

cannot be an adopted one. It cannot be a substituted one. It cannot be one whose life has come through some other source; but it must come in the line of David. It cannot be one begotten by an angel, but begotten in the line of David. It cannot be one begotten of, and whose life came through the Holy Spirit, but begotten in the line of David. It cannot be one begotten of and whose life came direct from God, but it must be begotten of and whose life came from David. This the covenant contemplates, and it does not and cannot contemplate any other. Any other is an imposter, and can never, according to the terms before cited, enter upon the inheritance, can never regather Israel, can never establish the kingdom; and can never sit upon the throne.

But such a character as is contemplated in the covenants and in the prophecies is Jesus of Nazareth. All these expressions found in the covenants, by Peter upon Pentecost are applied to him, as above cited, Act. ii. 30. To him, not through an angel, not through the Holy Spirit, not through the Deity, not through Mary (for her genealogy is not known), but through Joseph, a son of David, is the genealogy by both Matthew and Luke traced. To say that Luke traces Mary's genealogy is to say just what Luke does not say, and is to set forth a claim just the opposite for which the genealogy was given. To say that Mary was of the house of David is to say just what the genealogy, and what all the scripture does not say, and what no credible historian has ever said. To say that the line of inherit-

ance was through Joseph and that Jesus was not begotten of Joseph, but was only the legal son or the adopted son of Joseph, is just the plan which Abraham proposed with Eleazer, and which plan God rejected.

Here, therefore, our hope is made to rest firmly upon the covenants made with the fathers and with David; upon all prophetic declarations respecting the coming king to redeem Israel; upon the genealogies, upon the faith of Israel, and upon the teachings of the apostles as to who Jesus was, and as to what his claims to the Messiahship were. Here is a solid foundation. It rests upon God's covenant and oath. God swore unto David that he should never want a man to sit upon his throne. It stands as firm as the covenant of night and day, and as the ordinances of the sun and moon. Reader, we pray you rest your hope upon this rock. Believe what the prophets and apostles have said of him. Here what he says. Obey what he commands. Enjoy what he has promised.

FROM JERUSALEM.—The latest news from this city is to the effect that Mr. Benjamin Durgin, who has been there for some years past in the interest of the *Age to Come Herald*, and had been so very ill that he was expected to have but a few hours to live, had so far recovered as to be able to repair the stone wall around his garden. Mrs. Davis' letters from this city are very interesting, but it is evident that the time has not yet come for the gathering of the believers in the true Messiah.