

1 Chronicles 17:1-27 **David seeks to build Temple – God's Response – David's Prayer of Worship**

David seeks to build a house for Yahweh (2 Samuel 7)

¹ Now it came to pass, when David was dwelling in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of Yahweh (the Lord) is under tent curtains."

² Then Nathan said to David, "Do all that is in your heart, for Elohiym (God) is with you."

God's Covenant with David (2 Samuel 7)

³ But it happened that night that the word of Elohiym (God) came to Nathan, saying, ⁴ "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says Yahweh (the Lord): "You shall not build Me a house to dwell in. ⁵ For I have not dwelt in a house since the time that I brought up Israel, even to this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.

⁶ Wherever I have moved about with all Israel, have I ever spoken a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'"

⁷ Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says Yahweh Tsebaovt (the Lord of hosts): "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people Israel.

⁸ And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a name like the name of the great men who are on the earth.

⁹ 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; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, ¹⁰ since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. Also I will subdue all your enemies.

Furthermore I tell you that Yahweh (the Lord) will build you a house.

¹¹ And it shall be, when your days are fulfilled, when you must go to be with your fathers, that I will set up your seed after you, who will be of your sons; and I will establish his kingdom. ¹² He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. ¹³ I will be his Father, and he shall be My son; and I will not take My mercy away from him, as I took it from him who was before you. ¹⁴ And I will establish him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever.'"

¹⁵ According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

David's Prayer (2 Samuel 7)

¹⁶ Then King David went in and sat before Yahweh (the Lord); and he said: "Who am I, O Yahweh Elohiym (Lord God)? And what is my house, that You have brought me this far? ¹⁷ And yet this was a small thing in Your sight, O Elohiym (God); and You have also spoken of Your servant's house for a great while to come, and have regarded me according to the rank of a man of high degree, O Yahweh Elohiym (Lord God). ¹⁸ What more can David say to You for the honor of Your servant? For You know Your servant. ¹⁹ O Yahweh (Lord), for Your servant's sake, and according to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness, in making known all these great things.

²⁰ O Yahweh (Lord), there is none like You, nor is there any Elohiym (God) besides You, according

to all that we have heard with our ears. ²¹ And who is like Your people Israel, the one nation on the earth whom Elohiym (God) went to redeem for Himself as a people — to make for Yourself a name by great and awesome deeds, by driving out nations from before Your people whom You redeemed from Egypt? ²² For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, Yahweh (Lord), have become their Elohiym (God).

²³ "And now, O Yahweh (Lord), the word which You have spoken concerning Your servant and concerning his house, let it be established forever, and do as You have said. ²⁴ So let it be established, that Your name may be magnified forever, saying, 'Yahweh Tsebaovt Elohey Yisrael (The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel), is Israel's Elohiym (God).' And let the house of Your servant David be established before You. ²⁵ For You, O Elohay (my God), have revealed to Your servant that You will build him a house. Therefore Your servant has found it in his heart to pray before You. ²⁶ And now, Yahweh (Lord), You are Elohiym (God), and have promised this goodness to Your servant.

²⁷ Now You have been pleased to bless the house of Your servant, that it may continue before You forever; for You have blessed it, O Yahweh (Lord), and it shall be blessed forever."
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Facts Revealed:

David seeks to build a house for Yahweh (2 Samuel 7) [1 Chronicles 17:1-2]

- ✧ David expressed to Nathan the prophet his desire to build a house for Yahweh.
- ✧ Nathan the prophet encouraged David to do what is in his heart because he saw that Elohiym is with him.

God's Covenant with David (2 Samuel 7) [1 Chronicles 17:3-15]

- ✧ Yahweh sent Nathan back to David to tell him not to build a house for Yahweh to dwell in because He has been content to dwell in tent after tent and Tabernacle after Tabernacle since the time He brought Israel out of Egypt and He had never commanded any of the judges to build Him a temple. (Yahweh had been in a tent for well over 400 years). [1 Chronicles 17:3-6]
- ✧ Yahweh reminded David of all the things He had done for David bringing him from following sheep, to be ruler over His people Israel, and He had cut off all David's enemies from before him and gave David great fame. [1 Chronicles 17:7-8]
- ✧ Yahweh promised to appoint a secure place for His people Israel where they may dwell safely and move no more, where the sons of wickedness will not oppress them any more. Yahweh promised to build David a house. [1 Chronicles 17:9-10]
(This sounds like the Kingdom Age under the reign of Messiah who will be from the descendants of David where all His enemies will be subdued under His feet).
- ✧ Yahweh promised that after David has died and gone to be with his fathers, Yahweh will set up a descendant of David and establish His throne and kingdom forever. He will build Me a House. [1 Chronicles 17:11-12]
- ✧ I will be His father and He shall be My Son, I will not take My mercy away from Him. I will establish Him in My house and in My kingdom forever; and His throne shall be established forever. [1 Chronicles 17:13-14]
- ✧ Nathan the prophet related all this message to David. [1 Chronicles 17:15]
(No one in history past has fulfilled this description except Messiah Jesus who will perfectly fulfill this prophesy in the Kingdom Age and His eternal Kingdom will last forever).

(Solomon built a Temple but it did not last because he and Israel turned away from God).

(Zerubbabel and those who returned from Babylonian captivity built a Temple, but it did not last because Israel did not remain faithful to God).

(Herod remade the Temple but it did not last because the Jews did not remain faithful to God and crucified Messiah Jesus).

David's Prayer of acceptance and praise (2 Samuel 7) [1 Chronicles 17:16-27]

- ✧ David's prayer was a humble acknowledgment and acceptance of God's promise which turned to worship and praise. [1 Chronicles 17:16-17]
- ✧ David recognized the great honor Yahweh had bestowed upon him and praised Yahweh for making it all known to him. [1 Chronicles 17:18-19]
- ✧ David acknowledged the unique greatness of God and that there is no other god besides Yahweh who has redeemed His own people from Egypt and has given them the Land of Israel by driving out other nations from before them making them His own people forever. [1 Chronicles 17:20-22]
- ✧ David then asked Yahweh to do what He had promised that the name of Yahweh Tsebaovt Elohey Yisrael will be magnified forever. [1 Chronicles 17:23-24]
- ✧ David acknowledged that Yahweh had promised to build his house, bless it, and establish it forever and he praised Yahweh for the eternal blessing. [1 Chronicles 17:25-27]