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God's Covenant with David

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2 Samuel 7:1-6, 8-10, 12-16

Introduction: Still the **ARK** is David's care as well as his joy. In this chapter we have, **I.** His consultation with Nathan about building a house for it; he signifies his purpose to do it (2 Samuel 7:1, 2) and Nathan approves his purpose, 2 Samuel 7:3. **II.** His communion with God about it. 1. A gracious message God sent him about it, accepting his purpose, countermanding the performance, and promising him an entail of blessings upon his family, 2 Samuel 7:4-17. 2. A very **humble prayer** which David offered up to God in return to that gracious message, thankfully accepting God's promises to him, and earnestly praying for the performance of them, 2 Samuel 7:18-29. And, in both these, there is an eye to the **Messiah** and **his kingdom**. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mhm/2-samuel-7.html>)

2 Samuel 7:1-3, *And it came to pass, when the **king** sat in his house, and the Lord had given him REST round about from **all** his enemies; That the king said unto **Nathan** the **prophet**, SEE now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the **ARK** of God dwelleth within curtains. And Nathan said to the king, Go, **do ALL** that is in thine heart; for **the Lord** (Yahweh) is **WITH thee**.*

Thought 1. As ideas go, this is a good idea. He's NOT thinking of himself. He's thinking about the things of God, and how to fulfill what appears to him to be an obvious NEED. So, using the language of today, David would say "MY VISION" is to build a house for the Ark of God. When we think about Nathan's response, we realize it's based on the fact he knew David LOVED their God. This was about 1014 B.C., and David has been king for about 8 years. Additionally, he's about 38 years old. (Source: *The Reese Chronological Bible*)

The big question? Is "HIS vision" the WILL, and **"VISION" of God?** Without evidence to the contrary, it seems that this would be his will. And unless our Father SAYS otherwise, in his word, OR by his Spirit, he should press on! The scripture that comes to mind says to always acknowledge him, FIRST, and he'll direct our paths. (Proverbs 3:5-7) And if what we're thinking about doing is NOT his desire, he'll reveal that to us! And if we truly desire to please him, out of REVERENCE for him, we'll REST in his will, and purpose for our lives.

NOTE: It is significant that **Nathan** did NOT here speak as **God's messenger**, but as merely a **friend** of the king. He did NOT say, Thus saith the Lord. Such an omission justifies our rejection of the false notion that this passage shows that, We are NOT intended to regard every utterance of a prophet in Scriptures as the infallible Word of God. Such a viewpoint applies only to statements in which the prophet **speaks** merely as a **MAN** and without the formula, **Thus saith the Lord** (Yahweh).
(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bcc/2-samuel-7.html>)

2 Samuel 7:4-7, And it came to pass **that NIGHT**, that the **WORD** of the Lord (Yahweh) came unto Nathan, saying, Go and tell **MY servant David**, **Thus saith the Lord** (Yahweh), Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? Whereas I have NOT dwelt in ANY house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have **walked (conversant [keeping company])** in a **tent** and in a **tabernacle**. In all the places wherein I have **walked (conversant [keeping company])** with all the children of Israel spake I a **WORD** with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed **MY people** Israel, saying, Why build ye NOT me an **house (temple)** of cedar?

NOTE: We have here a full revelation of God's **FAVOUR** to **David** and the kind intentions of that **favour**, the notices and assurances of which God sent him by **Nathan** the **prophet**, whom he entrusted to deliver this long message to him. The design of it is to take him off from his purpose of building the temple and it was therefore sent, 1. By the same hand that had given him encouragement to do it, lest, if it had been sent by any other, Nathan should be **despised** and **insulted** and David should **be perplexed**, being encouraged by one prophet and discouraged by another.

(Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mhm/2-samuel-7.html>)

Thought 1. Most commentators believe that David's DESIRE and Nathan's words were "error" and a "mistake." But, scripture about them PROVE that's NOT true. Though, NOT written in the Book we're studying, Yahweh's words to David were **"thou didst WELL** that it was in thine heart." So, IF it was "error/ mistake", he would've expressed his displeasure with David, and Nathan the prophet for encouraging him, instead, he commended him.

1 Kings 8:12, 18-19, Then spake **Solomon**... ..it was in the **heart** of **David** my father to build an house for the name of the Lord God of Israel. And the Lord said unto **David** my **father**, Whereas it was IN thine heart to **build** an **house** unto my name, thou **DIDST WELL** that it was **IN** thine **heart**. Nevertheless thou shalt NOT build the house; but **thy son** that shall come forth out of thy loins, **HE** shall **build** the **house (temple)** unto my name.

NOTE: He that delivered this long message to Nathan assisted his MEMORY to retain it, that he might deliver it fully (he being resolved to **deliver it faithfully**) as he received it of the Lord. Now in this message,

I. David's purpose to build God a house is superseded. God took notice of that purpose, for he knows what is in man; and he was **well pleased with it**, as appears 1 Kings 8:18,

Thou didst WELL that it was in thy heart; yet he forbade him to go on with his purpose (2 Samuel 7:5): "*Shalt thou build me a house?* No, *thou shalt not* (as it is explained in the parallel place, **1 Chronicles 17:4**);

1 Chronicles 17:4, Go and tell **David my servant**, Thus saith the LORD (Yahweh), Thou shalt NOT build me an house to dwell in:

2 Chronicles 6:8-9, But the LORD said to **David my father**, Forasmuch as it was IN thine heart to build an house for my name, thou **DIDST WELL** in that it was **in thine heart**: Notwithstanding thou shalt NOT build the house; but thy son which shall come forth out of thy loins, **HE** shall **build** the **house (temple)** for my name.

there is other work **appointed for thee** to do, which must be done FIRST." David is a man of **WAR**, and he must enlarge the borders of Israel, by carrying on their **conquests**. David is a **sweet psalmist**, and he must prepare **psalms** for the use of the **temple** when it is **built**, and settle the courses of the **Levites**; but his **son's genius** will better suit for building the house, and he will have a better treasure to bear the charge of it, and therefore let it be reserved for him to do. *As every man hath received the GIFT, so let him minister.* (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mhm/2-samuel-7.html>)

2 Samuel 7:8-9, Now therefore so shalt **thou** say unto **MY servant** David, Thus saith the Lord (Yahweh) of hosts, I took thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be **RULER** over **MY** people, over Israel: And I was **WITH THEE** whithersoever thou wentest, and have **cut off** ALL thine enemies out of thy sight, and have **made thee** a **GREAT name**, like unto the **NAME** of the **great men** that are in the earth.

Thought 1. The Lord reveals the secret to being made great in these few verses. By saying David was his SERVANT, he was saying that David had been obeying him. (Romans 6:16) He was a man after (following) God's own heart, walking HUMBLY, and allowing the Lord (Yahweh) to lead him. (1 Samuel 13:14) Now, we do know that later, he did some wrongs that highly displeased his God. But, at this time, he's being obedient, pleasing his God.

Proverbs 3:34-35. Surely he **scorneth (scoff [despises])** the **scorners (scoffers [one who manifest contempt])**: but he giveth **GRACE** unto the **lowly (humble.)**. The **WISE** shall inherit **GLORY**: but **shame** shall be the promotion of FOOLS.

Thought 2. This is one scripture, among many, that makes clear that our Father does NOT want "ALL GLORY." Scripture says, FIRST, give him the glory he's DUE, THEN, he'll glorify us! This is exactly why he made David's NAME great!

Psalms 29:2, Give unto the **LORD** (Yahweh) the **GLORY due** unto **his name**...

1 Samuel 2:30, Wherefore the LORD (Yahweh) God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me FOR EVER: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for **THEM** that **honour (GLORIFY) me** **I will honour (GLORIFY)**, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.

Psalms 84:11 ... the LORD (Yahweh) **will give GRACE** and **GLORY**: NO GOOD THING will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

2 Samuel 7:10-11, Moreover I will appoint a **PLACE** for **my people Israel**, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their **own**, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness **afflict** them any more, as beforetime, And as since the time that I commanded **judges** to be over **my people** Israel, and have caused thee to **REST** from all thine enemies. Also the Lord (Yahweh) telleth thee that he will **make thee** an **house (family)**.

NOTE: David had purposed to build God a house, and, in requital, God promises to build him a house, 2 Samuel 7:11. Whatever we DO for God, or sincerely design to do though Providence prevents our doing it, we shall in no wise lose our reward. He had promised to make him a name (2 Sam. 7:9); here he promises to make him a house, which should bear up that name. It would be a great satisfaction to David, while he lived, to have the inviolable (NOT to be broken) **assurance** of a divine promise that **his family** should **flourish** when he was dead. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/mhm/2-samuel-7.html>)

2 Samuel 7:12-13, And when thy days be **fulfilled**, and thou shalt **SLEEP** with thy fathers, I will **SET UP** thy **SEED** after thee, which shall proceed out of thy **bowels**, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall **build an house (temple)** for **my name**, and I will stablish the **throne** of **his kingdom** **FOR EVER**.

NOTE: The prophet, having detailed God's past mercies to David, now passes on to direct prophecy, and that one of the most important in the Old Testament.

I will set up the seed - In one sense this manifestly refers to **Solomon**, David's successor and the builder of the temple. But we have the direct authority of Peter Acts 2:30 for applying it to **Christ** the **SEED of David**, and **His eternal kingdom**; and the title the Son of David given to the Messiah in the rabbinical writings, as well as its special

application to **Jesus** in the **New Testament**, springs mainly from the acknowledged Messianic significance of this prophecy. (See also Isaiah 55:3; Acts 13:34.)

Isaiah 55:3, Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall **LIVE**; and I will make an **everlasting covenant** with you, even the **SURE mercies of David**.
(Septuagint) **Isaiah 55:3**, Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an **everlasting covenant** with you, **my faithful love promised to David**.

Acts 13:34, And as concerning that he **raised him up from the dead**, now no more to return to corruption, he said on this wise, I will give you the **sure mercies** of David.

He shall build an house ... - For the fulfillment of this in the person of Solomon, see 1 Kings 8:16-20. For its application to Christ, see John 1:12; Eph. 1:20-22; 1 Tim. 3:15; Hebrews 3:6; etc.; and Zechariah 6:12-13.

Hebrews 3:6, But Christ as a **SON** over his **own house**; whose house are we, **IF** we **hold fast the confidence** (FAITH) and the rejoicing of the **HOPE** firm unto the end.

I will stablish the throne of HIS kingdom forever - The words forever, emphatically twice repeated in 2 Samuel 7:16, show very distinctly that this prophecy LOOKS BEYOND the succession of the kings of Judah of the house of David, and embraces the **throne of Christ** according to the Angel's interpretation given in Luke 1:31-33, where the reference to this passage cannot be mistaken. This is also brought out fully in Psalm 89:29, 89:36-37. See also Dan. 7:13-14; Isaiah 9:6-7; Jer. 23:5-6; Jer. 33:14-21; Ez. 34:24; Zechariah 12:7-8; Hosea 3:5, etc. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bnb/2-samuel-7.html>)

Luke 1:31-33, And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a **SON**, and shalt call his name **JESUS** (*Yahshua*). He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the **throne of his father David**: And **HE** shall **reign (RULE) over** the house of Jacob **FOR EVER**; and of HIS kingdom there shall be NO END.

2 Samuel 7:14-17, I will be **his father**, and **he** shall be **my SON**. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But **my mercy** shall NOT depart away from him, as **I took it from SAUL**, whom **I put away** before thee.

And thine **house** and **thy kingdom shall be established FOR EVER** before thee: thy **throne** shall be established FOR EVER. According to **ALL** these words, and according to **ALL** this **VISION**, so did **Nathan speak** unto **David**.

Thought 1. In the original Hebrew, the word "Saul" is NOT written. The Septuagint bears out this truth, written 1000 years before the Masoretic Text, from which the KJV was taken.

(Septuagint, 2 Kings 7:15 [same as 2 Samuel 7:15]) But my mercy I will NOT take from him, **as I took it from THOSE** whom I removed from my presence.

NOTE: My mercy shall not depart ... - Hence, Isaiah's saying, the **sure mercies** of David Isaiah 55:3, i. e. unfailing, lasting mercies: mercies which are like streams of WATER that **never dry up** Isaiah 33:16; Jer. 15:18. This is explained in 2 Sam. 7:16, where the word **established** (referring to the kingdom) is the same word as is rendered **SURE** in Isaiah. (Source: <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/bnb/2-samuel-7.html>)

Thought 2. Nathan did his job, which was to tell David what God said, as soon as possible! This was good news for him! However, the person that wants to stick to "their VISION for the house" will NOT listen to the prophet sent to them. Because of PRIDE, they'll figure out a way to explain away, and IGNORE God's word. This is rebellion, even though, on the surface it appears: SEEMS to be a good work. This highly displeases the Lord Jesus.