

2 Samuel 7:29

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

John 3:16 — God's love and salvation

Romans 10:9 — Confession and belief for salvation

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

וַיְעַתֵּה הַזֹּאת	הַזֹּאת	יְבָרֶךְ גַּם	אַתָּה	בֵּית גַּם	עַבְדָּךְ
H6258	Therefore now let it please	be blessed	H853	let the house	of thy servant
	H2974	H1288		H1004	H5650
לְעוֹלָם:	לְפָנֶיךָ	אַתָּה	אָדָן	יְהָוָה	
H1961	for ever	before	H3588	thee for thou O Lord	GOD
	H5769	H6440	H859	H136	H3069
דַּבֵּר רָמָת	וּמְבָרֶךְ תָּבִרְךָ	יְבָרֶךְ גַּם	בֵּית גַּם	עַבְדָּךְ	
hast spoken	it and with thy blessing	be blessed	let the house	of thy servant	
H1696	H1293	H1288	H1004	H5650	
לְעוֹלָם:					
for ever					
H5769					

Additional Cross-References

1 Chronicles 17:27 (Blessing): Now therefore let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may be before thee for ever: for thou blessest, O LORD, and it shall be blessed for ever.

2 Samuel 22:51 (Parallel theme): He is the tower of salvation for his king: and sheweth mercy to his anointed, unto David, and to his seed for evermore.