

# Tracing the Promise through the Old Testament

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Gen. 3:15	<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers <b><u>He will crush your head</u></b> , and you will strike his heel.”	God promises here that a conquering male descendant from the lineage of Adam and Eve will deliver a death blow to Satan.
Gen. 12:1-3	<sup>1</sup> The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup> “I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; <b><u>and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.</u></b> ”	God’s original blessing of 1:28 would be restored and fulfilled through Abraham and his offspring more specifically the descendant of Gen. 3:15...
Gen. 18:18	<sup>18</sup> Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and <b><u>all nations on earth will be blessed through him.</u></b>	The Promise of a Blessing to all nations through Abraham is repeated.
Gen. 22:18	<sup>18</sup> and <b><u>through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed</u></b> , because you have obeyed me.”	The Promise of a Blessing to all nations through Abraham is repeated.
Gen. 26:4	<sup>4</sup> I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and <b><u>through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed</u></b> ,	The Promise of a Blessing to all nations is confirmed and repeated to Isaac.
Gen. 28:14	<sup>14</sup> Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. <b><u>All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.</u></b>	God’s Covenant promise to Abraham and Isaac is offered and promised to Jacob as well.
Gen. 49:10	<sup>10</sup> <b><u>The scepter will not depart from Judah</u></b> , nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, until he comes to whom it belongs and the obedience of the nations is his.	Jacob prophetically predicts a King (“Scepter” / “Ruler Staff”) coming from the tribe of Judah.
Ex. 2:24	<sup>24</sup> God heard their groaning and <b><u>he remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac and with Jacob.</u></b> <sup>25</sup> So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them.	The birth of the nation of Israel is linked to the Promise-Covenant God had made earlier with Abraham.
Num. 24:9 & 17-19	<sup>17</sup> “I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near. <b><u>A star will come out of Jacob; a scepter will rise out of Israel.</u></b> He will crush the foreheads of Moab, the skulls of all the sons of Sheth. <sup>18</sup> Edom will be conquered; Seir, his enemy, will be conquered, but Israel will grow strong. <sup>19</sup> A ruler will come out of Jacob and destroy the survivors of the city.”	As Balaam looks out over the whole camp of Israel the Spirit of God reveals to him the Messianic “Iion” and “scepter” rising out of the nation.
2 Sam. 7:11b-16	“The LORD declares to you that the LORD himself will establish a house for you: <sup>12</sup> When your days are over and you rest with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and <b><u>I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.</u></b> <sup>14</sup> I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men. <sup>15</sup> But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. <sup>16</sup> <b><u>Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever.</u></b> ”	God promised to continue the house (dynasty) of David forever. David’s earthly dynasty ended four centuries later but Jesus Christ a descendant of David was the ultimate fulfillment of this promise.
Psalms 89:34-37	<sup>34</sup> <b><u>I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered.</u></b> <sup>35</sup> Once for all, I have sworn by my holiness—and I will not lie to David— <sup>36</sup> <b><u>that his line will continue forever</u></b> and his throne endure before me like the sun; <sup>37</sup> it will be established forever like the moon, the faithful witness in the sky.”	This passage reminds us of the permanent nature of God’s Promise to David. God’s Promise is unbreakable, men may be unfaithful but God will fulfill His promise to provide a King who will rule an eternal throne.
Isaiah 9:6-7	<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. <b><u>He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.</u></b> The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.	In Isaiah 9 we see the promised Davidic King described in majestic, royal, and even divine terms.
Isaiah 52:13-53:12	God reveals through the prophet how the promised King will establish His eternal kingdom. God’s promised King will become a servant of humanity to suffer and die in their place. The King/Servant’s suffering and death will provide eternal healing for humanity so that they might live in the King’s eternal Kingdom.	
Jer. 31:31-34	<sup>31</sup> “The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. <b><u>“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”</u></b>	On the eve the fall of the Judean state God promises the descendants of Abraham that He will make a new covenant founded upon the forgiveness of Sin.
Dan. 7:13	<sup>13</sup> “In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. <sup>14</sup> He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. <b><u>His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed.</u></b>	During the Babylonian Exile in which there is no visible land or kingdom, God reveals to Daniel that the coming Messianic Kingdom will come from heaven.
Ez. 34:23	<sup>23</sup> I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> I the LORD will be their God, and <b><u>my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.</u></b>	Ezekiel tells us that “the Servant David” will be a shepherd to His subjects and God will establish a “covenant of peace” with the subjects of the coming Davidic Kingdom.
Zech. 6:12-13	<sup>12</sup> Tell him this is what the LORD Almighty says: ‘Here is the man whose name is the Branch, and he will branch out from his place and build the temple of the LORD. <sup>13</sup> It is he who will build the temple of the LORD, and he will be clothed with majesty and will sit and rule on his throne. And he will be a priest on his throne. And there will be harmony between the two.’	Zechariah reveals that the future King will have the additional role of a Priest as He mediates between God and humanity.