

2 SAMUEL 7:8–17 ESV

- 8 “Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel.
- 9 ‘And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth.
- 10 ‘And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly,
- 11 from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.
- 12 ‘When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your fathers, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come from your body, 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 to him a father, and he shall be to me a son. When he commits iniquity, I will discipline him with the rod of men, with the stripes of the sons of men,
- 15 but my steadfast love will not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away from before you.
- 16 ‘And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’”
- 17 In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, Nathan spoke to David.

START HERE

After King David brought the ark of God to Jerusalem and placed it in a tent and the Lord had given him rest on every side from all his enemies, he realized he lived in a fabulous house of cedar while the ark of God dwelt in a tent. David then desired to build a temple for the Lord. Read God’s response below. Then follow the instructions listed below the text to gain more insight into what God is saying as He tells the prophet Nathan what to say to David.

OBSERVE

- 1 Mark every reference to God with a triangle. (Don’t forget to mark the pronouns as well.) We marked the first one for you. Then go back and look at each place you marked God and list what you learn about Him.

2 Look at all the places you marked God again. Find the ones that promise something for David and his offspring and underline what is promised. Then summarize below what God is promising for David and his offspring. Did you see any time phrases that will tell us how long this promise will last?

INTERPRET

3 God's promise to David is fulfilled through a promise to the young virgin Mary. Look up Luke 1:31-33 in your Bible and note who will be the ultimate fulfillment.

APPLY

4 How does knowing that Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise God made to David help you know God better? How does knowing that Jesus has been established as King forever help you trust God with your life? With the future?

WRAP IT UP:

As you close out your study time today, ask God to help you to rejoice in knowing that Jesus has fulfilled the covenant and has chosen you to be part of His kingdom. Pray that you will be able to truly have peace during hard circumstances knowing that no matter what is going on in the world, the True King is still on His throne reigning over all things and working for the good of His covenant people.

For further study of this covenant God makes with David, see 2 Chronicles 13:5; 21:7; Psalm 89:3-4 and Psalm 132:11-12. Want to go deeper? Precept also offers an in-depth course on Covenant. For more information see Precept.org/Covenant.

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