

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

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

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

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

וְתִקְרֹטָן	H5750	זֶה אַתָּה עָדָ	H2063	בְּעֵינֵךְ יְהֹוָה	H5869	אָדָן יְהֹוָה	H3068
And this was yet a small thing		O Lord		in thy sight		O Lord	
H6994		H136		H136		H136	
בְּתִדְבֵּר רַגְלָיו	H1571	בֵּית אֶלְעָזֶר	H413	עַבְדָּךְ	H1004	אָדָן יְהֹוָה	H3068
but thou hast spoken		house		also of thy servant's		O Lord	
H1696		H1004		H5650		H136	
לִמְדָח וְלִפְנֵי תְּבוּנָה	H2063	וְזֶה אַתָּה	H8452	בְּאַדְמָה	H120	אָדָן יְהֹוָה	H3068
for a great while to come		And is this the manner		of man		O Lord	
H7350		H8452		H120		H136	
וְהַהֵּן							
H3068							

Additional Cross-References

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.