

# 2 Samuel 7:27

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**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.**

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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**Matthew 25:31** — Final judgment

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

## 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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כִּי אָתָּה יְהוָה צְבָא וְתֵּי אֱלֹהֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל יִשְׁכָּא לְגַל יִתֵּה  
H3588 H859 **For thou O LORD** **of hosts** **God** **of Israel** **hast revealed**  
H3068 H6635 H430 H3478 H1540

לְךָ אֶבְנֶה בַּיִת יְיָ לְאֹמֶר עֲבָדְךָ אֲזֵן אֶת  
H853 H241 **therefore hath thy servant** **saying** **thee an house** **I will build** H0  
H5650 H559 H1004 H1129

לְהִתְפַּלֵּל לִבּוֹ אֶת עֲבָדְךָ מָצָא יְיָ עַל  
H5921 H3651 **found** **therefore hath thy servant** H853 **in his heart** **to pray**  
H4672 H5650 H3820 H6419

הַזֹּאת: הַתְּפִלָּה אֶת אֵל יְיָ  
H413 H853 **this prayer** H2063  
H8605