Covenant Theology

The Davidic Covenant

Review:

Covenant vs Contract -

Contract - Your performance is based on the performance of the other person in the contract. If they do not perform their end, you are not bound to perform yours.

Covenant - Your performance is based on your character, your ability to keep your promise, regardless of the other person's performance.

Covenant	**By Choice**	**By Grace**
#5 Davidic - promise of king and kingdom everlasting	I Chron. 17:3-14	I Chron. 17:3-14

Context of the Covenant

I. God is the King of Israel
   A. Moses, Joshua, the Judges
   B. The Law was to make them a 'showcase people'
      1. The Holiness code (Leviticus)
      2. The Sacrificial System
      3. Holy Days (holidays, the cycle of seven)
      4. Sabbath, Sabbath Years, the Jubilee

II. Israel's failure to keep the covenant
   A. Failure to be the judgment against the Canaanites (failure to take the land)
   B. Mixing the worship of Yahweh and the Baals (syncretism)
      1. Joshua reaffirms the covenant (long version)
   C. Joshua divides the land by casting lots

III. The period of the Judges
   A. "Judge" was a charismatic leader God calls up to lead the people while He delivers them
   B. The end of the period of the Judges "And ever man became a law unto himself"
   C. Samuel: Priest, Prophet, last of the Judges
      1. "They have not rejected you [Samuel] but me"

IV. Israel seeks a king (rejecting God as King)
   A. Saul chosen as the first king
   B. Saul's sin and God's rejection of Saul's 'house'
   C. The complicated relationship between Saul and David

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I. The Covenant with David—a man after God's own heart
   A. Unilateral—with the David and the people
   B. Gracious—David was an adulterer and murderer

C. The promise that the Messiah will be a descendent of David—I Chronicles 17:3-14

1. Some day the descendent of David will be King and of His Kingdom, there will be no end

D. A covenant under which God will once again be King for all His people

II. Implications

A. Monarchy (Theocracy), not democracy is our destiny

B. The Messiah, the 'seed of woman' would also be the 'son of David' because, if Abraham's faith was the significant thing about him, David's 'heart for God' was the defining thing about him

C. The Messiah would be prophet, priest, and King to his people