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Isaac:

“As for you, Judah, your brothers shall praise you;

Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies;

Your father’s sons shall bow down to you.

Judah is a lion’s cub;

From the prey, my son, you have gone up.

He crouches, he lies down as a lion,

And as a lion, who dares to stir him up?

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If the student is having difficulty with the answer, help his observation by having him circle the text as seen above. What the student should see is that David was a man after God's heart, a man who would do all of God's will. This served as the basis for God's selection of David for His covenant. In this determination, David was similar to Jesus Christ.

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Making a list on a white board helps the class understand the scope and details of this divine covenant. After the list is made, allow the class to discuss the stipulations and ask if these stipulations have been fulfilled.

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I will establish a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place and not be disturbed again, nor will malicious people oppress them anymore as previously... I will give you rest from all your enemies (2 Sam 7:10-11; 1 Chron 17:9. This has not been fulfilled, because it occurs when the enemies of God’s people are no longer present.)

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Help the student understand that the Davidic Covenant is unconditional; David did not have to do anything for God to carry out His covenant commitments. Like Abraham, he had a faith in God and was a man after God’s heart.

The Covenant God makes with David expands on the promise He made to Abraham “kings will come from you.” As the covenant is passed down, Abraham to Isaac to Jacob, Jacob indicates that Judah will have the kingly line, which is the tribe that David is from, and the King with the everlasting kingdom will come from the House of David (Rev 22:6).

There is a certain elegance and beauty to God’s plan which is illustrated in the study of God’s divine covenants.