

# 2 Samuel 7:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?

## Analysis

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**Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the LORD, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in?**

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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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## 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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יְהוָה	אָמַר	כֹּה	דָּוִד	אָל	עַבְדִּי	אָל	אָמַר	יְהוָה
H3068	H559	H3541	H1732	H413	H5650	H413	H559	H1980
the LORD	Thus saith	Thus saith	David	my servant	Thus saith	Thus saith	Thus saith	Thus saith
לְשִׁבְתִּי:	בֵּית	לִי	תִבְנֶה	הָאֵת				
H3427	H1004	H0	H1129	H859				
for me to dwell in	me an house		Shalt thou build					

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