

## 2 Samuel 7, Chapter Introduction

Chapter 7 of 2 Samuel is a key chapter in the word of God. It is a key chapter in the eternal plan of God; a plan which He prophetically and progressively reveals in Scripture. In the New Testament Paul speaks of this divine plan as the Mystery of God, God's plan for His created order (see Eph. 1:8-10; 3:3-6,9-11; Col. 1:26-27; 2-3). The primary way God prophetically reveals His divine plan is through His Covenants and His promises with Israel: the **Abrahamic Covenant** [Gen. 12:1-3; 15:13-21; 22:15-18; then *confirmed* to Isaac (26) and Jacob (28)]; the **Mosaic Covenant** (Exodus 19:4-8; 24:7; 34:27-28); the **Davidic Covenant** (2 Samuel 7:11-16; 1 Chron. 17:10-14; Psalm 89; Isaiah 9:6-7); and the **NEW Covenant** (Jeremiah 31:31-34; 32:38-40; Isaiah 55:3; Ezek.37:24-28; Luke 22:20; 1 Cor.11:25; 2 Cor.3:6; Heb.8:6-10:18).

**Abrahamic Covenant** – Promised, a land, a people (nation), the *Messianic seed*.

**Mosaic Covenant** – Established the Holiness and Love of God; they a holy, treasured people, God's own possession; and the necessity of blood atonement.

**Davidic Covenant** – The throne of David will be Messiah's throne; the line of David will be the Messianic line! (even born in Bethlehem, David's city)

**NEW Covenant** – An *Eternal Covenant*; A covenant of *Peace*. Sin will be put away; A King will rule in Righteousness (Messiah/Christ); " ... *the earth will be covered with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the seas*" (Isa. 11:9).

- I. vv.1-17: God's **Great Blessing** on David, "*Will you build a house for Me? ... the LORD will build you a house!*" (vv.5,11)

It is an Eternal PROMISE to the house of David. A promise/covenant that arose from David's desire to honor the LORD by building Him a house (temple), that is, a permanent dwelling for the Ark of the Covenant. Truly, as God declared in 1 Samuel 2:30, "*I will honor those who honor Me,*" the LORD bestowed great honor on David for his heart's desire to honor the LORD his God.

The house God would build for David would be "a royal house, a dynasty of kings," beginning with him, but then never ending. (Bible Knowledge Commentary, Vol.1, p.464; also compare, Isaiah 9:7!).

- II. vv.18-29: David's **Great Gratitude** to God, "*Who am I, O Lord GOD ...[that] the house of your servant be blessed forever.*" (vv.18,29)

David's gratitude and wonder spill out into an amazing PRAYER of Praise and Thanksgiving! (cf. "*Sovereign Lord*" (Lord GOD) 6 times; "*Servant*" 10 times)