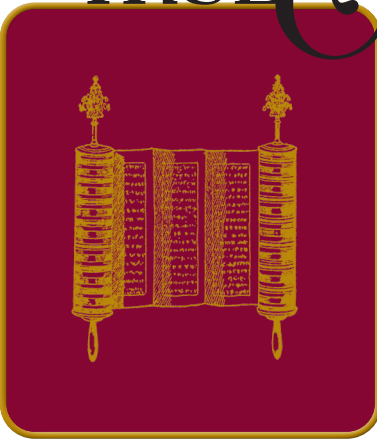


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READ

- Read 2 Samuel 7:12-16 and Matthew 1:17, considering what lessons the Holy Spirit intends us to learn.

EXAMINE

- Read the prophecy recorded in Luke 1:31-33. How does Christ fully accomplish the words of 2 Samuel 7?
- Matthew 1 shows how Jesus comes from David's lineage. What is the significance of Jesus being a physical descendent of David?
- These promises were made by God to King David and first applied directly to David's son Solomon. How is Jesus a better Davidic king than Solomon (and all other kings in Israel's history)?
- The second half of verse 14 speaks of Solomon committing iniquity. How does God show his faithfulness through Christ despite Solomon's sins?

APPLY

- God shows himself as a promise-keeping God through his fulfillment of 2 Samuel 7 in Christ. How does his nature as a promise-keeper encourage you in your faith?
- If Christ reigns eternally as king, how then should we live? What does it look like in the everyday stuff of life to submit to Christ as king?
- How does Christ's character and sinlessness shape our submission to him? How does his kingship differ from earthly leaders to whom we submit? How does Christ's kingship encourage us when earthly leaders fail us?
- How can the truths of these passages be shared with people who don't follow Jesus?

PRAY

- Take time to praise God for who He is, confess sins, and/or make requests based on this passage.

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