

# Ezekiel 34:24

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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"And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it." This covenant formula—"I will be their God"—establishes relationship as restoration's goal. The Messiah ("my servant David") serves as "prince," mediating between God and people. This foreshadows Christ's mediatorial role—fully God yet representing humanity. The concluding "I the LORD have spoken it" guarantees fulfillment. God's oath secures the promise regardless of human unfaithfulness. Reformed covenant theology emphasizes God's initiative and faithfulness: He establishes, maintains, and fulfills the covenant through sovereign grace.

## Historical Context

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The exile (586 BC) threatened the covenant relationship—had God divorced Israel? This promise assures continued covenant despite judgment. The return from exile partially fulfilled it, but complete fulfillment came through Christ establishing the New Covenant. The church—Jew and Gentile united in Christ—experiences "I will be their God" through adoption and the Spirit's indwelling. The promise spans Old and New Testaments, demonstrating covenant continuity. What God spoke to exiles He fulfills in the church.

## Related Passages

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

## Study Questions

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1. How does the covenant formula "I will be their God" shape your understanding of salvation's goal?
2. What does God's guarantee "I have spoken it" teach about the certainty of His promises?

## Interlinear Text

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וְאֲנִי	יְהוָה	אֲהֶיָּה	לָהֶם	לֵאלֹהֵי יִם	וְעַבְדִּי
H589	And I the LORD	H1961	H0	will be their God	and my servant
	H3068			H430	H5650
דָּוִד	נָשִׁי אֶלְיָא	בְּתוֹכָם	אֲנִי	יְהוָה	דִּבַּרְתִּי
David	a prince	among	H589	And I the LORD	have spoken
H1732	H5387	H8432		H3068	H1696

## Additional Cross-References

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**Jeremiah 31:33** (References God): But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**Ezekiel 36:28** (References God): And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

**Revelation 21:3** (References God): And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

**Ezekiel 37:27** (References God): My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

**Matthew 28:18** (Parallel theme): And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

**Ezekiel 37:23** (References God): Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

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