

2 Samuel 7

Verses 1 - 3

Now it came about, when the king lived in his house, and the Lord had given him rest on every side from all his enemies, ² that the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I live in a house of cedar, but the ark of God remains within the tent.” ³ Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.”

Now that David had a time of peace in his life he gave thought to the fact that he was living in a palace of cedar while the ark of God was kept in a tent.

Nathan gave David a thumbs up concerning what David was thinking of doing but this was only based on the general premise that God was with David. Nathan had not consulted God when he made this statement.

Verses 4 - 7

⁴ But in the same night, the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying, ⁵ “Go and say to My servant David, ‘This is what the Lord says: “Should you build Me a house for My dwelling? ⁶ For I have not dwelt in a house since the day I brought up the sons of Israel from Egypt, even to this day; rather, I have been moving about in a tent, that is, in a dwelling place. ⁷ Wherever I have gone with all the sons of Israel, did I speak a word with one of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, ‘Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?’””

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God was letting His prophet know that he spoke out of turn and at the same time letting David know that the decision was not up to him.

God had used the Tabernacle (a tent) as his dwelling place since 1447. It is now shortly after 1000 BC., a period of 450 years.

7 Wherever I have gone with all the sons of Israel, did I speak a word with one of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?''

The obvious answer to this question was NO. It was never God's will for Israel to build a temple. God allowed it, just as he did their monarchy, but both the Jewish Temple and the monarchy was an invention of mankind.

Verses 8 - 11

8 Now then, this is what you shall say to My servant David: 'This is what the Lord of armies says: "I Myself took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader over My people Israel. 9 And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have eliminated all your enemies from you; I will also make a great name for you, like the names of the great men who are on the earth. 10 And 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, 11 even from the day that I appointed judges over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. The Lord also declares to you that the Lord will make a house for you.

8 Now then, this is what you shall say to My servant David: 'This is what the Lord of armies says: "I Myself took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader over My people Israel.

David came from a humble beginning (watching sheep) and he was later elevated to the kingship of Israel but it was because of what God had done for him.

The true greatness of David came from his integrity, his humility and his unwavering trust in God. This reply from God suggests that David had forgotten why God had promoted him and that he was now too focused on outward or worldly factors such as impressive buildings (a temple).

9 And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have eliminated all your enemies from you;

This included Goliath, King Saul, and the Philistines. David could not have done this without God.

¹⁰ And 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, ¹¹ even from the day that I appointed judges over My people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies.

It is possible that the tense of the verbs in this sentence are wrong and should read..... I have established, and have planted them. Then this sentence means that God took Israel from Egypt where malicious people oppressed them and brought them to Canaan and from the time of the Judges He has provided Judges and now kings to give Israel rest from their enemies.

The Lord also declares to you that the Lord will make a house for you.

The "house" which the Lord promised has nothing to do with a physical structure. It is a promise that God would establish his family line as rulers in Israel.

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North			South		
	King			King	
1	Jeroboam I	Overthrow	1	Rehoboam	Son of Solomon
2	Nadab	Son	2	Abijah	Son
3	Baasha	Overthrow	3	Asa	Son
4	Elah	Son	4	Jehoshaphat	Son
5	Zimri	Overthrow	5	Jehoram	Son
6	Omri	Overthrow	6	Ahaziah	Son
7	Ahab	Son	7	Joash	Son of Ahaziah
8	Ahaziah	Son	8	Amaziah	Son
9	Jehoram	Son of Ahab	9	Azariah or Uzziah	Son
10	Jehu	Overthrow	10	Jotham	Son
11	Jehoahaz	Son	11	Ahaz	Son
12	Jehoash	Son	12	Hezekiah	Son
13	Jeroboam II	Son	13	Manasseh	Son
14	Zechariah	Son	14	Amon	Son
15	Shallum	Overthrow	15	Josiah	Son
16	Menahem	Overthrow	16	Jehoahaz	Son of Josiah
17	Pekahiah	Son	17	Jehoiakim	Son of Josiah
18	Pekah	Overthrow	18	Jehoiachin	Son
19	Hoshea	Overthrow	19	Zedekiah	Son of Josiah

In the south David's family line was on the throne from Rehoboam to Zedekiah. As you can see the North was ruled by anarchy.

Verses 12 - 17

¹² When your days are finished and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your descendant after you, who will come from you, and I will establish his kingdom. ¹³ He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me; when he does wrong, I will discipline him with a rod of men and with strokes of sons of mankind, ¹⁵ but My favor shall not depart from him, as I took *it* away from Saul, whom I removed from you. ¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.””” ¹⁷ In accordance with all these words and all of this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

Some Bible prophecies have a double meaning. One part is contemporary and physical in its application while the other has an eternal and spiritual nature to it.

Therefore, parts of this prophesy applies to Solomon, some of it can only apply to Jesus and other parts applies to both.

¹³ He shall build a house for My name,

This applies to Solomon and Jesus

And I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever.

This applies to Jesus

¹⁴ I will be a father to him and he will be a son to Me;

This applies to Solomon and Jesus but in a much more special way to Jesus.

When he does wrong,

This applies only to Solomon

I will discipline him with a rod of men and with strokes of sons of mankind,

This applies to Jesus suffering for the sins of mankind.

¹⁵ but My favor shall not depart from him, as I took *it* away from Saul, whom I removed from you.

This applies to Solomon.

¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall endure before Me forever; your throne shall be established forever.

This is about Jesus

Verses 18 - 29

¹⁸ Then David the king came in and sat before the Lord, and he said, “Who *am* I, Lord God, and who *are the members of* my household, that You have brought me this far? ¹⁹ And yet this was insignificant in Your eyes, Lord God, for You have spoken also of the house of Your servant regarding the distant future. And this is the custom of mankind, Lord God. ²⁰ Again what more can David say to You? For You know Your servant, Lord God! ²¹ For the sake of Your word, and according to Your heart, You have done all this greatness, to let Your servant know. ²² For this reason You are great, Lord God; for there is no one like You, and there is no God except You, according to all that we have heard with our ears. ²³ And what one nation on the earth is like Your people Israel, whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, and to make a name for Himself, and to do a great thing for You and awesome things for Your land, because of Your people whom You have redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, *from other* nations and their gods? ²⁴ For You have established for Yourself Your people Israel as Your *own* people forever, and You, Lord, have become their God. ²⁵ Now then, Lord God, the word that You have spoken about Your servant and his house, confirm *it* forever, and do just as You have spoken, ²⁶ so that Your name may be great forever, by saying, ‘The Lord of armies *is* God over Israel’; and may the house of Your servant David be established before You. ²⁷ For You, Lord of armies, God of Israel, have given a revelation to Your servant, saying, ‘I will build you a house’; therefore Your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to You. ²⁸ Now then, Lord God, You are God, and Your words are truth; and You have promised this good thing to Your servant. ²⁹ And now, may it please You to bless the house of Your servant, so that it may continue forever before You. For You, Lord God, have spoken; and with Your blessing may the house of Your servant be blessed forever.’”

18 Then David the king came in and sat before the Lord, and he said, “Who *am I*, Lord God, and who *are the members of my household*, that You have brought me this far?

David went into the tent where the ark was stationed and sat before the Lord. This tent was not the Tabernacle that was in Gibeon but why would David sit before the Ark knowing that only the High Priest was to approach the Ark and only once a year on the Day of Atonement. Interestingly, David was never rebuked for doing this.

However God’s rebuke in verses 4-7 humbled David concerning his worldly attitude (wanting a house for the Lord) and he acknowledges that by saying, “Who am I”.

19 And yet this was insignificant in Your eyes, Lord God, for You have spoken also of the house of Your servant regarding *the distant future*.

David understood that this prophesy went well into the future (see verse 27). He may not have understood the full implication of what God was saying here, but what he did comprehend was enough to inform him that it was a great blessing.

22 For this reason You are great, Lord God; *for there is no one like You, and there is no God except You*, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

To know the things that God had done and will do for Israel caused David to praise God for his greatness.

Moses had pointed this same thing out to Israel in hopes that they would keep the law of God out of gratitude.

See Deut. 4:32-35

32 “Indeed, ask now about the earlier days that were before your time, since the day that God created mankind on the earth, and *inquire* from one end of the heavens to the other. Has *anything* been done like this great thing, or has *anything* been heard like it? ³³ Has *any* people heard the voice of God speaking from the midst of the fire, as you have heard *it*, and survived? ³⁴ Or *has a god* ventured to go to take for himself a nation from within *another* nation by trials, by signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand, by an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, just as the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? ³⁵ You were shown *these things* so that you might know that the Lord, He is God; there is no other besides Him.

²³ And what one nation on the earth is like Your people Israel, whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people, and to make a name for Himself, and to do a great thing for You and awesome things for Your land, because of Your people whom You have redeemed for Yourself from Egypt, from other nations and their gods?

A lot of Bible history is a recording of all the marvelous things that God has done for Israel. The following is a very brief summary:

1. Delivering Israel from their slave masters in Egypt.
2. Providing food and water in the wilderness for 40 years until they were ready to enter Canaan and capture the land.
3. Giving Israel countless victories in the land of Canaan thru various miracles.
4. Providing judges to deliver them from their enemies.
5. Blessing the kings of Israel in countless battles against their enemies.

²⁷ For You, Lord of armies, God of Israel, have given a revelation to Your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house'; therefore Your servant has found courage to pray this prayer to You.

David had a family member on the throne from 970 BC until 586 BC. Nearly 400 years. After this time, many of his descendants were not on the throne but they were in the line to the Messiah.