

# 2 Samuel 7:26

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

## Analysis

**And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.**

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

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**1 Corinthians 13:4** — Characteristics of love

**John 15:13** — Greatest form of 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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אָבָא	וְתִּתְּנַשְּׁמַח	יְהִי	הָלֶלֶת	לְאַמְּרָה	עוֹלָם	עַד	שְׁמַךְ	וְתִּגְּדֵל
be magnified	And let thy name	for	ever	saying	The LORD	of hosts		
H1431	H8034	H5704	H5769	H559	H3068	H6635		
יְהִי הָלֶלֶת	עַל אֱלֹהִים	וְבֵית	וְשְׁכָן	עַבְדָּךְ	צָדְךָ	דָּוִיד	יְהִי הָלֶלֶת	
is the God	over Israel	and let the house	of thy servant	of thy servant	David	H1961		
H430	H5921	H3478	H1004	H5650	H1732			
לְפָנֶיךָ	בְּכִים							
be established	before							
H3559	H6440							

## Additional Cross-References

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**Matthew 6:9** (Parallel theme): After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

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