**THE EIGHTH PROMISE - THAT KINGS WOULD COME FROM ABRAHAM**

*‘I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you’* (Genesis 17:6). This promise must have seemed strange for Abraham and his immediate descendants, but as the history of the Hebrews unfolded, and they became a nation in their own land, they felt the need for a king and the Israelite monarchy was born. It was then that the promise began to be realised.

The Davidic covenant (2 Samuel 7) affirmed that David’s dynasty was a crucial link in the continuum of redemptive events. The Davidic house was not the ultimate fulfilment of the promise of a royal line. David’s house was the royal line from which would spring the ultimate King, the Messiah, who would take the government upon His shoulders (Isaiah 9:6). When Christ was born of David’s lineage, the ancient promise to Abraham received its climactic fulfilment.

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