

## 2 SAMUEL CHAPTER 7

<sup>1</sup> And it came to pass when the king sat in his house, and the Lord had given him an inheritance on every side *free* from all his enemies round about him; <sup>2</sup> that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "Behold now, I live in a house of cedar, and the ark of the Lord dwells in the midst of a tent." <sup>3</sup> And Nathan said to the king, "Go and do all that *is* in your heart, for the Lord *is* with you."

<sup>4</sup> And it came to pass in that night, that the word of the Lord came to Nathan, saying, <sup>5</sup> "Go, and say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord: "You shall not build Me a house to dwell in. <sup>6</sup> For I have not dwelt in a house from the day that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt to this day, but I have been walking about in a lodging and in a tent, <sup>7</sup> wheresoever I went with all Israel. Have I ever spoken to any of the tribes of Israel, which I commanded to tend My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of Cedar?' <sup>8</sup> And now thus shall you say to My servant David: 'Thus says the Lord Almighty: "I took you from the sheepfold, that you should be a prince over My people, over Israel. <sup>9</sup> And I was with you wherever you went, and I destroyed all your enemies before you, and I made you renowned according to the renown of the great ones on the earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and I will plant them, and they shall dwell by themselves, and shall be distressed no longer; and the son of iniquity shall afflict them no longer, as he *has done* from the beginning, <sup>11</sup> from the days when I appointed judges over My people Israel: and I will give you rest from all your enemies, and the Lord declares to you, that He shall build you a house.

<sup>12</sup> And it shall come to pass when your days have been fulfilled, and you sleep with your fathers, that I will raise up your seed after you, even from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. <sup>13</sup> He shall build for Me a house for My name, and I will set up his throne, even forever. <sup>14</sup> I will be to him a father, and he shall be to Me a son. And when he happens to transgress, then will I chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the sons of men. <sup>15</sup> But My mercy I will not take from him, as I took it from those whom I removed from My presence. <sup>16</sup> And his house shall be made sure, and his kingdom forever before Me, and his throne shall be established forever."'" <sup>17</sup> According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

<sup>18</sup> Then King David came in, and sat before the Lord, and said, "Who am I, O Lord, my Lord, and what *is* my house, that You have loved me *like* this? <sup>19</sup> Whereas I was very little before You, O Lord, my Lord, yet You spoke concerning the house of Your servant for a long time *to come*. And *is* this the law of man, O Lord, my Lord? <sup>20</sup> And what shall David yet say to You? And now You know Your servant, O Lord, my Lord. <sup>21</sup> And You have wrought for Your servant's sake, and according to Your heart You have brought about all this greatness, to make it known to Your servant, <sup>22</sup> that he may magnify You, O my Lord; for there is none like You, and there is no God but You among all of whom we have heard with our ears. <sup>23</sup> And what other nation in the earth *is* like Your people Israel? Whereas God was his guide, to redeem for Himself a people, to make for Himself a name, to do mightily and nobly, so that You should cast out nations and *their* tabernacles from the presence of Your people, whom You redeemed for Yourself

out of Egypt? <sup>24</sup> And You have prepared for Yourself Your people Israel, to be a people forever, and You, O Lord, have become their God. <sup>25</sup> And now, O my Lord, the Almighty Lord God of Israel, confirm the word forever which You have spoken concerning Your servant and his house: and now as You have said, <sup>26</sup> Let Your name be magnified forever. <sup>27</sup> Almighty Lord God of Israel, You have uncovered the ear of Your servant, saying, 'I will build you a house': therefore Your servant has found *in* his heart to pray this prayer to You. <sup>28</sup> And now, O Lord my Lord, You are God; and Your words will be true, and You have spoken these good things concerning Your servant. <sup>29</sup> And now begin and bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue forever before You; for You, O Lord, my Lord, have spoken, and the house of Your servant shall be blessed with Your blessing, so as to continue forever."