesus Christ.

Acts 2:29—"Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day."

In verses 30-33, Peter reiterated that David saw corruption in the grave, but Jesus had not.

In verses 34-36, Peter quoted Psalm 110:1 and stressed that Jesus was the One at the right hand of God.

Paul explained

On an occasion when Paul spoke in the synagogue (found in Acts 13), Paul also described how the story of Jesus is superior to the story of David.

In Acts 13:22-23, Paul said how God raised up the Savior from the seed of David as He had promised.

In verse 34, Paul quoted Isaiah 55:3 and mentioned how God raised up Christ from the dead.

In verse 35, Paul quoted Psalm 16:10 about the Holy One not seeing corruption.

Then in verses 36-37, Paul showed the contrast between David and Jesus.

Acts 13:36-37—"For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell asleep, was buried with his fathers, and saw corruption; but He whom God raised up saw no corruption."