

# 1 Chronicles 17:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom.

## Analysis

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God's promise 'when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee' initiates the Davidic Covenant, the theological center of Chronicles. This covenant promise has both immediate fulfillment (Solomon) and ultimate fulfillment (Christ). The phrase about David's 'seed' (zera) uses singular terminology allowing for corporate (dynasty) and individual (Messiah) interpretation. God's sovereign initiative ('I will raise up') emphasizes divine grace - the covenant isn't earned but given. This unconditional promise becomes the basis for messianic hope, fulfilled in Christ who rises from death to establish an eternal kingdom.

## Historical Context

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Given c. 995 BCE after David's victories secured the kingdom, this covenant promise transformed Israel's theological understanding. Where Mosaic covenant emphasized conditional obedience, Davidic covenant stressed God's unconditional commitment to maintain David's line, providing hope even through exile and failure.

## Related Passages

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Study Questions

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1. How does God's unconditional commitment to David's line provide assurance about His promises to believers in Christ?
2. What does it mean that Christ fulfills this promise as the eternal 'seed' who establishes an everlasting kingdom?

## Interlinear Text

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עִם לְלִכְתָּה יְמֵי יְמִינֵי הַמְּלָאֵה כִּי וְכִי הַמְּלָאֵה  
H1961 H3588 **be expired** And it shall come to pass when thy days H1980 H5973

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אֲשֶׁר אָמַר יְהָוָה יְהָבֵת יְמִינֵת אָבֹת יְהָבֵת יְמִינֵת  
to be with thy fathers that I will raise up H1 H6965 H853 H2233 H310 H834

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מֶלֶךְ יְהָבֵת יְמִינֵת אֲתָה יְהָבֵת יְמִינֵת אֲתָה  
thee which shall be of thy sons and I will establish H1121 H3559 H853 H4438 H853 his kingdom

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 132:11** (Parallel theme): The LORD hath sworn in truth unto David; he will not turn from it; Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

