

# 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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הִנֵּה אַמְرֵנִי לְךָ אֶל עָבֹד יְהוָה אֶל דָּוִיד  
H1980 Thus saith H413 my servant H413 H3541 Thus saith H3068 the LORD  
H559 H5650 H1732 H559 H3068

לְבָנָה בְּבֵית בְּנֵי לְשִׁבְתִּי  
H859 Shalt thou build H0 me an house H1004 for me to dwell in  
H1129 H3427

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