

# 2 Samuel 7:19

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

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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

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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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

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וַתִּקְטַן      זֶה אֶת עֵינֶיךָ      אֲדֹנָיִי      יְהוָה  
**And this was yet a small thing**      H5750      H2063      **in thy sight**      **O Lord**      H3068  
H6994      H5869      H136

וַתִּדְבֹר      אֶל גִּם      בֵּית      עַבְדְּךָ  
**but thou hast spoken**      H1571      H413      **house**      **also of thy servant's**  
H1696      H1004      H5650

לְמַכָּח וְכֵן      וְזֶה אֶת      תּוֹכָה      הָאָדָם      אֲדֹנָיִי  
**for a great while to come**      H2063      **And is this the manner**      **of man**      **O Lord**  
H7350      H8452      H120      H136

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H3068

## Additional Cross-References

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**1 Chronicles 17:17** (References God): And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God.

**Psalms 36:7** (References God): How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.