

2 Samuel 7:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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;

Analysis

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This verse contributes to the narrative of Davidic Covenant, emphasizing eternal promises, Messianic hope. The Davidic Covenant represents one of Scripture's most significant theological developments, promising an eternal dynasty culminating in Messiah. The Hebrew bayit (בַּיִת, 'house') functions as wordplay—David wanted to build God a house (temple), but God promises to build David a house (dynasty). Cross-references to Psalm 89, 2 Samuel 23:5, and New Testament passages (Luke 1:32-33, Acts 2:30) demonstrate this covenant's centrality to redemptive history.

Historical Context

The historical setting of 2 Samuel 7 occurs during David's reign (circa 1010-970 BCE) over Israel's united monarchy. Archaeological discoveries, including the Tel Dan inscription mentioning the 'House of David,' corroborate biblical historicity. Ancient Near Eastern customs regarding eternal promises, Messianic hope provide crucial background. The geopolitical situation involved regional powers—Philistines, Ammonites, Arameans, Moabites, Edomites—as David consolidated and expanded Israel's territory. Cultural practices concerning kingship, warfare, covenant relationships, family dynamics, and religious observance differed significantly from modern Western contexts, requiring careful attention to avoid

anachronistic interpretation while extracting timeless theological principles applicable across cultures and eras.

Related Passages

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does this passage deepen your understanding of eternal promises, Messianic hope?
2. What does this verse reveal about God's character, and how should that shape your worship and obedience?
3. In what specific ways can you apply this truth to your current circumstances and relationships this week?

Interlinear Text

וַיְהִי י'	כִּי	יָשָׁב	הַמֶּלֶךְ	בְּבֵית ו'	יְהוָה ה'
H1961	H3588	sat	And it came to pass when the king	in his house	and the LORD
		H3427	H4428	H1004	H3068
הָנִיחַ	ל ו'	מִסָּבִיב	מִכָּל	אֹיְבָיו:	
had given him rest	H0	round about	H3605	from all his enemies	
H5117		H5439		H341	

Additional Cross-References

Proverbs 16:7 (References Lord): When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

1 Kings 5:4 (References Lord): But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side, so that there is neither adversary nor evil occurrent.

Psalms 18:1 (References Lord): I will love thee, O LORD, my strength.

2 Chronicles 14:6 (References Lord): And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest.

Joshua 23:1 (References Lord): And it came to pass a long time after that the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, that Joshua waxed old and stricken in age.