

2 Samuel 7:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house.

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

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

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

וְלֹמְדָה	מִן	זֶה	אֲשֶׁר	צִוָּה יְהִי	כַּאֲשֶׁר	עַל	שֻׁפְטִים
H4480	And as since the time	H834	that I commanded	H6680		judges	H5921
	H3117			H5117		H8199	
לְעַמִּי	יִשְׁבָּא לְ	תִּבְנֵה תֵּהֶן	לְבָנָל				
to be over my people	Israel	and have caused thee to rest	H0	H3605			
H5971	H3478						
אֶלְכָּא יְהֹוָה	לְבָנָה	כִּי יְהֹוָה	בְּ				
from all thine enemies	telleth	Also the LORD	H3588	thee an house			
H341	H5046	H3068	H1004				
יְשַׁׁלֵּחַ	לְבָנָה	יְהֹוָה					
thee that he will make	H0	Also the LORD					
H6213							

Additional Cross-References

2 Samuel 7:27 (References Lord): For thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray this prayer unto thee.

2 Samuel 7:1 (References Lord): 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;

1 Chronicles 17:10 (Judgment): And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee that the LORD will build thee an house.

1 Kings 11:38 (References Israel): And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that is right in my sight, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

