

2 Samuel 7:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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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

1 John 4:8 – God is love

1 Corinthians 13:4 – Characteristics of love

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

וְאֵת	יבָּנָה	בְּיַתְּמָם	לִכְנָתָה	כִּסְאָתָה
H1931	He shall build	an house	for my name	and I will stablish
	H1129	H1004	H8034	H3559
				H3678
וְאֵת	יבָּנָה	בְּיַתְּמָם	לִכְנָתָה	כִּסְאָתָה
מְמָלָכָת	עַד	עוֹלָם:	מְמָלָכָת	כִּסְאָתָה
of his kingdom	for	ever		
H4467	H5704	H5769		

Additional Cross-References

1 Kings 8:19 (Parallel theme): Nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name.

1 Kings 5:5 (Parallel theme): And, behold, I purpose to build an house unto the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy

son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build an house unto my name.

1 Kings 6:12 (Parallel theme): Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgments, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I perform my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father:

Psalms 89:4 (Parallel theme): Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations. Selah.

Isaiah 9:7 (Kingdom): Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Psalms 89:29 (Parallel theme): His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven.

Zechariah 6:13 (Parallel theme): Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.

2 Samuel 7:16 (Kingdom): And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

Hebrews 3:3 (Parallel theme): For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house.

Isaiah 49:8 (Parallel theme): Thus saith the LORD, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages;