

## A History of the Work of Redemption

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### Lesson 9 - Period 1 - Part 5a (From David to the Babylonian Captivity)

***“The work of redemption is a work that God carries on from the fall of man to the end of the world”***

David is the greatest type of Christ in all the Old Testament. Christ is not only called the Son of David but sometimes Christ is called \_\_\_\_\_ in certain prophecies. This era in human history saw a great advancement in the revelation of God’s plan of redemption.

*“David, as he was the ancestor of Christ, so he was the greatest personal type of Christ of all under the Old Testament... Christ is often called David in the prophecies of Scripture (Ezekiel 34:23-24)... He is very often spoken of as the seed and son of David.”*

*“It is observable, that God anointed David after Saul to reign in his room. He took away the crown from him who and his family, who was higher in stature than any of his people and was in their eyes fittest to bear rule; to give it to David... So God was pleased to show how Christ... should take the kingdom from the great ones of the earth.”*

The \_\_\_\_\_ of David by the Lord also points us to the great work of redemption by the Lord. David was preserved so that the line of Christ might continue and to picture the greater victories of Christ over the true enemies of God’s people.

**David was saved from the \_\_\_\_\_ -** *“How often was there but a step between him and death. The first instance of it we have in his encountering a lion and a bear, without miraculous assistance, could at once have rent this young stripling to pieces, as easily as they could the lamb that he delivered from them. So the root and offspring of David was preserved from the roaring lion that goes about seeking whom he may devour, and conquered him, and rescued the souls of men, that were as lambs in the mouth of this lion.”*

**David was saved from \_\_\_\_\_ -** *“So Christ slew the spiritual Goliath with his own weapon, the cross, and delivered His represented people.”*

**David was saved from Saul’s \_\_\_\_\_ attempts at his life-** *“Thus was the precious seed that virtually contained the Redeemer, and all the blessings of His redemption, wonderfully preserved, when hell and earth were conspired to destroy it. How often does David himself take notice of this, with praise and admiration, in the book of Psalms!”*

The progression of God’s work of redemption during this time can also be seen in the great expansion of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture during these years.

*“These additions to the canon of the Scripture, the great and main instrument of the application of redemption, are to be considered as a further continuation of that work, and an addition made to that great building.”*

*“One way that the Spirit influenced him (David) was by inspiring him to show forth Christ, and the glorious things of His redemption, in divine songs, sweetly expressing the breathings of a pious soul, full of admiration of the glorious things of the Redeemer... the main subjects of these songs were the glorious things of the gospel: as is evident by the interpretation that is often put*

*upon them, and the use that is made of them in the New Testament: for there is no one book of the Old Testament that is so often quoted in the New, as the book of Psalms.”*

*“This was a great advancement that God made in the building and the light of the gospel, which had been gradually growing, was exceedingly increased by it: for whereas before there was but here and there a prophecy given of Christ in a great many ages, here Christ is spoken of by His ancestor David abundantly, in multitudes of songs, speaking of His incarnation, life, death, resurrection, ascension into heaven, his satisfaction, intercession, his prophetic, kingly, and priestly office; His glorious benefits in this life and that which is to come; His union with the church, and the blessedness of the church in Him; and the calling of the Gentiles, the future glory of the church near the end of the world, and Christ’s coming to the final judgment. All of these things, and many more, concerning Christ and His redemption, are abundantly spoken of in the book of Psalms.”*

The actual establishing David as \_\_\_\_\_ of Israel after he triumphed over his enemies was also a great picture pointing us to Christ who was exalted after He triumphed over His enemies.

During the time of David, the worship of God was firmly established in \_\_\_\_\_. There was now one city in which God chose to have His glory reside.

*“This city of Jerusalem is therefore called the holy city; and it was the greatest type of the church of Christ in all the Old Testament. It was redeemed by David, the captain of the hosts of Israel, out of the hands of the Jebusites, to be God’s city, the holy place of His rest, forever, where He would dwell. So Christ, the Captain of His people’s salvation, redeems His church out of the hands of the devils, to be His holy and beloved city. And therefore how often does the Scripture, when speaking of Christ’s redemption of His church, call it by the name of Zion and Jerusalem.”*

The Davidic \_\_\_\_\_ was also a great advance in the work of redemption. In this covenant the Lord promised to build David’s house and to have one of David’s descendants sit upon the throne forever.

*“This establishment of the covenant of grace, David always esteemed the greatest smile of God upon him, the greatest honor put upon him; he prized it and rejoiced in it above all other blessings of his reign.”*

It was through David that the land of Israel was \_\_\_\_\_ to its greatest limits. David’s victories subdued all of Israel’s enemies and brought \_\_\_\_\_ on every side.

*“So that Joshua, that eminent type of Christ, did but begin the work of giving Israel the possession of the promised land; but left it to be finished by that much greater type and ancestor of Christ, even David, who subdued far more of the land than ever Joshau had done.”*

David also “perfected” the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ as he abolished and added certain things to what Moses had established.

*“David, by God’s appointment, abolished all use of the tabernacle built by Moses, and of which he had the pattern from God...This was a great presage of what Christ, the Son of David, would do when He should come, viz. abolish the whole Jewish ecclesiastical constitution, which was but as a moveable tabernacle, to set up the spiritual gospel-temple, which was to be far more glorious, of greater extent, and was to last forever.”*